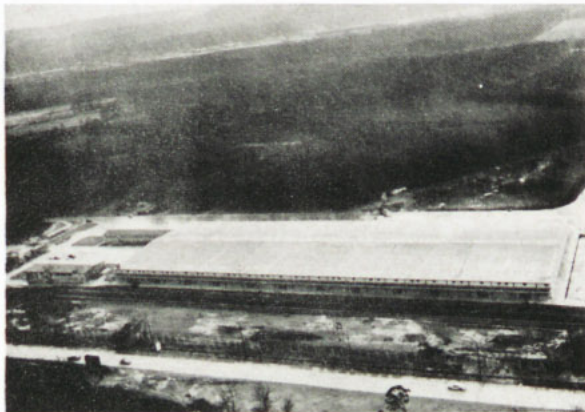


EUROPE'S LARGEST "ICE BOX"



The dreams of planners, engineers and quartermaster subsistence supply experts have finally borne fruit with the formal opening of the new quartermaster cold storage facility near Kaiserslautern, Germany, on 2 March 1959. Brigadier General Robert J. Fleming, Jr., Commanding General, ADSEC, ComZ, representing Major General Edward J. O'Neill, Commanding General of US Army Communications Zone Europe, officiated at the opening ceremonies.

This fine reinforced concrete structure has a capacity for the refrigerated storage of 40,000 tons of perishable subsistence, equivalent to the capacity of approximately 2300 stateside refrigerated railroad cars. It is completely independent in having its own water system and sewage treatment system which have been carefully checked and approved by the sanitary engineer of the 549th Hospital Center.

Veterinary food inspection service requirements were considered in the planning of this facility and resulted in the provision of a very nicely equipped cut-out laboratory where products may be defrosted and subjected to organoleptic tests in either the cooked or uncooked state. Office space for maintaining inspection records and reports has been provided as well as an

inspection station in the area where loading and unloading takes place. Veterinary food inspection personnel are thus able to select samples for inspection and to remove them from the loading area so that careful and timely examinations can be accomplished without disrupting the loading operation.

Any requirements for more critical examinations such as chemical or bacteriological examination will be accomplished by the veterinary section of the US-AREUR Medical Laboratory, when samples are submitted by the inspecting unit.

The 64th Medical Detachment (VFI) commanded by Lt Colonel Clifford N. Decker, VC, will provide the veterinary food inspection service to this new activity. To meet the additional work load this unit will be augmented by the transfer of veterinary food inspection personnel from other activities whose workloads are being gradually reduced as a result of the consolidation of the storage and distribution of perishable subsistence.

The inauguration of this new facility is just one of the many improvements in the consolidation of the Communications Zone support position.