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Closure of Facilities in Babenhausen

Heidelberg, Germany – As announced today by DoD, the Aschaffenburg Family Housing Area, the Aschaffenburg Training Area, the Babenhausen Kaserne and the Babenhausen Family Housing Area will be returned to host nation officials in FY07.

Part of U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Darmstadt, the four facilities were identified as excess, based on the announced inactivation and departure of all USAREUR tactical units in the area. There are some 20 military, 44 U.S. civilian employees and 20 local national civilian employees assigned to these facilities.

Babenhausen has been home to the 1-27th Field Artillery Battalion, the 77th Ordnance (Maintenance) Company, and an element of the 71st Missile Maintenance Company – all of which will inactivate. With the return of air defense batteries in Babenhausen to the U.S., USAREUR will have no tactical units remaining there as of the fall of 2006.

The return of installation is in keeping with the August 2004 Presidential announcement to return divisional forces from Europe to the U.S. and EUCOM's Strategic Theater Transformation plan. As with all stationing actions, coordination with the German officials was conducted prior to this announcement.