

## The New York Times

Sunday, October 20 (49:3)

2d Armd Div w/ other US armor & infantry outfits & German panzer elements fight off imaginary Soviet invasion.

(Impression was given that the advance team had left the day before)

Friday, October 25 (13:1)

Lift to Germany completed in 63 hours--9 ahead of schedule

Demonstrate that US could rapidly reinforce Atlantic pact forces in Germany

Air Secretary Eugene Zuckert--"an outstanding performance"

Fleet of 196 planes made 232 troop-delivery flights

Saturday, October 26 (4:3)

Secretary of Army Cyrus R. Vance announces plans for 2 more airlifts in 1964--to the Far East and the Middle East

Big Lift intended to impress "other" nations besides Western Allies

Airlift of more than 15,000 men

Monday, October 28 (6:4)

Subsequent airlifts will be tested in less favorable conditions

Wednesday, November 13 (3:2)

Troops begin arriving home in Texas

There will be 87 flights in the next 10 days to return most of the men to Fort Hood

Friday, November 22 (5:4)

Story from Frankfurt-Nov. 21--Big Lift ended w/ the last approximately 50 soldiers that had been flown to Europe during the exercise

Thursday, December 5 (53:5)

The last of Big Lift's crew landed at Bergstrom AFB

Most of the 16,000 members of the 2d Armd Div were flown back Nov. 12-21

## Newsweek

November 4 pp23-5

Although intended to gain more European confidence, it increased fears of a US European pullout

Under the cover of Big Lift, 1800 First Infantry Div. Troops came home on planes' return flights (after dropping off 2d Div. troops in Germany, the 1st Div. Troops loaded and came back to the U.S.)

Second Armd--"Hell on Wheels"

## Time

November 1 pp28-9

To support the 2d Armd, 1600+ artillery men and truck drivers made the trip 32-hour trip in a C-124 at approximately 270 mph--refuel at Bermuda and Azores--southern route taken (see diagram in article)

## U.S. News & World Report

Nov. 14 pp36-9

Contained information that had previously been noted. Also contains several pictures of troops during the exercise.

## Washington Post

I did not get to the microfilm for the Post. It is in the Newspaper & Periodical room in the Madison building at the Library of Congress. I had planned on going through the Oct. and Nov. Issues to find all the articles it had about Big Lift.

## Military Publications

### Stars & Stripes

To get these issues on the microfilm and copy them, they must be requested on a request slip in the MicrofilmRR of the Library of Congress. The code is 02274, Stars and Stripes, Oct. & Nov. 1963. Following are the issues that I suggest get copied, with additional notes on some articles.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 1963 p3

The flight is 10 ½ hours non-stop on a C-135 (not what most took)

The first plane back to the U.S. had members of the 2d Sq., 1st Cav. Reg. and other members of the 2d Armd returning for dispatch or re-enlistment

Friday, Nov. 15 p5

Troops will be returning up to Thursday (Nov. 21)

Thursday, Oct. 24 p1,24

First Big Lift troops reach Germany

Monday, Oct. 21 p1  
Advance team

Tuesday, Oct. 22 p3  
Troops take to air

### Army Times

The code for these (MicroRR as above) is 0959, Army Times, Oct & Nov. 1963

Oct. 2 p3,24  
Defense Dept. announces plans for Big Lift--no date given

Oct. 16 p1,27  
Plans firmed  
Equipment turn in Nov. 9-19  
Return by administrative airlift Nov. 12-22

Oct. 30 p1,26

Nov. 6 p1,4,27  
Page 4 contains pictures of Exercise Big Lift

Nov. 20 p5  
Big Lift ending

### Air Force Times

The code for these is 01400, AF Times, Oct. & Nov. 1963

October 2 p1,10  
Big Lift announced

October 30 p4

November 6 p4,5  
Page 5 contains pictures of Big Lift