

GENERAL HISTORIES

**The Development of
Ballistic Missiles
in the
United States Air Force
1945-1960**

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Chart 7-3

IRBMs in Europe

Squadrons	Support Base	Number and Type	SAC Turnover to Host Nation	Operational	First IRBM Off Alert	Last Off Alert	Last IRBM Shipped
77th RAF SMS	Feltwell	15 Thor	Jun 22, 1959	Jun 30, 1960	—	Jul 1, 1963	—
7th RAF SMS	Hemswell	15 Thor	Sep 11, 1959	—	—	May 15, 1963	—
8th RAF SMS	Driffield	15 Thor	Dec 22, 1959	—	Nov 29, 1962	Apr 1963	—
44th RAF SMS	North Luffenham	15 Thor	Apr 29, 1960	—	—	Aug 15, 1963	Sep 27, 1963
NATO I (2 squadrons)	Gioia Del Colle	30 Jupiter	*	Apr 14, 1961 Jul 1961	Apr 1963	Apr 1963	Jul 1963
NATO II	Cigli	15 Jupiter	†	Mar 5, 1962	Apr 1963	Apr 1963	Jul 1963

* First Jupiter replaced on July 11, 1960.

† First Jupiter replaced May 25, 1962; warhead in SAC's custody.

— Exact dates unknown.