



Nuremberg & Graf - almost 40 years later

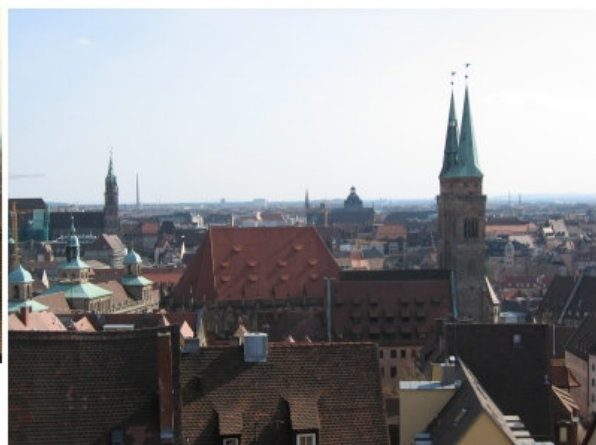
In July 1971 Tom Spahr was assigned to the Headquarter Battery 3rd of the 17th Field Artillery located in Merrell Barracks in Nuremberg, Germany. Eventually he became the Battalion Commander's driver up until mid-September of 1972. At that time he entered what was called *Project Transition*. Ranking as a Specialist 4, he was coming to the end of his two-year tour of duty, and the Army offered him a professional training in airport management. To this purpose he spent the last two months of his service time at Grafenwöhr Army Airfield.

During his stay in Bavaria, Tom took a lot of pictures. On the following pages we tried to match them with recent shots from the same locations, taking advantage of a visit of our star photographer Susanne Rieger at Grafenwöhr and Vilseck in May 2010.

We like to thank Tom for making available his photos to us. The full story of his tour of duty in Nuremberg & Graf can be found in our book *transit nürnberg #4: USA!*

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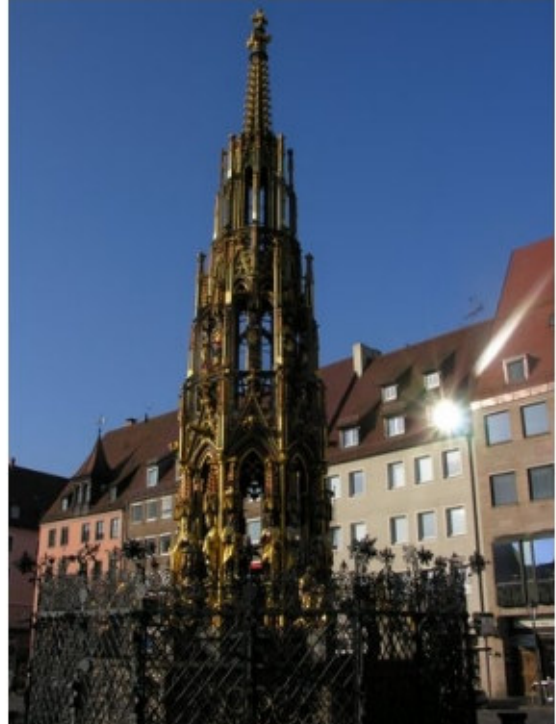


View from the castle over Nuremberg's Old Town, in the foreground St. Sebald Church

(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Gerhard Jochem 2009)



Beer garden beneath the castle
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Gerhard Jochem 2009)



The Beautiful Fountain at Hauptmarkt square
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Piotr Lisowski 2007)



St. Lorenz Church

(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Gerhard Jochem 2009)



Königstor gate looking outside the Old Town

(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Gerhard Jochem 2009)



Königstor gate looking inside the Old Town
(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Gerhard Jochem 2009)



Main Gate of Merrell Barracks outside looking in
(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



Main Gate of Merrell Barracks inside looking out
(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



View from Tom's room on the first floor of the west square of Merrell looking down Allersberger Straße
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



Große Straße parading area at the Nazi party rally grounds
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Susanne Rieger 2008)

Grafenwöhr ("Graf")



Two wannabe pilots in a chopper at Graf airfield
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Oliver Block 2010)



Choppers in Graf, now and then ...
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



... and the changing contents of their cockpits
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Oliver Block 2010)



Runways at Graf airfield
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



The control tower of Graf airfield
(photos: Tom Spahr 1972 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



Graf HQ for the 3/17th Field Artillery / Installations there today
(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



Bleidorn Observation Tower, a landmark of the training area
(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



Looking down Bleidorn Tower
(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



Impact Area at Graf
(photos: Tom Spahr 1971 / Susanne Rieger 2010)



An 8 inch projectile just fired from a cannon / Artillery ranges today
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