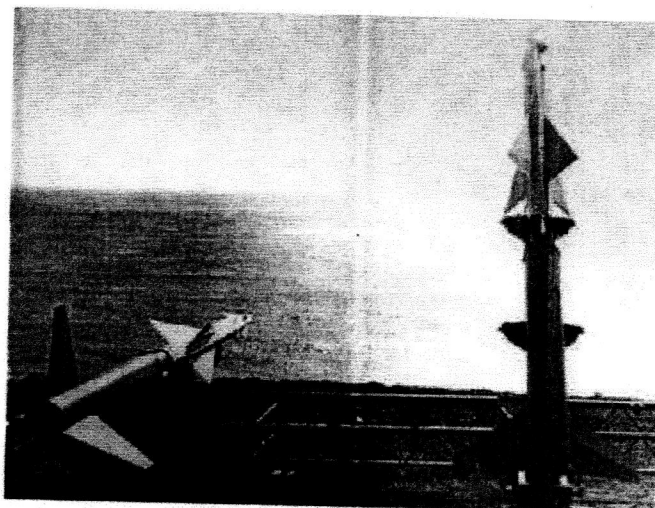




Nike Battery NY-15 Fort Slocum, NY



The Fort Slocum Nike installation was uniquely situated on two islands in western Long Island Sound. Due to the compact nature of each island, the facility had to be split between the two: the control area was built on David's Island and the launcher area on nearby Hart Island. Historic Fort Slocum served a number of military purposes through the years as both an Army and Air Force installation. Perhaps due to its relatively inaccessible nature, Nike Battery NY-15 was closed during July, 1960 after only five years of operation.

Location

Launcher Area:
Hart Island, NY

Control Area:
David's Island, NY

Dates of Operation
1955-1960

**Weapons Systems
& Missile Load**
Nike Ajax / 20
Nike Hercules / 0

Missile Magazines
2 Magazines.
2 type "B".

Radar Types
ACQR.

Unit Information
Army -
D/66th (1955-1958)
D/1/55th (1958-1961)

Present Status
The former Launcher Area on Hart Island is partially intact. Hart Island, long the site of New York City's "potter's field", is operated by the New York City Department of Corrections and is closed to the public. The Control Area on nearby David's Island is abandoned and further data will be provided in the near future.