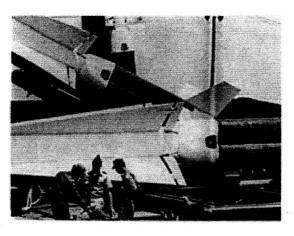


## Nike Battery NY-65 South Plainfield, NJ



Battery NY-65 was constructed adjacent to Hadley Airport (originally, Hadley Field), site of the nation's first air mail service. This two magazine Nike missile battery was first manned by Regular Army units and later by the New Jersey Army National Guard. Nike Hercules missiles first arrived at this base during 1961 and the site remained an active air defense installation for another ten years.

Both the Nike missile site and historic Hadley Field were subsequently obliterated. Their remains now lie beneath portions of Route 287, an office complex and a shopping center.

Location Launcher Area: South Plainfield, (Middlesex County), NJ Control Area: South Plainfield, (Middlesex County), NJ

Dates of Operation 1955-1971

Weapons Systems & Missile Load Nike Ajax / 20 Nike Hercules / 12

Missile Magazines 2 Magazines. 2 type "B". Radar Types ACQR, ABAR.

Unit Information Army -B/483rd (1955-1958) B/2/65th (1958-1960) B/4/71st (1960-1963)

National Guard -C/7/12th (1963-1971)

Present Status
Both the Nike launcher area
on Stelton Road and the
control area on Durham
Avenue were totally
obliterated. Historic Hadley
Field met a similar fate. The
area once occupied by
Hadley Field and the Nike
facilities is now covered by a
nearly contiguous mass of
nondescript office buildings,
a shopping center, a
network of busy streets and
a major highway.

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