

Airplane Meals



After World War II, the Allies divided Germany among themselves, and also divided its capital, Berlin. When the USSR blockaded Allied ground routes to West Berlin on June 24, 1948, crisis struck—how to get food and fuel to the West Berliners, 110 miles deep in Soviet-controlled East Germany? By air! The Berlin Airlift lasted more than 10 months, successfully flying supplies into West Berlin.

1. American forces called the airlift Operation Plainfare.
 True False
2. When the airlift began, the U.S. military believed it would succeed in outlasting the Soviet blockade.
 True False
3. The head authority in West Berlin approved of and supported the airlift.
 True False
4. When the blockade began, West Berlin had three airports.
 True False

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