

120 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Adams Field, AR

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

This organization began its existence as the 120th ACWS of AR ANG. The 120th was organized and

federally recongnized on 28 Jun 1950 in Little Rock AR. The unit performed weekly drills at the National Guard Hanger at Adams Field in Little Rock and held a summer encampment in Aug 1951.

On 1 Oct 1951 the 120th was ordered into active military service and shortley into active military service and shortly afterwards was transferred to Geiger AFB, Spokane, WA. Its primary mission was to conduct the training necessary to operate an early warning site in the Air Defense Command. The strength of the unit at this time was 15 officers and 102 airman. The commander was LTC Richard N. Moore.

In Jan 1952, the 120th was tranferred to Fort Stevens, OR to undergo further training. During this period the unit began to lose personnel by reassignment to the Far East.

In April the unit was certified as operational and transferred to another station within the Western Air Defense Force. At the same time the unit was reduced in strength to 5 officers and 45 airman. Personnel shipments thus broke up the original group of National Guard men.

During the latter part of June the squadron was informally notified that its new duty station was Walker AFB, NM. On 13 Sep 1952 at 0730, the 120 AWCS became fully operational as an early warning station at Walker AFB.

In Feb 1953, the 120th along with six other units of the 34th Air Division was transferred from the Western Air Defense Force to the Central Air Defense Force.

As if Jul 1953, almost three quarters of the personnel were Regular air Force men; the remainder of the ARANG personnel were to be relieved from active duty by 1 Oct 1953.

On 1 Oct 1953, the squadron was inactivated.

Air Force Unit Histories

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