

# **131<sup>st</sup> AIR CONTROL SQUADRON, LIGHT MOBILE**

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July 1945 Mission: Operate a Tactical Control Center, Light Mobile, until such time as the Mobile Tactical Control Center can be installed. This squadron then prepares for next forward displacement. Unit must be capable of becoming fully operational in 12 hours.

Commander: Major Ryder Henry, II

Missouri ANG

Allotted: 24 May 1946 to ANG

Mobilized: 1 November, 1951 – 1 November, 1953

After World War II and general demobilization of the nation's military forces, Jefferson Barracks, in 1946, was converted to a National Guard installation. In that same year, the 131st Tactical Control Squadron was formed.

The 131st was a satellite unit of the 71st Fighter Wing, which moved from Lambert Field to Jefferson Barracks in 1946.

Initially, the 131st Tactical Control Squadron operated principally as a "holding unit", gathering supplies, equipment and manpower. Meetings were generally conducted for two hours on Monday nights.

In April, 1948, the 157th Tactical Control Group was formed under the Command of Colonel Ben W. Lichty. The headquarters of the 157th was also located at Jefferson Barracks and thus the 157th Group and the 131st Squadron became inseparably joined.

In 1948, the first summer training exercise was held for the 157th and 131st.

Both the 157th and 131st convoyed to Selfridge AFB, Mich. during the summer of 1950. At Selfridge, the men gained sound experience from working side by side with active duty personnel who were similarly undergoing extensive training in anticipation of a Korean combat situation.

In early 1972, the 131st Tactical Control Squadron, which developed from the original 131st Squadron was to actually become the 157th Tactical Control Squadron.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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