

1906 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

MISSION

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187 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron
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1906 Communications Squadron
Inactivated, 31 May 1972

STATIONS

Hill AFB, UT, 1 Jun 1948-31 May 1972

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

USAF relieved Airways and Air Communications Service and its functions from assignment to Military Air Transport Service (MATS). Concurrently USAF redesignated and established the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS), a new major air command to perform the mission. Affected at OOAMA was a long-time tenant, the 1906th Airways and Air Communications Squadron of MATS. It remained at its duty station, Hill AFB, but was thereafter known as the 1906th Communications Squadron. (The 1906th assumed responsibility for OOAMA's Base Commander Transceiver Operation Section beginning 9 October 1960.) The 1906th absorbed the remaining base Communications Division functions and personnel by January 1962. 1 JUL 1961

Hill AFB tenant organizations also underwent structural and functional changes. On 1 July 1961, for example, HQ USAF relieved the Airways and Air Communications Service (AACCS) and its functions from assignment to the Military Air Transport Service (MATS). Concurrently, HQ USAF redesignated AACCS as the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS). As a result of this change, a senior Hill AFB tenant, the 1906th Airways and Air Communications Squadron of MATS, was redesignated the 1906th Communications Squadron. The 1906th had assumed responsibility for OOAMA's Base Commander Transceiver Operation Section and absorbed all base communications functions effective 1 January 1962. The functions moving to the squadron included telephone, teletype, crypto communications, transceiver, the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS), and associated electronic equipment. Seventy-nine civilians and 12 military personnel moved with the transfer of responsibility. Later, on 27 August 1962, the 1906th Communications Squadron was assigned to the Western Communications Region, Hamilton AFB, California, and HQ Air Force Communications Service instituted a service test of simplified message-handling procedures called telemessage service.

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