

7th MOBILE RECLAMATION AND REPAIR SQUADRON

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Troston, Suffolk, England

Honington, Suffolk, England

ASSIGNMENTS

MISSION EQUIPMENT

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

CALL SIGN

OPERATIONS

The 7th was the only Reclamation and Repair squadron equipped to carry out aircraft repairs in the field. It had seven officers, 155 men and 9 trailers. Their task was to repair battle damaged bombers where they are, also to return them to RAF Honington for further repair and maintenance.

Unlike the RAF who dismantled and salvaged aircraft that had landed in places other than on airfields, Americans wanted to put all serviceable aircraft back into combat wherever possible.

Squadron members went from the east coast of England, down to Land's End and back into East Anglia for 16 months without going back to their base. Sometimes they lived in the trailer and sometimes they were housed in hotels - especially if they were in areas that were subjected to enemy bombing raids.

It was no easy task to negotiate the narrow English roads with their 50-ft long, 10-ft wide trailer, made even more difficult by the absence of signposts. All had been removed as a precaution should England be invaded. Neither was it an easy task for those who hauled salvaged aircraft back to Honington.

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