

7500 AIR BASE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Denham, England

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Ernest B. Jones, #1957

Col Howard D. Sutterlin, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

1958 opened with the base operated by the European Northern Disposition Task Force; 53rd Weather Squadron remaining under Lieutenant Colonel William W Riser Jr operating until the following year and 1625th Support Squadron MATS together with 7559th USAF Hospital,

1965th AACS Squadron, DetNo 1 HEDAM-FEA, 3rd Air Postal Squadron, 6th Aerial Port Squadron and the 7500th Air Base Group at Croft.

The final unit still operating at Burtonwood at the end of 1958 was the 7500th Air Base Group at Croft, located just off the East Lancashire Road and occupying what was once a Royal Navy Base. With an average compliment of 40 military personnel Croft handled as many as 8,413 incoming and outgoing passengers monthly. This 24 hours a day, seven day a week unit was first activated at Burtonwood as the 7551st Personnel Processing Squadron. At this time passengers were processed and housed in the Burtonwood Transient Hotel. On 1 February 1956 the Squadron moved to Croft and in June 1957 was redesignated Det 1 7500th Air Base Group. The mission of this unit was the processing and coordination of transportation of all personnel arriving and departing the UK by aircraft. This included billeting, feeding, coordinating with UK bases on the arrival of personnel, and assistance with personal problems.

17 December 1960 A United States Air Force (USAF) Convair C-131D Samaritan, 55-291, of the 7500th Air Base Group, on take-off from München-Riem for a flight to Norfolk, England, comes down at 1410 hrs. in Munich, Germany, hits a tramcar at Bereich Bayerstraße/Martin-Greif-Straße. 53 died in the Munich Convair crash.

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