

622 EXPEDITIONARY AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

22 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 14 Jul 1942

Activated, 2 Sep 1942

Redesignated 22 Photographic Squadron (Light), 6 Feb 1943

Redesignated 22 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 13 Nov 1943

Inactivated, 16 Dec 1945

Redesignated 22 Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, 11 Mar 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 23 Oct 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

622 Air Refueling Squadron, Fighter-Bomber constituted, 19 May 1955

Activated, 18 Jul 1955

Redesignated 622 Air Refueling Squadron, Tactical, 1 Jul 1958

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Apr 1964

22 Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic and 622 Air Refueling Squadron, Tactical consolidated, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated squadron redesignated 622 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 19 Sep 1985

Converted to provisional status and redesignated 622 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 7 Jul 2000

Activated, 24 Jul 2000

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 2 Sep 1942-17 May 1943
Mount Farm, England, 8 Jun 1943 (detachment operated from Attlebridge, England, 14 Feb-6 Mar 1944)
Chalgrove, England, 26 Mar 1945
Villacoublay, France, 14 Oct-5 Dec 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 15-16 Dec 1945
Stewart Field, NY, 23 Oct 1947
Stamford, CT, 5 Mar 1948-27 Jun 1949
England AFB, LA, 18 Jul 1955-1 Apr 1964
Istres, France, 24 Jul 2000

ASSIGNMENTS

5 Photographic (later 5 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping) Group, 2 Sep 1942
7 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping (later 7 Photographic; 7 Reconnaissance) Group, 7 Jul 1943-21 Nov 1945
74 Reconnaissance Group, 23 Oct 1947-27 Jun 1949
Ninth Air Force, 18 Jul 1955
Eighteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1957
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1958
4505 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jul 1958
4440 Aircraft Delivery Group, 8 Oct 1963-1 Apr 1964
16 Expeditionary Operations Group, 24 Jul 2000

ATTACHMENTS

Eighth Air Force, Jun-7 Jul 1943

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38/F-5, 1943-1945
P-51, 1945
Spitfire, 1943-1944
AT-6, 1947-1949
KB-29, 1955-1957
KB-50, 1957-1964

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 2-15 Sep 1942
1st Lt Tracy, 16 Sep 1942
None (not manned), 20 Oct 1942
Lt Col George A. Lawson, 21 Dec 1942
Maj Robert R. Smith, 17 Apr 1944
Maj Walter L. Weitner, 19 May 1944
Capt Daniel W. Burrows, 29 Dec 1944
Maj Oscar G. Johnson, 11 Jan 1945
Maj Troy B. McGuire, 21 Jan 1945

Capt Pipes, 24 Sep 1945
Unkn, Oct-16 Dec 1945
Lt Col Roger L. Arndall, 23 Oct 1947
Lt Col Dale A. Shaver, 18 Jul 1955
Maj Lloyd F. White, 12 Jun 1956
Maj Earl R. Saunders, 10 Dec 1957
Col Thomas J. Tiernan, 30 Oct 1958
Maj Warren A. Williams, 1 Jul 1962
Lt Col Robert W. Harris, 12 Oct 1962
Lt Col Robert J. Metzroth, 9 Mar 1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe, Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
France, 31 May-30 Jun 1944

French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 1944

EMBLEM



22 Photographic Squadron emblem



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622 Air Refueling Squadron emblem: A caricatured pelican feeding a baby pelican a fish, superimposed on a globe. (Approved, 15 Jun 1956)

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OPERATIONS

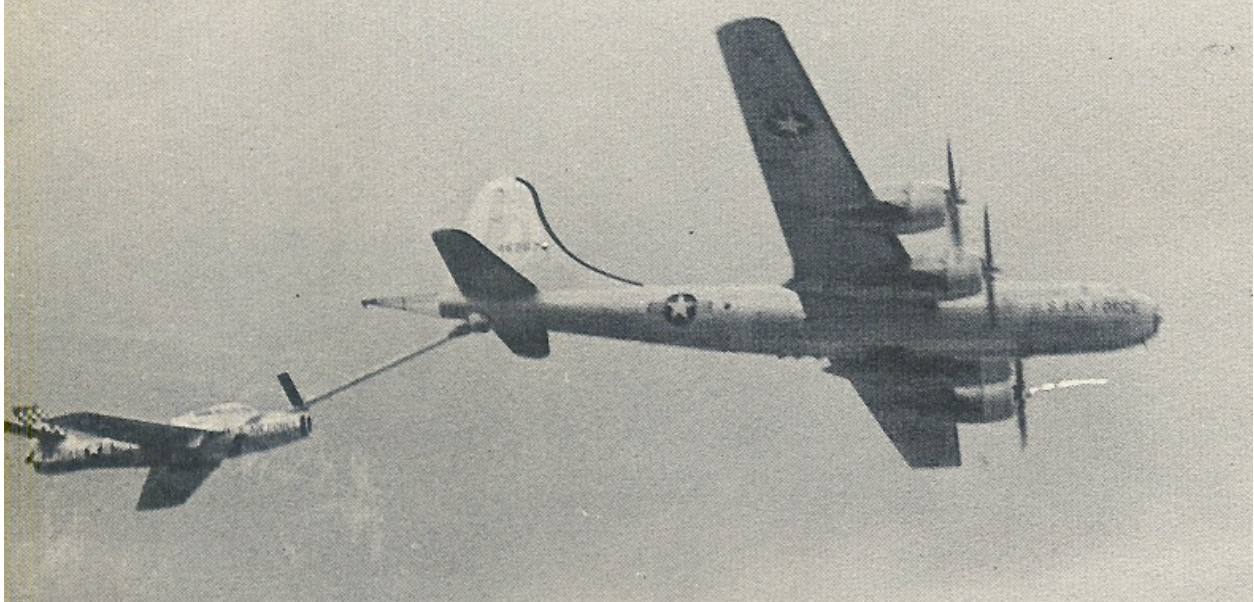
Photographic reconnaissance missions over Germany and German-occupied areas of northwestern Europe, Jul 1943-Apr 1945. Reserve flying training in the Reserve, 1947-1949. Air refueling missions for Tactical Air Command aircraft deployments and deliveries, 1955-1964.



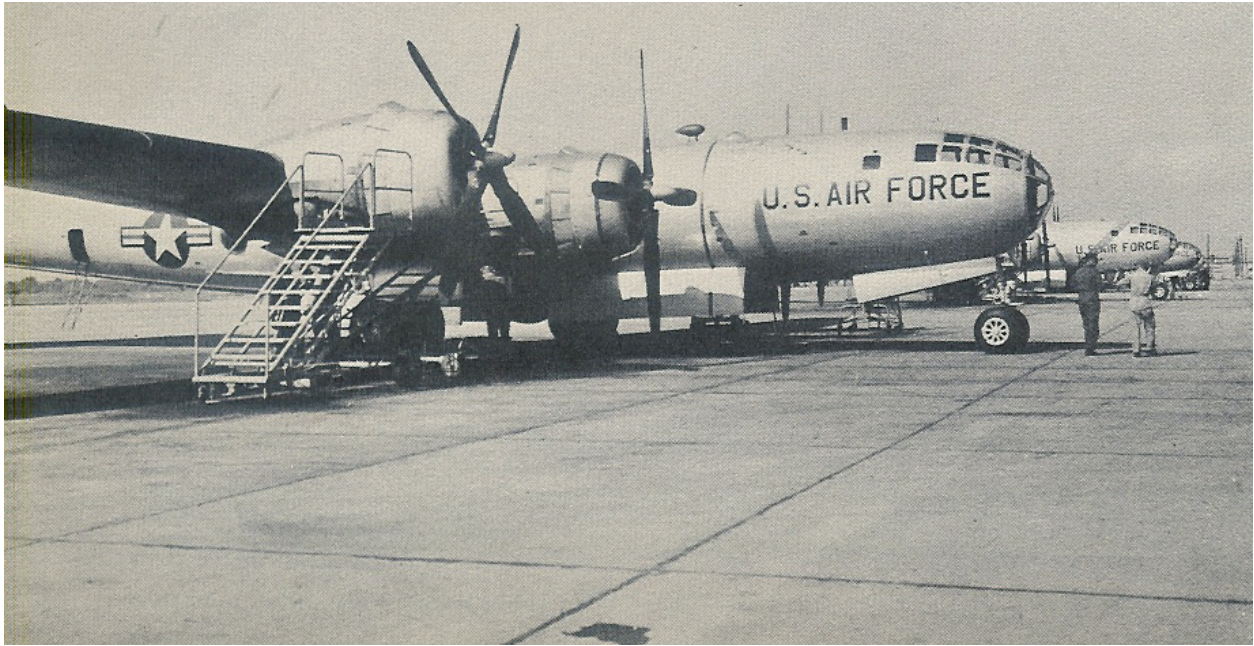
Lt Col Dale A. Shaver, commander talks with Capt Sherman, squadron adjutant, England AFB, LA, 1955



Taking a break the Coffee Shack behind Operations, England AFB, LA, 1955



Air Refueling F-84, England AFB, LA, 1955



Lineup of KB-29s, England AFB, LA, 1955



Maj White, training officer discusses training schedules with his assistant, England AFB, LA, 1955.



Flight crew ready for inspection, England AFB, LA, 1955.

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