

# 103<sup>rd</sup> TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT

103 TCF (FACP), Orange, Conn

## LINEAGE

## STATIONS

Orange County, CT

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

## EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

The year 1975 was a relatively quiet one for wing radar units. But, 1976 was, altogether, quite a different story. In an effort to provide mobile radar coverage services for Northern Germany, the 601 TCW planned on opening up several new units in 2 ATAF. Final planning stages for Creek North were completed by 31 Mar 1976, and, by year's end, the wing's mobile TAGS network grew by 40 percent. This expansion project involved the activation of eight units and first took in the development of three new sites in Northern Germany—Hessisch Oldendorf, Bad Muender, and Schwelentrup. Hessisch Oldendorf was the site of a former Royal Netherlands Air Force Hawk missile battery headquarters and the other two locations were its satellite missile launch sites.

The 609 TCS and 619 TCF were activated at Bad Muender and Schwelentrup respectively on 1 Apr 1976. A month later, on 1 May 1976, the 629 TCF was also activated at Schwelentrup. Equipment for the 609 TCS came from Cannon AFB, New Mexico, and that for its two flights arrived from the 103 TCF, Orange County, CT, and the 101 TCF, Worcester, MA. Shortly after, on 21 May 1976, Hessisch-Oldendorf Air Station was officially opened under project Creek Control and, on 20 Sep 1976, the 600 TCG and 600 Combat Support Squadron were activated to provide control and support for 2 ATAF radar units. This left three new units yet to be activated. Almost a year later under project Creek Brahman, on 15 Mar 1977, the 606 TCS, 626 TCF, and 636 TCF were activated at Carl Schurz Kaserne near Bremerhaven. This marked the completion of mobile radar expansion into Northern Germany. But, unknown to wing officials at that time, the final bed-down of these latter two flights would become a monumental headache.

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