

133 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

MISSION

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133 Communications Flight

STATIONS

Minneapolis St Paul, MN

ASSIGNMENTS

133 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Cpt Bernard Miller

Maj Howard Warman

Maj Edward Hane

Cpt Melvin W. Sutphin

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

The Minnesota Air National Guard has had communications since February, 1920. Initially the

first federally recognized Air Guard Squadron was attached to the Army Signal Corps. However, as the Air Guard Flying Squadron grew, the need for communications in the unit also grew and a communications section was formed to provide telephone service for the flying squadron. Later radios were added to the planes and the airborne communications shops were formed.

During World War II the need for more and faster communications became evident. Teletype, wire-photo, and radio, both airborne and ground, were being introduced in ever increasing numbers.

After World War II, at the time of reorganization in which the 109th Fighter Interceptor Squadron became a part of the 133d Fighter Interceptor Wing, the 133d Communications Squadron emerged.

The communications section has been called to active duty on the following three occasions, to serve in World War II in 1941, at the time of the Korean War in 1951 and during the Berlin crisis in 1961.

During the eleven months of active duty in 1961-1962, the communications section was detached from the Minnesota parent unit and made Detachment 2 of the 1963d Communications Squadron based at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

After deactivation, the communications section was again transferred to the 133d Support Squadron and was retained there until federally recognized as the 133d Communications Flight (Support) AFCS on 13 June 1966. The Communications Flight, commanded by Major Howard Warman, assumed the mission of providing home base communications for the 133d Military Airlift Group. It is to operate and maintain communications facilities inherent to base organizations which includes systems for security communications, wire and telephone, public address, intercommunications, fire-crash and emergency communications, weather facsimile and teletype.

133rd Communications Squadron: federalized in the ANG 2 Mar 51 at Holman Field, MN, as the 133rd AB Group; moved to Minn-St.Paul TAP, MN 28 Jun 51; inactivated 6 Feb 52.