

161st LIAISON SQUADRON

LINEAGE

161st Liaison Squadron constituted, 11 May 1944

Activated, 15 May 1944

Inactivated, 14 Jun 1949

STATIONS

Statesboro AAFld, GA, 15 May 1944

Pounds Field, TX, 10 Jul 1944

Mansfield AAFld, LA, 30 Jul 1944

Pounds Field, TX, 30 Sep 1944

Esler Field, LA, 19 Nov 1944 (operated from McChord Field, Wash, with flights at Geiger Field, Wash Gowen Field, Idaho; Portland AAB, Ore; and Chico AAFld, Calif, May-Sep 1945)

Alexandria AAFld, LA, 30 Sep 1944

Biggs Field, TX, 5 Dec 1945-9 Sep 1946

Albrook Field, CZ, 9 Sep 1946

France Field, CZ, 10 Dec 1947

Albrook Field, CZ, 13-14 Jun 1949

ASSIGNMENTS

III Tactical Air Command, 15 May 1944

I Tactical Air Division, 24 Jun 1944 (attached to Fourth Air Force, 3 May-c. 19 Oct 1945)

III Tactical Air Command, 1 Sep 1945

XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 Oct 1945

Tactical Air Command, 21 Mar 1946

Ninth Air Force, 28 Mar 1946

Caribbean Defense Command, 9 Sep 1946

Caribbean Air Command, 20 Sep 1946 (attached to Provisional Composite Reconnaissance Group, 1 Feb 1948)

5620th Group (later 5620th Composite Wing), 28 Jul 1948

5700th Air Base Group, 13-14 Jun 1949

WEAPON SYSTEMS

L-5, 1944-1949

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

None

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Forest fire patrols, May-Sep 1945; provided personnel and aircraft on detached service for exercises, maneuvers, and various other duties.

460612	L-5E	44-18037	TAC	Shockley, William E	Maxwell Fld
450902	L-5	42-98244	LAC	Koelle, Irwin S	Gowen Field, ID
440803	L-5	42-14964	LAC	Retzer, Henry A	Mansfield AAF, LA
440809	L-5	42-14964	FLEF	Arice, Louis J	Between Hemphill & Yellow Pine, TX
440818	L-5	42-98555	LAC	Plexico, John E	Hudson Muni Apt, 10 mi SW of Esler Fld, LA
440818	L-5	42-98147	FLEF	Freeman, Frank E	3 mi S of Anacoco, LA
440819	L-5	42-98298	LAC	Cookmeyer, Joseph E	Hudson Muni Apt, 10 mi SW Esler Fld, LA
440914	L-5	42-98376	TAC	Larkin, Charles L	Mansfield AAF, LA
450122	L-5	42-14879	CRLEF	Eason, Herman L	Esler Field, LA
450124	L-5	42-98374	LACNU	Bullock, Robert S	Bolling Fld
451207	L-5C	45-34947	LAC	Roop, James E	Biggs Field, TX
451221	L-5C	45-34943	FLoG	Wagener, Joseph B	4M S Kimble Junction, TX
460208	L-5G	45-34950	TAC	Bernard, Phillip B	Offutt Fld
460605	L-5E	44-18186	CR	Hintz, Richard A Jr	Isleta/ 3mi S

460822	L-5E	44-17549	LAC	Shangraw, Richard C	Alamogordo/ 29mi W
470527	L-5E	44-17601	TOA	Tays, Vernon C	Pinagona

Air Force Order of Battle

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