

189 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

189 Communications Squadron

189 Communications Flight

STATIONS

Little Rock AFB, AR

ASSIGNMENTS

189 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

During July the Arkansas Air National Guard deployed to Spain, the first such trip for the unit.

Eighteen members of the 189th Communications Flight traveled to Spain for training with the 1989th Communications Group. It took eight months of preparations for passports, security clearances, in-country clearances, orders, and rations. A few months after its deployment to Spain, the 189th took yet another trip, this time south of the border to Panama.

In September, the 189th Communications Flight trained with the 223rd Combat Communications Squadron in Hot Springs, Ark. The weekend exercise consisted of establishing a radio relay system between Hot Springs and Garland. The field exercise resulted from a recommendation by the National Guard Bureau that all National Guard communication flights familiarize themselves with tactical communications procedures.

In the Summer of 1984 the 189th Communications Flight participated in a co-located operating base training exercise held at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. Communications Flight Commander, Maj. Leonard A. Bergen said a COB is an active Allied Airfield, which supports United States aircraft during times that require a European deployment in support of North Atlantic Treaty Organization Operations. During an overseas deployment, the 189th Communications Flight would help provide the needed communications support for United States aircraft in the area. While at Bergstrom, the unit was under the direction of the Tactical Communications Division and 1817th Reserve Advisor Squadron. The training was varied and included antenna mast erection, teletype operations and maintenance, switchboard operations and maintenance, the NATO command structure, COB communications concepts, international Morse code training, survival tactics and chemical warfare training. Bergen said "The training received was much more tactical oriented, rather than strategic in nature".

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