

# **84<sup>th</sup> AERO SQUADRON**

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The Headquarters Squadron Section was reactivated on 2 January 1951, with station at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. Major Thacker Scales assumed command and supervised the many details of organizing the unit and filling the authorized personnel positions, bringing the squadron up to strength. He was succeeded by Captain John B. Schwartz, Major Charles A. Wright, Captain Frank J. O'Brien, and 1st Lt. Guenther W. Rahnefeld, respectively. The present Commander is Captain Frank J. O'Brien.

The Headquarters Squadron Section provides the personnel to man the Command, Staff and Special Staff Sections of the Wing. The principal functions entail clothing, feeding, housing, and routine administration of personnel and their records.

Outstanding personalities includes First Sergeant Patrick J. McNamara, who has served as First Sergeant continuously since reactivation. He remains the only original First Sergeant on duty with the Wing. Captain A. W. J. Grant, Intelligence Officer, has been with the unit since May 1951.

By the very nature of the activity of this unit little or no added effort was required during the changeover from conventional to jet aircraft during early 1953. However, as with all units recently reactivated, many long hours of work

were required to receive and train the new personnel and mold the major sections of the activity into a smooth running organization.

During the rotation to the United Kingdom in the fall of 1953, Lt. Rahnefeld as commander of the unit, achieved notable success in the management and administration of unit activities. The Planning, Movement, and setting up of Squadron operations "over there" was carried out on a rigid schedule. The return in December 1953, and reestablishment of squadron activities at MacDill Air Force Base was again accomplished according to plan. The Squadron is presently engaged in daily routine tasks with a normal turnover of personnel.

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