

902 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

902 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Redesignated 902 Radar Squadron (SAGE)
Inactivated

STATIONS

Great Falls AFB, MT, 20 May 1953-16 Dec 1954
Miles City AFS, MT

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Cpt Knickerbacker
LTC Arthur T. Jebli, Jr., 14 Jul 1960

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

902 Miles City AFS, MT MPS-7; MPS-14; FPS-20/-66; FPS-6B FPS-27; FPS-90 1955
18-Jun-68 After site inactivation, the FPS-27 search radar was sent to Mt. Hebo
AFS to replace the FPS-24 there.

Beneficial occupancy was achieved at this Phase I Mobile Radar site in late 1954. By August 1955 the 902nd AC&W Squadron was operating an AN/MPS-7 search radar and an AN/MPS-14 height-finder radar. In 1958 an AN/FPS-20 radar replaced the AN/MPS-7. In 1961 this set was upgraded and redesignated as an AN/FPS-66. Also in 1961 an AN/FPS-6B height-finder radar was installed, and the site joined the SAGE system. In 1965, the site received an AN/FPS-27 search radar, replacing the AN/FPS-66. The

AN/MPS-14 was removed in 1967. The 902nd Radar Squadron (SAGE) was deactivated in June 1968. [Its AN/FPS-27 radar set was then shipped to Mt. Hebo AFS, OR (Z-100) and installed there, replacing the troublesome AN/FPS-24 which had recently lost its third radome.]

Personnel first manned the station on 1 Jul 1955.

Redesignated 902nd Radar Squadron (SAGE) on 1 Jul 1961

902nd Radar Sq (SAGE): . activated 20 May 53 at Great Falls AFB, MT, assigned to 29th AD; moved to Miles City AFS, MT in fall of 54; transferred to Minot. ADS 1 Jan 61; redesignated from AC&W Sq to 902nd Radar Sq (SAGE) 15 Jul 61; transferred to Great Falls ADS 25 Jun 63; transferred to 28th AD 1 Apr 66; discontinued 18 Jun 68.

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Sources

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