

1261 AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

RAF Wattisham, England

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS



Maj John H. Connor (USAF photo)

Maj John H. Connor, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

ALL USAF air traffic in the United Kingdom comes under the guiding hand of the 1261 AACS Squadron— operators of the Anglia Radar Air Traffic Control Center at RAF Station Wattisham. Along with a sister center at Upper Heyford, the 1261 is the hub of a complicated air traffic system.

Commanded by Major J. Connor, the 1261 AACS Squadron was first activated in January 1958 and has completed the gigantic task of getting the unit fully operational during its first year of existence. Operation of the Traffic Control Center with its all-seeing radar consols is a 24 hours a day, 365 days a year job, and the 1261 never let up.

Providing airways communications and ground electronics aid for air operations in the UK to support USAF and other friendly aircraft, the 1261 AACS Squadron is a vital link in the radar, radio and VHP chain dedicated to the cause of safeguarding valuable aircraft, cargoes, and above all, human lives.

Based at RAF Station Wattisham, the 1261 is in good company, for Wattisham is the home base of the Royal Air Force aerial acrobatic team and an RAF Javelin Squadron. The 1261 receives tenant unit support from Bentwaters.

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