

6th AIRBORNE COMMAND AND CONTROL SQUADRON



LINEAGE

6th Photographic Squadron constituted, 19 Jan 1942

Activated, 28 Jan 1942

Redesignated 6th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 9 Jun 1942

Redesignated 6th Photographic Squadron (Photographic Compilation), 28 Nov 1942

Disbanded, 1 Jan 1945

6th Liaison Squadron constituted, Nov 1945

Activated, 10 Dec 1945

Inactivated, 31 Mar 1946

Redesignated 6th Liaison Flight, 7 Oct 1949

Activated, 27 Oct 1949

Inactivated, 8 Sep 1952

Redesignated 6th Liaison Squadron, 8 Sep 1952

Activated, 18 Sep 1952

Inactivated, 18 Jan 1954

6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron constituted, 27 Oct 1972

Activated, 31 Oct 1972

6th Photographic Squadron (Photographic Compilation) reconstituted, and consolidated with 6th Liaison Squadron and 6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 19 Sep 1985.

Consolidated squadron retained 6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron designation.

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 28 Jan 1942

Felts Field, WA, 2 Feb 1942

Colorado Springs, CO, 16 May 1942

Jefferson Barracks, MO, 14 Dec 1944-1 Jan 1954

Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 10 Dec 1945-15 Feb 1946

Bolling Field, D.C., 15 Feb-31 Mar 1946

Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, Panama, 27 Oct 1949-8 Sep 1952
Alexandria AFB, LA, 18 Sep 1952-18 Jan 1954
Langley AFB, VA, 31 Oct 1972-1 Oct 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 28 Jan 1942

II Air Support Command, 29 Mar 1942
2nd Photographic Group, 7 May 1942
Army Air Forces, 28 Nov 1942
Third Air Force, 8 Mar 1943
1st Photographic Charting Group, 13 Nov 1943
311th Photographic Wing (Mapping and Charting), 5 Oct 1944-1 Jan 1945
64th Fighter Wing, 10 Dec 1945
Continental Air Forces (Later Strategic Air Command), 15 Feb 1946-31 Mar 1946
5700th Air Base Group, 27 Oct 1949-8 Sep 1952
Tactical Air Command, 18 Sep 1952-18 Jan 1954
4500th Air Base Wing, 31 Oct 1972
1st Tactical Fighter Wing, 19 Apr 1976
1st Operations Group, 10 Oct 1992-1 Oct 1992

ATTACHMENTS

132nd Fighter Bomber Wing, 18 Sep-31 Dec 1952
366th Fighter Bomber Wing, 1 Jan 1953-18 Jan 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1942
L-5, 1945
L-5, 1949
L-13, 1950
L-20, 1952
EC-135H, 1973
EC-135P

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

EC-135H
61-274

EC-135P
553129
58019
58022

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On an ultramarine blue triangle, wide border white, edged black, a segment of a relief map sphere green, yellow, and tan, supporting a caricatured white owl in tan flight suit, taking measurements on surface of sphere with red dividers held in right hand, and holding in the left hand a yellow foot rule; a white spherical scale etched with black division lines issuing from dexter side of triangle and passing over segment of sphere. (Approved, 10 Sep 1943)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

6th Photographic Squadron (Photographic Compilation) mission, was compiling aerial photographs into aeronautical charts.

Compilation of aeronautical charts, Dec 1942-1945.

6th Liaison Squadron; one of its early missions was to transport senior medical officers to Heidelberg, Germany to attend to seriously injured LTG George Patton. Squadron used enlisted pilots. Squadron flew missions to monitor flooded areas of Kassel and Marsburg, Germany.

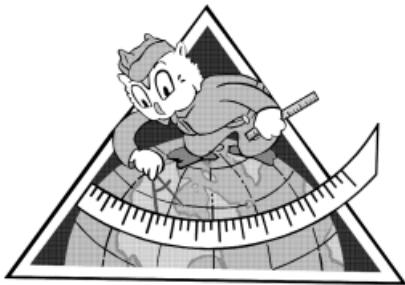
In Louisiana, squadron provided courier services, light transport of cargo and passengers, search and rescue, aerial spraying, and disaster relief.

Squadron received first EC-135P in Dec 1972. Squadron became operational with single aircraft on 1 Jan 1973. Furnished airborne command post for the Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic. By late 1976 squadron could provide emergency air refueling for F-15s of the 1 TFW as a secondary mission. Squadron frequently deployed aircraft and crews to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Iceland, England, North Africa, the Azores, Puerto Rico, Panama, and the Pacific in support of Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic "Scope Light" airborne command post.

In March 1967, five old EC-135As were transformed and renamed EC-135P. They retained both their boom and refueling receptacle and the cabin was given consoles, particular combat posts and equipment, as well as the usual series of 7 saber antennae positioned on 5 and under the fuselage,

as well as a trailing antenna (TWA) housed under the belly in front of the right hand side main undercarriage well and that of the MILSTAR satellite link system. These planes, in service with the SAC, were destined to be used as airborne command posts by the general staff of Pacific forces (CINCPAC) under the designation of 'Blue Eagle' with the 9th ACCS at Hickam and by that of the Atlantic under the name of 'Scope Light' with the 6th ACCS at Langley, along with the sole EC-135H already attached to this command. One of their main missions consisted of serving as communication relays with the fleet of missile launching submarines, either directly or via the EC-130Q or E-6A.

420922	F-4	41-2215	6PhRecSq		Colorado Springs AB, CO	TOA	Brogan, Robert C	Colorado Springs AB, CO
420810	F-4	41-2187	6PReconSq	2PRMGp	Colorado Springs, CO	GAC	(parked aircraft)	Colorado Springs AB, CO
431231	UC-78	42-58318	6ProcSq		Herrington AAB, KS	LACGL	Graham, Robertson B	Herrington AAB, KS
421106	F-4	42-2211	6PRSq	2PhotoGp	Colorado Springs AB, CO	TOA	Maass, William R	Colorado Springs AB, CO
421120	F-4	41-2208	6PRSq	2PhotoGp	Colorado Springs, CO	KCRGC	Beymer, Robey F	Near Castle Rock, CO
421030	F-4A	41-2376	6PRSq	2PhptoGp	Colorado Springs, CO	TOAMF	Shipway, Richard J	Colorado Springs AB, CO



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