

9th AIR RESCUE GROUP

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STATIONS

Bushy Park, England 1951 - 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SB-29, 1951

SA-16

C-82

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

CALL SIGN

OPERATIONS

Activation of 9th Air Rescue Squadron at Bushy Park on 27 February 1951 with three Flights; one at Mansion, Kent; one at Prestwick, Scotland and C Flight at Burtonwood formed on 1 July 1951 with B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft, supported by the SC-47 Dakota. The B-17 carried a lifeboat supported under the fuselage that could be dropped into the sea.

The crew from C Flight of 9th Air Rescue Squadron based at Burtonwood saved the life of an injured German seaman in a 15 hour rescue operation 110 miles off Scotland. The SA-16 amphibian crew were alerted after midnight and told that a German sailor was dangerously ill on trawler Herman Bosch in the North Atlantic between Scotland and Iceland. Radio contact was made at 0515 and with an RAF Sunderland. Neither aircraft was able to land due to fog but after refueling The SA-16 returned and landed picking up the seaman and took him to Stornaway where an ambulance was waiting.

9th Air Rescue Squadron became HQ 9 Air Rescue Group on 14 November 1952 and the Flights renumbered:—66 Air Rescue Squadron at Mansion, 67 Air Rescue Squadron at Prestwick and 68 Air Rescue Squadron at Burtonwood. 68 ARS shortly received Grumman SA-16 Albatross amphibious aircraft and Sikorsky H-19 Helicopters, both extending the capability of The Unit considerably.

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