

7369 COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Phalsbourg AB, France

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The 7369th Combat Support Group maintained Phalsbourg in standby status from August 1963, when the 480th departed, until its closure in March 1967. When Project FRELOC began in April 1966, the base had 420 officers and airmen, 11 Department of Air Force civilian employees, and 105 Wage Grade and Local Wage Rate French employees. There were 620 dependents present and supported by the base. By this time the USAF had invested \$18 million (excluding land value, aircraft, and supplies) and spent about \$1,185,000 to operate and maintain Phalsbourg from 1955 through 1967.

Since no flying wing was present, it was a fairly simple shut-down process. The 7369th Combat Support Gp immediately began to pack and ship all U.S. property from the base. All real estate facilities, when no longer in use, were inspected, repaired, and secured for the new owner, the French Army.

The final closing ceremony was held on 15 February 1967 when the U.S. flag was lowered and presented to the mayor of Phalsbourg, France. That flag is still displayed in the city museum.

The base was transferred to the Military Liquidation Office in Paris and the base and annexes were deleted from USAF property records on 20 March 1967, after thirteen years of intermittent use.

On 1 April 1967 USAFE discontinued the 7369th Group as part of FRELOC, and the final aircraft, a C-135B, departed Phalsbourg AB moving the last of the base personnel to West Germany.

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