

406th INSTALLATIONS SQUADRON

MISSION

406th Installations Squadron mission was to deal effectively with the many tasks it is called upon to perform, the Installation Squadron is divided into four general divisions, each more or less self-explanatory, but incorporating many sub-sections.

For example, there's the Maintenance and Repair Section, which contains all the base "handymen"—the carpenters, electricians, painters, plumbers, welders and sanitation specialists. There too is controlled the utilization of heavy equipment, the giant cranes and mountainous bulldozers which are operated night and day, when needed. Roads and Grounds, another important section under M. and R., supervises the repair and general maintenance of all roads, construction of sidewalks, grass cutting and general policing of the base.

To the Engineering Section falls the tasks of drafting plans and estimating costs of future maintenance projects. They also deal with the surveying and selection of building sites and the establishment of construction schedules. Together with the Air Ministry Works Department they handle the full architectural planning of all base construction.

The Management Section might well be described as the nerve center of the squadron. Here are kept all records pertaining to the overall mission; cost accounting of projects and repairs, work order processing, and general correspondence. Here too are kept complete records on the disposition of every structure on the base, together with the cost and amount of material used in their construction.

Last, but certainly not the least, is the Fire Department—the importance of which cannot be overstressed. Fire is one of the greatest disasters that can be dealt an air base.

LINEAGE

406th Installations Squadron

STATIONS

RAF Manston, England, 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Cpt Jack Kennedy, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Last year, 1954, the Mansion Fire Department, in competition with U.S.A.F., R.C.A.F. and R.A.F. fire fighting units, was awarded the Allied Firefighters Trophy symbolic of the best in the United Kingdom. The base is indeed fortunate in having such capable firemen to protect it. The section has eight modern and fully equipped fire trucks with over a hundred personnel, including R.A.F. and British civilian personnel, to man them. Air Crash Rescue and runway alert sections also come under the department. They answer calls not only on the base, but in surrounding communities, when requested.

Air Force Order of Battle

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