

655 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

655 Radar Squadron

STATIONS

Watertown, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Robert L. Lister, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

FPS-3; FPS-5; FPS-20/-66; FPS-6 (2); FPS-26A FPS-27; FPS-26A

Jun-52 01-Nov-79

Site located on Dry Hill plateau. BUIC-I site. GATR retained until JSS switchover.

In June 1952 the 655th AC&W Squadron started operating AN/FPS-3 and AN/FPS-5 radars, and assumed coverage previously provided by Lashup site L-6 at Pine Camp. In 1958 this site was operating with AN/FPS-20 search radar and AN/FPS-6 height-finder radar sets, and had joined the SAGE system. A second AN/FPS-6 height-finder radar was added during 1959. In 1961 the search radar was upgraded and redesignated as an AN/FPS-66. One height-finder radar was replaced by an AN/FPS-26A frequency-diverse radar in 1963. In 1964 the AN/FPS-66 was replaced by an AN/FPS-27 frequency-diverse radar. The other AN/FPS-6 height-finder radar was retired also in 1964. The site came under TAC jurisdiction in 1979. The 655th Radar Squadron (SAGE) was deactivated 1 November 1979. The GATR site was retained until the JSS switchover in late 1983 / early 1984.

P-49/Z-49 - Watertown In June 1952 the 655th AC&W Squadron started operating AN/FPS-3 and AN-FPS-5 radars and assumed coverage previously provided by site L-6 at Pine Camp. In 1958 this site was operating with AN/FPS-20 and AN/FPS-6 sets and had joined the SAGE system. A second AN/FPS-6 height-finder radar was added during 1959. In 1961 the search radar was upgraded and redesignated as an AN/FPS-66. A height-finder radar was converted to an AN/FPS-26A in 1963. By 1966 the site operated an AN/FPS-27. The site came under TAC jurisdiction in 1979.

655th Radar Sq (SAGE): assigned 1 Jan 51 at Pine Camp, NY, assigned to the 540th ACFW Gp; moved to Watertown, NY 1 Feb transferred to 32nd AD 6 Feb 52; transferred to 4711th Def Wg 16 Feb 53; transferred to 32nd AD 1 Mar 56; transferred to Syracuse ADS ca. Sep 58; redesignated from AC&W Sq to 655th Radar Sq (SAGE) Feb 59; transferred to Boston ADS 4 Sep 63; transferred to 35th AD 1 Apr 66; reassigned to 21st AD 19 Nov 69; redesignated 655th Radar Sq 1 Feb 74.

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