766 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

766 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron Redesignated 766 Radar Squadron (SAGE)

STATIONS

Limestone AFB, ME, 27 Nov 1950-12 Apr 1951 Caswell, ME

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

1Lt H.C. Griswold, #1955 Cpt Donald W. Thorn #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Caswell AFS, ME

Latitude: 46-58-15 N, Longitude: 067-50-04 W

766 Caswell AFS, ME FPS-10 (2); FPS-8/GPS-3; FPS-7C; FPS-6A (2) FPS-7C; FPS-6A; FPS-26A 1952 01-Jul-80 FPS-7C later became FPS-107. USAF site shared with Army for Nike missile-defense system. A new ARSR-4 FAA-USAF JSS site is now nearby at Caribou, ME.

History of Caswell AFS, ME

During 1952 the 766th AC&W Squadron began operating a pair of AN/FPS-10 radars from this site, and assumed coverage from a closing Lashup site at Limestone (L-50). In 1955 and 1956 an AN-FPS-8/GPS-3 was installed. The AN/GPS-3 remained in service until 1961. In 1957 and 1958 the AN/FPS-IO's were phased out, and two AN/FPS-6A's arrived. Caswell came into the SAGE system in February 1959. In 1961 an ECCM-capable AN/FPS-7C began search duties. An AN/FPS-26 height-finder radar was installed in 1964 (and presumably one of the AN/FPS-6 radars was removed). In 1979 Caswell became a TAC facility. The 766th Radar Squadron was deactivated 1 July 1980.

766th Radar Sq (SAGE): assigned 1 Jan 51 at Limestone, ME, assigned to 540th ACE1W Gp; transferred to 32nd AD 6 Feb 52; moved to Caswell, ME by.1 Feb 52; transferred to 4711th Def Wg 16 Feb 53; transferred to 32nd AD 1 Mar 56; transferred to Bangor ADS 15 Aug 58; redesignated from AWN Sq to 766th Radar Sq. (SAGE) 1 Oct 59; transferred to 36th AD 1 Apr 66; reassigned to 35th AD 15 Sep 69; reassigned to 21st AD 19 Nov 69; redesignated 766 Radar Sq 1

Feb 74.

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