

1264 AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

RAF Bentwaters, England

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Dewit T. Francis, Jr., #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

LAYING runways in the sky—that just about describes the job of the 1264 AACS Squadron at Bentwaters and Detachment I at Woodbridge, members of a devoted world-wide organization which celebrated its 20th anniversary last year.

Tower and local GCA functions are two of the important parts of 1264th AACS Squadron's job, and these are operated on a round-the-clock basis. Activated in 1955, the squadron has set an enviable standard for providing the all-seeing GCA, radar and homing aids.

The 1264 is commanded by Major Dewitt T. Francis Jr., while Detachment I functions under the command of Capt. Wilbur E. Spooner, and many local pilots have reason to thank the vigilance of their GCA crews who have talked them down when bad visibility has blanketed Bentwaters and Woodbridge. The modern equipment used by the 1264th in these talk-downs is far removed from the days when flare pots were set along the runways to guide incoming pilots in bad weather, and with the arrival of the missile and space age, the job of AACS is really just beginning.

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