

# 1625 SUPPORT SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

1625 Support Squadron

## STATIONS

*Croft, Lancs, England, 1956-1959*

*RAF Mildenhall, England, 1 Mar 1959-8 Jan 1966*

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Marvin H Tilghman, 1625th was activated at Burtonwood in July 1954. Its role was the on and off loading of all passengers arriving at and leaving the UK. Also included was the handling of vast quantities of air freight. MATS crews here provided complete

service for all MATS aircraft, from clean linen for the passenger seats to engine changes on the C-124 Globemaster. Tyre checks, wing polishing, passenger handling, maintenance freight loading — all undertaken 24 hours around the clock. In terms of passenger handling the 1625th undertook an awesome task seeing over 260,000 passengers in and out of Burtonwood and shipped in the staggering total of 72 million pounds of freight every twelve months. 200 aircraft a month were handled for this task alone but when fog blanketed many airfields and caused traffic hold ups 1625th once handled 300 aircraft in a 30 day period. Transient personnel and their families were accommodated overnight either at the Transient Hotel on Tech Site or at Croft which was specifically reconstructed as a transit hotel with all the comforts expected.

Saturday 21 February 1959 saw the last aircraft handled by 1625th Support Squadron when flight No A/ 448, C-54 Skymaster 33289 left Burtonwood. A new terminal was built at Mildenhall, Suffolk, as part of a rationalization plan for costs and 1625th moved over there to their new headquarters but undertaking the same role.

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