

2164 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

1264 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 15 Jul 1955

Redesignated 2164 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 2164th Information Systems Squadron, 1 Oct 1984

Redesignated 2164th Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Bentwaters RAF Station (later, RAF Bentwaters), England

ASSIGNMENTS

1821 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later United Kingdom AACS Region; United Kingdom Communications Region)

European Communications Area (later, European Communications Division; European Information Systems Division; European Communications Division), 30 Jun 1972

2147 Communications Group (later, 2147 Information Systems Group; 2147 Information Systems Wing; 2147 Communications Wing), 1 Jan 1980

COMMANDERS

Maj Alex Y. Mutch, 1964

Maj Joe H. Johnson, 15 Dec 1965

Maj John A. Piganell, 8 Aug 1966

Capt Donald J. Trombley, 8 Aug 1969

Maj Robert A. Sundholm, 1 Jul 1973

Maj Edwin N. Sullivan, 1 Aug 1974

Maj Nicholas W. Raffaele, 17 May 1976

Col Richard O. Nordhaus, Jun 1978

Lt Col A. J. Cossa,
Lt Col Alan R. Kunsemiller, 24 Jul 1982
Maj Philip A. Callahan, 24 Jul 1985
Lt Col Harold W. Hosack, Jr., 28 Mar 1986
Lt Col Frank Arnemann, Jr., 18 Jun 1989

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1974-31 Dec 1975
1 Jan 1976-31 Dec 1976
1 Jan 1980-31 Dec 1980
1 Jan 1981-31 Dec 1981

EMBLEM

The 2164 Communications Squadron had its origin in the Airways and Air Communications Service as the 1264 Airways and Air Communications Squadron. This heritage and transition into the Air Force Communications Command is depicted by the double crescent which evolves from signal orange to Air Force blue. The central element of the design is the winged gauntlet which is clearing the sky with a sword, led by lightning bolts. This signifies communications as an active element of the Air Force warfighting mission, while highlighting control of the airways. The five stars trailing in the open sky represent the five separate locations manned by the squadron—Royal Air Force, Bentwaters; Royal Air Force, Woodbridge; Martlesham Heath (Detachment 1); Leipheim Air Base, Germany (OL-A), and Ahlhorn Air Base, Germany (OL-B). The dual-starred shield represents the twin base support given to the 81 Tactical Fighter Wing, the host organization. The diagonal line separating the shield illustrates that the two separate locations act as one. The shield is depicted in the organizational colors of the 81 Tactical Fighter Wing. The world is included to indicate the global aspect of support as part of the Defense Communications System (Det 1).

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OPERATIONS

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