

# 2168<sup>th</sup> COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



## LINEAGE

2168<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron was designated and organized, 1 Apr 1966

Redesignated 2168<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Squadron, 1 Oct 1984

Redesignated 2168<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

## STATIONS

RAF Upper Heyford, England

## ASSIGNMENTS

United Kingdom Communications Region

European Communications Area, 30 Jun 1972

2147<sup>th</sup> Communications Group (later, 2147<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Group; 2147<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Wing; 2147<sup>th</sup> Communications Wing), 1 Jan 1980

## COMMANDERS

LTC Luther G. Cuthrell, 22 Jul 1985

Maj Arch H. Layman, Jr., 29 Jun 1987

Maj Dennis Boone, 18 May 1989

## HONORS

## **Service Streamers**

## **Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Sep 1970-30 Jun 1972

1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1982

## **EMBLEM**

The gauntlet, grasping a lightning flash, represents the responsibility of the unit to relay critical information in support of the 20<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing. The embattled disk represents a fortress wall and indicates the unit's home base in the United Kingdom. The aircraft silhouette signifies the unit's support of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Electronic Combat Squadron. The star reflects the long range, all weather tactical fighter and electronic combat sorties provided by the unit in support of NATO.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

1268th AACSS

2168th Coms

Upper Heyford, England, 1 Nov 1954-25 Mar 1965

On 25 September, the 2168th Communications Squadron, RAF Croughton, was assigned to the 20th TFW.

Eight months after it was assigned to the 20th TFW, the 2168th Communications Squadron was redesignated the 620th Communications Squadron on 1 May 1991.

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The Squadron is divided into three major branches: Communications Operations, Flight Facilities and Maintenance. Communications Operations include electrical message preparation and transmission, base switchboard operations, intrabase radio management, high frequency radio operations and British Post Office commercial telephone liaison duties.

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Control (RAPCON) in order to effectively and safely monitor the Movement of the F-111E aircraft.

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Several smaller sections also contribute much to the mission of Squadron and the Wing. The Plans and Programs Section is responsible for monitoring the installation of all new communications equipment on base. The Administrative Section is responsible for multitude of tasks involving publications, forms and message distribution .



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Major Command history. A Salute to Air Force Communications Command Leaders and Lineage. Office of Air Force Communications Command History. Scott AFB, IL. 1 Oct 1990.