

4215 AIR BASE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

4215 Base Service Squadron

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STATIONS

Limestone AFB, ME, 1 Jul 1950-25 Feb 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

15 June 1950 was set as the date for beginning limited operations at Loring AFB in response to increasing Cold War tensions. On 10 June 1950, 7 SAC officers and 78 SAC airmen, constituting a base detachment, arrived as a tenant unit during construction. The first aircraft, an Oklahoma cargo plane, was received and dispatched on 12 June. The first B-36 arrived and departed on 16 June. On 1 July, the base detachment was designated as the 4215 Base Service Squadron. In light of the

escalating conflict in Korea, it was decided that the base would be permanently assigned 28 officers, 340 airmen, and 20 civilians. By August 1950, more routine transient aircraft began using the base and the first permanently assigned aircraft, a C-47, arrived. By November 1950, the base had 19 officers and 172 airmen. The increased military funding from Congress to support South Korea resulted in the acceleration of construction at Loring AFB in 1951. Eight additional hangars were constructed at the southern end of the runway, and the runway was extended to the north. A weapons storage area was also begun at this time.

General Curtis E. LeMay visited Loring AFB on 8 February 1953 to review progress. He indicated that the base was ready for a bombardment wing assignment and full operations. On 15 February 1953, command of the Limestone facility was transferred from the USACE to SAC. The 4215th Air Base Squadron was inactivated and the personnel were reassigned to the 42nd Bombardment Wing, and the wing was activated and assigned to the 8th Air Force.

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