

55th RECONNAISSANCE TECHNICAL SQUADRON

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55th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron

STATIONS

Topeka AFB, KS

ASSIGNMENTS

55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing

MISSION EQUIPMENT

COMMANDERS

Maj Robert D. Elliott

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The unit ran a photo lab, engineered and maintained camera and photo equipment, and did image analysis, among other things.

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Sources

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STATIONS

Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico

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At the same time, the Hq, 72d Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Heavy, along with subordinate organizations paralleling those in the 55th Wing, were activated. Most of these units were manned only by one officer and one airman, but the 72d Reconnaissance Technical Squadron absorbed all personnel and equipment of the inactivated 55th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron and thus became fully operational at once, attached to the 55th Wing for control.

Later, on September 20, the 55th Air Base Group, with its Operations, Supply, Motor Vehicle, Air Police, Food Service, and Installations Squadrons, and the 55th Medical Group, were reduced to "paper" unit status, and all personnel were absorbed by similarly designated units of the 72d Air Base and 72d Medical Groups. These 72d Wing units were then attached to the 55th Wing for control.

A new commander was appointed for the 55th SRW on October 1st, and the former commander, Col. Alfred F. Kalberer, assumed command of the 72d SRW. Transfer of excess personnel of the 55th Wing to the 72d Wing commenced at this time, bringing the 72d Wing into actual existence for the first time since its arrival at the base. The 55th Wing's headquarters and units began their movement to Forbes AFB, Kansas.

Through October, at staggered intervals, the 55th Wing's headquarters, maintenance units, tactical units, medical group, and computations squadron moved from Ramey AFB. The 55th AB Group remained, in a "paper" unit status. The 2d Crash-Rescue Boat Flight, 14th Air Postal Unit and 522d Air Force Band, unaffected by the movement, were transferred to the 72d AB Group. Base tenant units were also unaffected by the move, merely transferring their support to the new wing. All excess personnel of the 55th Wing units were used by the 72d Wing units in manning themselves.

On October 16th, the 55th AB Group and its Operations, Supply, Motor Vehicle, Air Police, Food Service, and Installations Squadrons were inactivated, and on the 27th, the first two RB-36 aircraft for the 72d SR Wing arrived at Ramey, starting a steady flow of such aircraft to the base.

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STATIONS

DEPLOYED STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

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