

7413 AIR BASE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

7413 Air Base Squadron

STATIONS

Bordeaux-Merignac AB, France

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Flight operations began slowing down in late April as the wing started packing for Laon AB, 400 miles to the northeast. In anticipation of the 126th's departure to its permanent base, the 7413th Air Base Squadron was activated in April to operate Bordeaux-Merignac AB and the units assigned to the Bordeaux region.

New permanent buildings: a BX, mess hall, hospital, and AIO shops were completed in 1955. Base headquarters and base operations buildings were expanded from their 1935 structures. Both large hangars were extensively repaired and used until 1958. By 1956 the base had been vastly improved and lost its tent camp appearance. Many tenant units were based at Bordeaux during the 1950s while the 7413th Air Base Squadron was operating and maintaining the base.

The 7413th Air Base Squadron was expanded to the 7413th Air Base Group in 1954 because of increased mission demands. Bordeaux had become a frequent refueling stop for F-84F and F-100 fighters flying from England to Wheelus AB, Tripoli, for gunnery practice.

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