

# 7511 AIR SUPPORT WING

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

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## STATIONS

Mildenhall, England, 26 Sep 1950-16 May 1951

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

The Mildenhall story is an important chapter in the annals of the Strategic Air Command in much the same way that the SAC mission is an integral " gear " in the machinery of the Air Force.

United States Air Force activity began at Mildenhall in July 1950 when the 93rd Bomb Wing was assigned. During those initial weeks the 93rd performed a dual mission; one being that of fulfilling the operational mission, i.e., scheduled bomber flights, de-briefing, and associated intelligence. The other, but no less important mission, was that of providing their own support. This was a condition which was to last for only a few months.

In September of the same year the first official support organization was assigned. During this period Headquarters 3rd Air Force, London, England, was in command of all SAC activity in the United Kingdom. The first Tactical Bomb Wing Support Organization, then, was the 7511th Air Support Wing, under the jurisdiction of 3rd Air Force. The Commander of 7511th was Lieutenant Colonel Anthony J. Perna. By mid-year 1951, a new command element was organized to assume the responsibilities previously performed by Headquarters 3rd Air Force. The official Air Force designation for this new structure was Seventh Air Division with headquarters also in London. Simultaneous with the establishment of 7th Air Division as a Strategic Air Command Division-level organization, the unit designation for the Mildenhall base was changed to its present title, "3910th Air Base Group".

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