

110th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

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HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

When the Air Guard's 56 officers and 255 airmen were called to active duty in Korea, Adjutant General Dozier asked the National Guard Bureau for a replacement unit. At the time, aircraft control and warning squadrons composed of airmen and officers with radar, radio, electronics and communications skills were badly needed because of the demands of the Korean Conflict. Gen. Dozier was asked to form such a squadron and, on Dec. 11, 1950, the 110th AC&W Squadron was organized at Congaree Air Base under the command of Lt. Col. Gordon C. Hoffman. With a concentrated recruiting effort, the squadron had grown to 14 officers and 194 enlisted men by mid-summer of the following year when word filtered down that the squadron would be called to active duty and probably be sent overseas.

When the 110th was disbanded in 1953, many of its personnel were absorbed into the 157th Fighter Squadron.

"It was cold in the winter and hot as hell in the summer" one Guardsman remembered. The 110th was lumped with Guardsmen from Ohio and Florida and assigned to the 155th Tactical Control Group. They began training immediately for overseas duty.

AC&W squadrons were on the front lines in Korea, vectoring pilots to targets and setting up radio relay stations in remote areas. Because of their forward positions, AC&W squadrons also had an important defensive mission, warning rear echelons of advancing enemy activity. But it also left AC&W units extremely vulnerable and entire outfits were wiped out; others suffered severe losses. In subsequent years, the Vietnam era in particular, Forward Air Controllers (FAC's) assumed much of this responsibility and risks.

After a year at Donaldson, the 110th found out its war service would be in Germany. Its members were deployed throughout Germany and to a few places in France. The primary unit served at Bitberg, Germany. Members of the old 110th served overseas for 9 to 12 months before returning to South Carolina and the 157th Fighter Squadron.

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