

809 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

809 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron activated, 25 Jun 1953
Organized, 1954
Inactivated Nov 1957

STATIONS

Willow Run AFS, MI
Owingsville AFS, KY, 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

30 Air Division
4708 Defense Wing, May 1954
58 Air Division, 1 Mar 1956

COMMANDERS

Maj Frank J. Smyth, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Near the heart of the rich Southern tobacco belt, and on the fringe of the famous Kentucky "blue grass" area is the 809th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, one of the smallest both in physical area and manning. This is a unique radar installation since it is a "split site" with the operational area located atop a hill four miles from the headquarters and troop area. Limited recreational facilities on the small site are supplemented by congenial relationship with civic organizations in nearby Owingsville.

Organized in 1954, the 809th was initially a contingent of the 4708th Air Defense Wing, but was annexed by the 58th Air Division (Defense) in March 1956.

809 Owingsville AFS, KY TPS-1D 1956 1957 Was a "manned gap-filler." Radar type. Slated to become unmanned gap-filler site P-82B; however, it appears that facility was never built. Cantonment area was about 4 miles away from the radar site.

Reportedly, beneficial occupancy was achieved at this Phase I Mobile Radar site in late 1954. Operational status was achieved in 1956. Budget cuts forced closure in 1957. The site was then redesignated as an unmanned gap-filler radar annex (P-82B), but apparently the GFA was never built.

The property formerly known as Owingsville gap filler Annex consisted of two separate sites.

In 1948 the government acquired app 6.48 acres of property in Bath County, which was used as a cantonment area designated as the Owingsville Gap Filler Annex. 6.13 acres were declared excess to GSA in 1985, and conveyed to several private ownerships, including the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the General Telephone Co. A Mr.. The remaining .35 acre was reported as excess to the GSA in May 1961

809th ACW Squadron: activated 25 Jun 53 at Willow Run Airport, MI, as the 30th Air Division; transferred to 4708th Defense Wing in May 54; moved to Owingsville AFS, KY by Dec 54; transferred to 58th Air Division on 1 Mar 56; inactivated Nov 57.

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