# **5<sup>th</sup> TOW TARGET SQUADRON**



# LINEAGE

5<sup>th</sup> Tow Target Squadron

# **STATIONS**

Camp Hulen, Palacios, TX Furstenfeldbruck, Germany Neubiberg AB, Germany, 1954

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

# **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

RB-34A

O-47A

O-46A

B-34

B-26

B-29

## ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

**RB-34A** 

41-38197

AJ-244

O-47A

38-308

O-46A

36-133

B-34

#### ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

#### **UNIT COLORS**

#### **COMMANDERS**

LTC Vernon H. Reeves

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers** 

**Campaign Streamers** 

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers** 

**Decorations** 

**EMBLEM** 

**EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE** 

**MOTTO** 

**NICKNAME** 

#### **OPERATIONS**

Mission of the squadron was to provide aerial support for radar tracking and A.A.A. firing for all twenty U.S. Army A.A.A. Battalions in Europe, and four Battalions in England.

B-26 Towing

B-29 Radar tracking

The B-29's were being phased out and by early 1954, the squadron was using B-26's exclusively.

In June, 1954, the squadron moved from Fursty to Neubiberg, and a year later, Detchment Two was organized at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, for air-to-air rocketry training using B-29. Due to the distance from Squadron H.Q., at Neubiberg, and the different type of mission Detachment Two was performing, the Detachment became a seperate squadron in January, 1956.

HQ, Neubiberg Flight C, Bremen, Germany Detchment 1,Sculthorpe, England

430824, RB-34A, 41-38197, LAC Debriyn, Raymond J, Aloe AAF, at Victoria, TX 430923, RB-34A, AJ-244, LACMF, Weber, Edward D, Palacios, TX 430224, O-47A, 38-308, MACOB, Zupan, Albert A, Palacios, TX

# 430329, O-46A, 36-133, Barksdale Field, LA, LAC, Cogswell, James K., at Camp Wallace, TX 430223, B-34, AJ-244, TACMF, Anderson, John D Jr., Palacios, TX

| 430824 | RB-34A | 41-38197 | 5 Tow<br>Target | Palacios<br>AAF                      | LAC   | Debriyn,<br>Raymond<br>J | Aloe AAF,<br>Victoria,<br>TX         |
|--------|--------|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 430923 | RB-34A | AJ-244   | 5 Tow<br>Target | Palacios,<br>TX                      | LACMF | Weber,<br>Edward D       | AAB,<br>Palacios,<br>TX              |
| 430224 | O-47A  | 38-308   | 5 Tow Tgt       | AAB, Mun<br>Arpt,<br>Palacios,<br>TX | МАСОВ | Zupan,<br>Albert A       | AAB, Mun<br>Arpt,<br>Palacios,<br>TX |
| 430329 | O-46A  | 36-133   | 5 Tow Tgt       | Barksdale<br>Field, LA               | LAC   | Cogswell,<br>James K     | Camp<br>Wallace,<br>TX               |

| 430223 B-34 | 34 AJ-244 | 5 TTS | Mun Arpt,<br>Palacios,<br>TX | TACMF | Anderson,<br>John D Jr | Mun Arpt,<br>Palacios,<br>TX |
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| 440509 | RA-24B | 42-54307 | 5TTDet | Paladios<br>AAB,<br>Paladios,<br>TX   | LACGL | Lane,<br>William J     | Petterson<br>Field,<br>Colorado<br>Springs,<br>CO |
|--------|--------|----------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|---|
| 440303 | L-4A   | 42-36458 | 5TTS   | Palacios<br>AAF,<br>Palacios,<br>TX   | LACW  | Brennan,<br>Peter T    | Indianola,<br>TX                                  |
| 431112 | RB-34A | 41-38023 | 5TTSq  | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                   | TOA   | Stone,<br>Lynn E       | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                               |
| 431122 | R-37   | AJ-437   | 5TTSq  | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                   | LAC   | Pruitt,<br>George V    | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                               |
| 431123 | AT-25A | 42-79840 | 5TTSq  | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                   | TACNU | Wade,<br>James D<br>Jr | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                               |
| 431209 | UC-78  | 42-58415 | 5TTSq  | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                   | BOoG  | Fowler,<br>Ward R      | 7.5 mi NW<br>of<br>Caldwell,<br>TX                |
| 431221 | RA-25A | 42-79842 | 5TTSq  | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                   | LAC   | Grothe,<br>Walter R    | Palacios<br>AAB, TX                               |
| 420701 | A-20C  | 42-38361 | 5TTSq  | Ellington<br>Field,<br>Houston,<br>TX | TAC   | Jennings,<br>Hiram S   | Palacious,<br>TX                                  |
| 420701 | A-20C  | 41-19640 | 5TTSq  | Ellington<br>Field,<br>Houston,<br>TX | TAC   | (parked aircraft)      | Palacious,<br>TX                                  |

| 420713 | B-10BM | 34-43    | 5TTSq | Ellington<br>Field,<br>Houston,<br>TX | LACMF | Scott, Ray          | Ellington<br>Field, TX                        |
|--------|--------|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---|
| 420910 | C-43C  | 42-38243 | 5TTSq | Ellington<br>Field, TX                | LACNU | Case,<br>Rodolph    | Ellington<br>Field, TX                        |
| 420926 | L-3B   | 42-14719 | 5TTSq | Ellington<br>Field, TX                | TOA   | Case,<br>Rodolph    | Cyprus,<br>TX                                 |
| 421012 | A-20C  | 41-19640 | 5TTSq | Ellington<br>Field, TX                | KFLEF | Scott, Ray          | 34 mi E,<br>Camp<br>Hulen,<br>Palacios,<br>TX |
| 421203 | B-34   | AJ-291   | 5TTSq | Palacious<br>AAF, TX                  | TOAEF | Cummins,<br>Frank R | Muni<br>Airport,<br>Palacious,<br>TX          |





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