

MOBILE RECLAMATION AND REPAIR

Because of the large number of battle-damaged and crashed bombers landing away from home bases in the United Kingdom, the Mobile R & R Squadron was developed. It was organized to be completely mobile, self-sufficient, and equipped to perform on site repairs at various locations. In the IX Air Force Service Command, a Mobile R & R Squadron was assigned to each Service Group and its units were split up between the two Service Teams, its headquarters remaining with headquarters of the Service Group. This Squadron was later divided evenly between the two Service Teams. On the Continent, a Mobile R & R Squadron was attached to each Army to provide supply and maintenance for the 300 liaison type aircraft serving with each Army. This organization proved to be one of the most valuable service organizations in the invasion Air Force and was used for innumerable purposes not anticipated in the original troop basis, such as for glider and aircraft assembly. These squadrons gave to the Command much of its flexibility.¹

¹ Unit History, *The Ninth Air Force Service Command in the European Theater of Operations, a Pictorial Review*, The Air Force Aid Society, 1945.