

425th AIR SERVICE GROUP
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
MOLESWORTH, ENGLAND
Established 15 April 1945

In the spring of 1945, the conflict between the Bomber and Service Commands was resolved by the 8th Air Force Headquarters. On 1 April 1945 they established Air Service Groups on each 8th Air Force Bombardment Group Station. These Air Service Groups became part of Bomber Command and reported both functionally and administratively to the Bombardment Group Commanding Officer. All of the non-combat organizations on the bomber bases were assimilated by the new Air Service Group Organizations. All personnel and former outfits on the bomber bases, including some Officers and Enlisted Men from the bomber organizations, were transferred into the new Air Service Group and its Headquarters, Air Material and Air Engineering Squadrons. The war fortunately ended before there was much chance to see how well the new setup would actually work. 425" Air Service Group - Molesworth, England

The 425th Air Service Group at Molesworth was established on 15 April 1945. Major **Benjamin B. Ramsey**, the original 303 d BG(H) S-4 Officer, and later Commanding Officer of the 444th Sub-Depot, was named Commanding Officer of the 425th Air Service Group. The 425th ASG was organized with 523 men as follows:

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>EMs</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>
HQ & Base Service Sq	20	227	Maj Benjamin B. Ramsey
575th Air Material Sq	6	127	Capt Joseph T. Freedman
851st Air Engineering Sq.	<u>6</u>	<u>237</u>	Maj Melvin T. McCoy
Total 425th ASG	32	591	

The following Organizations were inactivated when the 425th ASG was established:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>
444th Sub-Depot (1) (MAJ battle damage repairs) (4)	MAJ Benjamin B. Ramsey MAJ Melvin T. McCoy MAJ Roland M. Cowan
3rd Station Complement Squadron (2) (Base maintenance-buildings, runways, utilities and communications, control tower, Barber and tailor shops, gym, showers, etc.)	
1681st Ordnance S&M Company (3) (Supply bombs and ammunition to Squadrons. Maintain base vehicles and bicycles, guns and flak suits)	Capt John K. Kass
1199th Military Police Company (2) (Traffic control, gate guards, patrol and guard aircraft, honor guards)	1Lt Francis R. Gorman
863rd Chemical Company (Handling incendiaries and sky markers)	1Lt Cosby D. Thomas
18th Weather Squadron - Detach No. 107 (2) (Weather forecasters, briefings, local weather conditions)	1Lt Walter J. Saucier

2097th Engineers Fire-Fighting Platoon

(Prevent and extinguish fires-aircraft, vehicles, buildings, etc.)

1Lt Arnold E. Dreager

1114th Quartermaster Company (3)

(Base clothing, groceries, coke and coal for quarters, laundry, shoe repair, gasoline, lend-lease supplies)

Capt Edwin B. Barry

202nd Finance Section (2)

(Paymaster, vouchers for supplies, etc.)

Maj Norman Johnson

8th Air Force Dental Det. (At Large) (2)

Capt Newton B. Schulman

249th Medical Dispensary (2)

Capt William F. Geringer

Capt David J. Luther

New Assignments: (1) 425th Air Service Group

(2) HQ. and Base Sv. Squadron., 425th ASG

(3) 575th Air Material Squadron., 425th ASG

(4) 851st Air Engineering Squadron., 425th ASG