

406th MOTOR VEHICLE SQUADRON

MISSION

The 406th Motor Vehicle Squadron mission is the operation of the Base Motor Pool. Within the motor pool, all vehicles and motorized equipment assigned to the base are dispatched for the use of other squadrons on the base.

There, too, is found the Base Drivers' School, which is noted as one of the best in the United Kingdom. Under the supervision of a highly-trained driving instructor, all new drivers must undergo a comprehensive course of instruction and a series of rigorous tests before they are granted a license. Drivers from other U.K. bases also attend the school.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the school is its close co-operation with the Kent County Constabulary Traffic Division, which advises the school on those problems peculiar to Britain and British Road Laws. Each class, before graduating, makes a field trip to the Police Driving School to observe the methods and training aids used by the police in training their own drivers. The motor pool also operates a very efficient base taxi service, which includes jeeps, weapon carriers and larger trucks. All vehicles used by taxi service are maintained and operated separate from the motor pool and are manned entirely by British civilians. Before the start of the taxi service, vehicles were assigned to various units on the base on a more or less permanent status, with each unit furnishing its own driver. This prevented an effective utilization of vehicles since many of them sat idle throughout the day. Now, the vehicles are on call for dispatch when needed, with a subsequent savings in personnel and equipment.

Another important section of the squadron is the automotive maintenance shop where all vehicles, including ground power units, are repaired and kept in good condition. Periodic and major inspections and maintenance are also performed there. Sub-sections of the maintenance shop are the machine, welding, body, paint, upholstery and electrical shops.

LINEAGE

406th Motor Vehicle Squadron

STATIONS

RAF Manston, England, 1955

ASSIGNMENTS**COMMANDERS**

Maj James W. Reed, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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