

6937 SECURITY FLIGHT

MISSION

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STATIONS

Rhein Main AB, West Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

About 19 August 1955, a USAFSS team (four officers and 29 enlisted) traveled to West Pakistan to conduct a site survey.

NSA would have loved to activate an intercept site immediately at Peshawar—only 150 miles from the Soviet border—but diplomacy and infrastructure development dragged on for two and one half years. Creating essential facilities was the main impediment. In July 1958, the 6937th

Security Flight was activated at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, and designated Capt. Luther A. Tarbox the flight's commander. The 6937th Security Flight was not an operational unit at Rhein-Main; rather, it served as a focal point for a small cadre of personnel and equipment destined for Peshawar. Under Project Sandbox, Capt. Tarbox was charged with marshalling the intercept equipment at Rhein-Main for shipment to Pakistan.

He arranged to airlift the 6937th SF personnel and equipment— some 20 planeloads, including mobile intercept positions in H-1 vans—to Peshawar during the summer of 1958. Gathering and shipping the airmen and materials was a secondary task for Capt. Tarbox; he remained in Germany.

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16 AF/HO has no information on this unit.