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HEADQUARTERS AIR TRAINING COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION RANDOLPH AFB, TEXAS

Established as 1st AACS Wing, 14 May 1948; organized at Langley AFB, Virginia, 1 June 1948 and assigned to Airways and Air Communications Service (later, Air Force Communications Service); redesignated 1800th AACS Wing, 1 October 1948; moved to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, 10 March 1949; redesignated Continental AACS Area, 1 November 1957; redesignated AACS Continental Systems Region, 1 June 1961; redesignated Continental Systems Region, 1 July 1961; discontinued and inactivated, 1 July 1963. Consolidated (10 February 1981) with Central Communications Region (established as Central Communications Region and activated, 17 December 1962 and assigned to Air Force Communications Service; organized at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, 1 July 1963; inactivated, 1 May 1970) and Northern Communications Area (established as Northern Communications Area, 12 March 1970; activated at Griffiss AFB, New York, 1 May 1970 and assigned to Air Force Communications Service (later, Air Force

Communications Command)). The consolidated establishment redesignated Continental Communications Division, 1 June 1981. Continental Communications Division inactivated 1 January 1986 and HQ Air Training Information Systems Division activated at Randolph AFB, Texas. Headquarters Air Training Information Systems Division redesignated HQ Air Training Communications Division on 1 November 1986.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES: With a major reorganization of the Air Force's base unit system in 1948 which replaced Air Force base units with table of distribution major command-controlled units, the 1st (soon redesignated 1800th) AACS Wing came into being to provide communications and navigational aids in the United States through its assigned groups, each of which controlled numerous squadrons and detachments. In January 1949, facility checking was added to the wing mission and in October 1956 flight service was added—although the latter responsibility passed to the Federal Aviation Agency between December 1960 and March 1961. In November 1957 the wing reorganized as an area and its groups became regions. In June 1961 the area was reorganized and redesignated as AACS Continental Systems Region, later changed to Continental Systems Region on 1 July 1961, when AACS became Air Force Communications Service. The region operated and maintained terminal air traffic control and navigational aids needed for the Air Force's all-weather flying mission and operated United States portions of the USAF Communications complex.

In April 1963, in preparation for its replacement in July by the Central Communications Region, the Continental Systems Region began converting to the operation of more normal communications within a specific geographical area. The Central Communications Region provided communications, telecommunications, and air traffic control services in support of the USAF and other governmental agencies in the central United States. On 1 May 1970, in a major reorganization of communications in the United States, the region was absorbed by the Southern and Northern Communications Areas.

The two new areas were formed as part of an Air Force effort to reduce total overhead costs, with three former AFCS and three former GEEIA regions in the United States being reorganized into the two new areas on a geographical basis. The Northern Communications Area (NCA) absorbed all communications and engineering-installation units in the northern United States and in the North Atlantic geographical areas. Initially, control was exercised through detachments of the NCA headquarters (example: The former Eastern Communications Region became, in effect, Detachment 1 of HQ NCA), but after a few months the new area headquarters at Griffiss AFB exercised full control over all of its components and the detachments discontinued.

Besides engineering and installing communications electronics (CE) equipment and operating and maintaining communications, navigational aids, and an air traffic control function, the area also gained CE engineering responsibility for Alaska in 1974, and for western Europe and the Middle East in 1975.

The Northern Communications Area provided limited service—generally air traffic control functions—at SAC bases. On 1 July 1976 the Strategic Communications Area was established, and 17 of NCA's squadrons were transferred to the new area, or inactivated. This greatly reduced the scope of NCA responsibility. Base closures and transfers to other agencies further reduced the area's responsibility between 1970 and 1980. But on 1 January 1976 NCA gained control over the 1836th Electronics Engineering Squadron, a unit of the European Communications Area, in order to better fulfill its CE engineering responsibilities in the European area. On 1 July 1980 the squadron became the headquarters unit of a new 1836th Engineering Installation Group,

while earlier, on 1 October 1977, AFCS assumed ground maintenance Service for CE equipment of the Air Weather Service, with NCA gaining some responsibility in the shift. Effective 10 February 1981 the Continental Systems Region, Central Communications Region, and Northern Communications Area consolidated as a single establishment which, on 1 June 1981, was redesignated Continental Communications Division.

Col Anthony G. Hunter, 1 Jun 1948
Col Bruce H. Perry, 8 Jun 1951
Brig Gen Thomas L. Bryan, Jr., 19 Aug 1951
Col Samuel A. Mundell, 10 May 1955
Col J. Francis Taylor, Jr., 15 Aug 1956
Col Algene E. Key, 9 Mar 1959
Col Harry A. French, 2 Jul 1959
Col Glenn C. Coleman (Interim), 1 Jun 1961
Col Frank T. West, 23 Jun 1961
Col Harry G. Dalton, 1 Dec 1962
Col William T. Judkins, 29 Apr 1963
Col Albert H. Snider, 1 Jul 1963
Col Harold L. Hughes, 1 Dec 1964
Col John T. Ford, 30 Aug 1968
Col Wallace J. Jarmon, 1 Feb 1970
Col Robert P. Baumann, Jr., 1 May 1970
Col William R. Sullivan, 15 Jun 1970
Col Robert E. Sadler, 9 Jul 1971
Brig Gen Kenneth P. Miles, 18 Aug 1972
Brig Gen Rupert H. Burns, 16 Jul 1974
Brig Gen William R. Yost, 2 Jul 1975
Brig Gen Charles B. Jiggetts, 10 Jul 1976
Brig Gen Richard W. Pryor, 7 Jun 1979
Col Robert O. Petty, 1 Jun 1981
Col Glenn G. Giddings, Jr., 1 Jul 1982
Col Edward R. Carwise, 19 Mar 1985
Col Theodore E. Vitori (Interim), 1 Dec 1985
Col Kenneth R. Reiff, 1 Jan 1968
Col Jan P. Huggins, 19 Jun 1987
Col Robert M. Chaplin, 24 Aug 1990

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