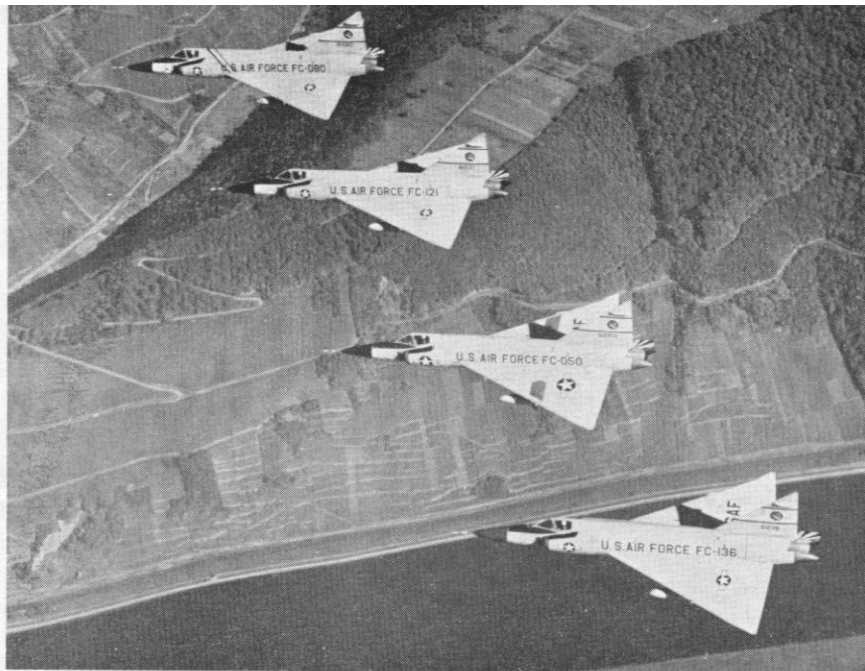


## U.S.A.F.E. Tac. Recon. changes

THE EXPANSION AND reorganisation programme of U.S.A.F. tactical reconnaissance forces has brought about a number of changes affecting European-based units. Until this spring these forces consisted of four RF-101 squadrons on the Continent under the 66th Tac. Recon. Wing and four RB-66 squadrons, two in the U.K. and two in France, under the 10th Tac. Recon. Wing. On 1st July the 26th TRW was activated at Toul-Rosieres, at first controlling the RB-66-equipped 19th Tac. Recon. Sqdn., but eventually the 22nd TRS (a new unit formed on the base) and the 32nd TRS (which will move from the 66th TRW) both equipped with RF-4C Phantoms. The 19th TRS will move to Chambley and join the other ex-10th TRW RB-66 unit, the 42nd TRS, in another newly formed wing, currently the 25th Tac. Recon. Group. This will leave the 10th TRW at Alconbury with two RF-4C squadrons (1st and 30th), and the 66th TRW with two squadrons at Laon (17th and 18th) and one at Ramstein (38th) with RF-101s. The 26th TRW was under the operational control of the 3rd Air Force in the U.K. until 1st September when the 17th Air Force—which controls the other continental units—took over.

The 10th TRW has been in Europe



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since 1952 and its lineal forebear, the 10th Tac. Recon. Group, fought with the A.E.A.F. during World War II using Mustangs and Lightnings. The 66th TRW came to Europe in 1953 and, like the 26th TRW, its historical ancestor of World War II was a training unit. The 26th TRW is,

however, also descended from the 5th Photo Recon. Group which operated Lightnings from Italy with the U.S. 15th A.A.F. The 25th Recon. Group of World War II flew Mosquitoes and Fortresses on reconnaissance from Watton in Norfolk.—  
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