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In the following years, several aircraft made their first appearance at RAF Mildenhall, as they called the base home for a short period of time. In April 1952, the RB-29s, reconnaissance variant, was stationed at RAF Mildenhall with the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. It first used RAF Mildenhall for its RB-50s and RB-29s. In September 1952, RAF Mildenhall received its first KB-29 when the headquarters and maintenance of the 2 BW returned to RAF Mildenhall to service B-50s and KB-29s. The KB-29s were the first USAF tankers to operate out of RAF Mildenhall. By this time, the USAF began to replace the B-29 and B-50 variants with newer aircraft.



*From left to right:  
55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing  
and the 2nd Bombardment Wing*