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In June 1953, the first KC-97E Stratotankers moved to RAF Mildenhall. They were tankers of the 306th Air Refueling Squadron from the 306th Wing. The mission of the new tankers was to KC-97L Stratotanker provide air refueling support to the new B-47 Stratojet based at RAF Fairford. This was a first time for both aircraft at each base.



*KC-97L Stratotanker*