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In 1976, the European Tanker Task Force (ETTF) mission operated by the 306th Strategic Wing (SW) began. Under this concept, deployed KC-135 Stratotankers at RAF Mildenhall would rotate from two other bases, Zaragoza Air Base, Spain, and Hellenikon Air Base, Greece, to provide air refueling support. Later that same year, on December 1, 1976, RAF Mildenhall became the main European tanker base when Detachment 1 of the 98 SW inactivated at Torrejon AFB, Spain.



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