

No. 414 Squadron RCAF

No. 414 Squadron RCAF is a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron. It is currently located in Ottawa and conducts electronic warfare support training for other units in the Canadian Armed Forces

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History

World War II

On 13 August 1941, No 414 Army Co-operation Squadron was formed at RAF Croydon, England, flying Lysander and Curtis Tomahawk aircraft. On 28 June 1943 the squadron's name was changed to 414 Fighter Reconnaissance Squadron to reflect its role. Throughout the Second World War the squadron was based at numerous airfields in England and in continental Europe flying Spitfire and Mustang aircraft. During this period, the squadron provided photo reconnaissance, intelligence and ground attacks for both the Dieppe Raid and the allied Invasion of Europe. It accounted for 29 enemy aircraft destroyed and 11 damaged, 76 locomotives and 12 naval vessels destroyed. After the war ended, the squadron disbanded at Lüneburg, Germany on 7 August 1945.

Postwar

On 1 April 1947, No 414 Photographic Squadron was reformed at RCAF Station Rockcliffe. The squadron used the Douglas Dakota to photograph 323,754 square miles (838,520 km²) of Canada's North. When this task was completed it was disbanded on 1 November 1950.

On 1 November 1952 No 414 Fighter Squadron reformed at RCAF Station Bagotville. The following summer on 24 August 1953 as part of "Leap Frog IV" the squadron moved to 4 Wing Baden-Soellingen flying the Mark IV Sabre. Four years later on 14 July 1957 the Squadron disbanded to make room for the arrival of 419 Squadron flying the CF-100.

On 5 August 1957, the squadron reformed at RCAF Station North Bay where it operated as an all-weather fighter squadron flying the CF-100 Canuck and the CF-101 Voodoo until 30 June 1964 when it was disbanded once more.

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Squadron badge

Active	13 August 1941 – 7 August 1945 1 April 1947 – 1 November 1950 1 November 1952 – 14 July 1957 5 August 1957 – 30 June 1964 15 September 1967 – 2002 20 January 2009 –
Country	 Canada
Branch	Canadian Forces Air Command Royal Canadian Air Force
Part of	3 Wing Bagotville
Garrison/HQ	Ottawa
Motto(s)	<i>Totis Viribus</i> latin: "With all our might"
Battle honours	Defence of Britain 1942-43 Fortress Europe 1942-44

The squadron then reformed on 15 September 1967 at RCAF Station St Hubertin in its new role as an electronic warfare squadron flying the CF-100. In August 1972 the squadron moved to CFB North Bay where it remained for the next twenty years flying the CF-100, CC-117 and EF-101. In 1992 the squadron was split into two parts with one part going to CFB Comox as No 414 Composite Squadron and the other part going to CFB Greenwood as 434 Composite Squadron. In 1993 the squadron changed its name to No 414 Combat Support Squadron when it was equipped with the CT-133 Silver Star. The Squadron was disbanded in 2002 when its duties were contracted out to a civilian company

On 7 December 2007 approval was received for the squadron to stand up once more, this time as 414 EWS (Electronic Warfare Support) Squadron. Belonging to 3 Wing Bagotville, the squadron is based in Ottawa and is composed of military Electronic Warfare Officers who fulfill the combat support role, flying on civilian contracted aircraft.^[1]

The squadron was re-formed at Gatineau Airport, Quebec, on 20 January 2009 to operate the Dassault/Dornier Alpha Jet provided by Discovery Air Defence Services.^[2]

Badges



CF-100 badge worn by 414 Squadron crews in the 1970s and 80s

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Germany 1944-
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Normandy 1944,
Arnhem,
Rhine,
Biscay 1943

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414 Squadron Canadair Sabre 4 in 1954

