

RAE FAIRFORD - The latest detachment of B-52Hs arrived from the 2BW at Barksdale on 21.2 as part of NATO's build up preparations for Kosovo. Arrivals 21.2 were (gold = 11BS blue = 20BS and red = 96BS):

60-0022/LA (red) "Havoc 01" 60-0010/LA (red) "Havoc 02" 60-0059/LA/96BMS (red) "Havoc 03"

60-0020/LA/20BMS (blue) "Havoc 04" 60-0049/LA (blue) "Havoc 05" 61-0016/LA (gold) "Havoc 07"

61-0031/LA (gold) "Havoc 08"

A further example 60-0016/- u/m arrived 22.2 "Havoc 11"

A nine hour training mission by seven of the detachment (all except 60-0016/-) was undertaken on 9.3, all were still present on 13.3.

Providing support for the detachment's arrival were:

21.2 C-5B 60 AMW 87-0028 "Reach 7028" plus 84-0060 "Reach 4060"

23.2 C-5B 60 AMW 84-0060

Visiting on 25.2 was C-21A 84-0112 86 AW 76 AS.

Arriving 10.3 on a Global Power Mission was B-2A 82-1067/WM 509 BW `Spirit of Arizona` "Czar 11" It departed as "Czar 12" accompanied by F-15Es 91-0317/LN plus one 48 FW 494 FS.

RAF FAIRFORD - The base has been heavily involved in NATO's bombing campaign of Serbia/Kosovo from the first night of operations, as seen by watching the television news reports including one report on board a B-52 when the cruise missiles were fired. Reported in MAR 136 were details of the Barksdale B-52Hs which arrived 21.2. Detailed below are all the known aircraft to have been present from 21.2 with arrival and departure dates:

B-52H

2 BW "LA" from Barksdale AFB

60-0010/LA r	96 BS	arr 21.2 "Havoc 02"	dept 30.3 "Amuse 11"	
60-0011/LA/11BMS gold	11BS	arr 9.4 "Jambo 52"		
60-0014/- u/m		arr 27.3 "Laser 12"	believed to have dept 29.3	
60-0016/- u/m		arr 22.2 "Havoc 11"	dept 26.3	returned 9.4 "Doom 51"
60-0020/LA/20BMS bl	20 BS	arr 21.2 "Havoc 04"	dept 9.4	
60-0022/LA r	96 BS	arr 21.2 "Havoc 01"	dept 26.3	
60-0049/LA bl	20 BS	arr 21.2 "Havoc 05"	dept 26.3	
60-0052/LA r	96 BS	arr 28.3 "Artic 12"		
60-0059/LA/96BMS r	96 BS	arr 21.2 "Havoc 03"		
61-0016/LA gold	11 BS	arr 21.2 "Havoc 07"		
61-0020/LA r	96 BS	arr 27.3 "Laser 11"	dept 10.4	
61-0023/LA bl	20 BS	arr 28.3 "Artic 11"	dept 9.4	
61-0031/LA gold	11 BS	arr 21.2 "Havoc 08"	dept 26.3	

5 BW "MT" from Minot AFB

60-0009/MT r	23 BS	arr 29.3 "Erwin 11"	
60-0033/MT r	23 BS	arr 27.3 "Laser 13"	believed to have dept 29.3
60-0044/MT r	23 BS	arr 29.3 "Erwin 22"	
60-0051/MT r	23 BS	arr 29.3 "Erwin 33"	dept 1.4

The base received further US bombers when five B-1Bs arrived 1.4 from the 28 BW

B-1B

28 BW "EL" from Ellsworth AFB (all arrived 1.4 and were still present 9.4)

85-0073/EL y 37 BS	85-0075/EL y 37 BS	85-0083/EL y 37BS	85-0091/EL y 37 BS	86-0102/EL gold
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An unmarked example 85-0074/- from the 28 BW arrived 8.4 "Razor 01"

Visitors noted include:

March

31	61-0277/MO	KC-135R	366 Wg 22 ARS n/s
	84-0062	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 4062" n/s
	85-0006	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 5006" n/s

April

02	87-0040	C-5B	60 AMW
	87-0044	C-5B	60 AMW
08	70-0453	C-5A	u/m n/s

RAF FAIRFORD - Movements noted recently include:

April

02	87-0040	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 7040" n/s	12	83-0500	C-20A	86 AW 76 AS "Spar 66"
	87-0044	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 7044" n/s		87-0028	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 414" n/s
06	84-0087	C-21A	86 AW 76 AS "Spar 94"	18	92-0375	C-20H	89 AW 1 AS "SAM375"
07	(69-5784)	MH-53J	20 SOS "Pave 99"		87-0036	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 337"
08	70-0453	C-5A	n/n "Reach 411" n/s	23	N95	C-29A	FAA "F Check 95"
09	85-0002	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 412"	25	87-0037	C-5B	436 AW "Reach 205"
			dep 11th	29	64-0645	C-141B	459 AW "Reach 4645"
					60-0345	KC-135T	92 ARW y "Earl 81"
11	87-0028	C-5B	60 AMW "Reach 413"				

May

01	96-1007/MN	C-130H	109 AS MN ANG	08	97-0047	C-17A	437 AW
04	97-0041	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 373" + 6th		66-0201	C-141B	AFRC "Reach 6201"
05	90-0534	C-17A	437 AW		70-0458	C-5A	AFRC 68 AS
06	96-0003	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 372"		90-0535	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 371"

The MH-53J on the 7th was on a photo sortie taking aerial photos of the flight lines while the C-29A on the 23rd checked the ILS and new approach lighting.

Continuing on from MAR 137/154 the details regarding the deployed aircraft are as follows (commencing 10.4)

B-1B EL 28BW 77BS (note BS - change from April issue)

85-0073/EL	(10.4) dep 26.4 "Razor 11"	85-0075/EL	(10.4) dep 22.4?
85-0083/EL	(10.4) still present 15.5	85-0091/EL	(10.4) still present 15.5
86-0102/EL	(10.4) still present 15.5 37 BS	85-0074/-	(10.4) still present 15.5
New arrivals			
86-0097/EL	24.4 "Razor 05" still present 15.5	86-0129/EL	f/n 15.5

B-52H LA 2BW (11 BS g, 20 BS bl, 96 BS r)

60-0011/LA 11BMS (10.4) dep 18.4 "Gamut11" returned 1.5 "Tiger" still present 15.5

60-0016/- (10.4) dep 17.4 "Hoyle11"

60-0059/LA 96BMS (10.4) dep 17.4 "Hoyle12"

New arrivals

60-0020/LA bl 20BMS arr 1.5 "Tiger 31" still present 15.5

60-0062/LA bl arr 3.5 "Tiger 01" still present 15.5

61-0011/LA 11BMS g arr 1.5 "Tiger" dep 9.5 "Area 51"

61-0023/LA bl arr 1.5 "Tiger" still present 15.5

B-52H MT 5BW 23BS

60-0009/MT r (10.4) still present 15.5

New arrivals

60-0018/- arr 1.5 "Nappy 21" still present 15.5

KC-135R MO 366WG 22ARS

59-1498/MO arr 16.4 "Blue12"

62-3513/MO arr 16.4 "Gold 03"

63-8004/MO arr 16.4 "Blue 11"

60-0052/LA r (10.4) still present 15.5

61-0016/LA g (10.4) still present 15.5

60-0049/LA bl arr (4.5) still present 15.5

61-0002/LA 2OG bl arr 1.5 "Tiger 41" still present 15.5

61-0020/LA r arr 1.5 "Tiger 51" still present 15.5

61-0039/LA g arr 8.5 "Tiger 01" still present 15.5

60-0044/MT r (10.4) dep 17.4 "Binge21"

60-0033/MT r arr 1.5 "Nappy 11" still present 15.5

61-0277/MO arr 12.4 "Bobby 51"

62-3572/MO arr 15.4 "Aspen 21"

all still present 15.5

RAF FAIRFORD - Movements for May were (including some additions to the report in MAR 138):

01	64-0533/RS	C-130E	86 AW 37 AS "Herky 748"	12	66-0196	C-141B	305 AMW
	64-0550/RS	C-130E	86 AW 37 AS "Herky 749"		95-0104	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 414"
	96-1007/MN	C-130H	109 AS MN ANG "Jago 05"	13	96-0002	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 6002"
	-	C-17A		15	86-0011	C-5B	436 AW
02	-	C-21A	86 AW 76 AS "Spar 95"	16	58-0108	KC-135E	314 ARS AFRC "Quid 40"
04	96-0003	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 372"	17	66-0152	C-141B	730 AS "Reach 6152"
	97-0041	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 373"	18	63-8031	KC-135R	19 ARG "Quid 41"
05	90-0534	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 345"	19	63-8082	C-141B	62 AW
	92-3293	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 375"		63-7808	C-130E	463 AG 61 AS
08	66-0201	C-141B	729 AS AFRC "Reach 6201"	20	67-0167	C-5A	439 AW AFRC
	97-0047	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 370"	27	165159	C-130T	VR-54 "JM658"
	70-0535	C-17A	437 AW "Reach 371"	29	86-0012	C-5B	60 AW "Reach 691"
09	70-0458	C-5A	436 AW	30	61-0299	KC-135R	6 ARW "Quid 43"

Changes to the three detachments operating from here since the last report in MAR 138 are as follows:

B-1B EL 28BW 77BS

Arrivals	27.05	85-0075/EL "Razor 11"	04.06	86-0104/- ("Razor 11")		
Departures	04.06?	85-0083/EL l/n 27.5	20.05?	86-0102/EL l/n 15.5	.06?	85-0074/- l/n 5.6
Present at the end of the bombing missions on 10.6 were			85-0075/EL	85-0091/EL	86-0097/EL	86-0104/- 86-0129/EL

B-52H LA 2BW

Arrivals	18.05	60-0043/LA bl "Tiger 01"	26.05	60-0037/- "Tiger 01"	03.06	60-0046/LA bl "Tiger 01"
Departures - actual dates not confirmed			60-0049/LA bl l/n 3.6		60-0052/LA r l/n 26.5	
		61-0016/LA y l/n 27.5	61-0020/LA r l/n 18.5		61-0023/LA bl l/n 3.6	
Still present 10.6 -	60-0011/LA	60-0020/LA	60-0037/-	60-0043/LA	60-0046/LA	60-0062/LA 61-0002/LA 61-0039/LA

B-52H MT 5BW 23BS

Arrivals	03.06	60-0051/MT r "Blue 01"	Departures	60-0009/MT r l/n 26.5
Still present 10.6 -	60-0018/-	60-0033/MT	60-0051/MT	

KC-135R MO 366WG 22ARS

Arrivals	29.05	63-8875/MO 22 ARS "Aspen 11"		
Departures	61-0277/MO	to Mildenhall by 21.5 for maintenance returning after 6.6	63-8875/MO 22ARS	l/n 6.6
Noted 10.6 were -	59-1498/MO	61-0277/MO	62-3513/MO	62-3572/MO 63-8004/MO l/n 3.6