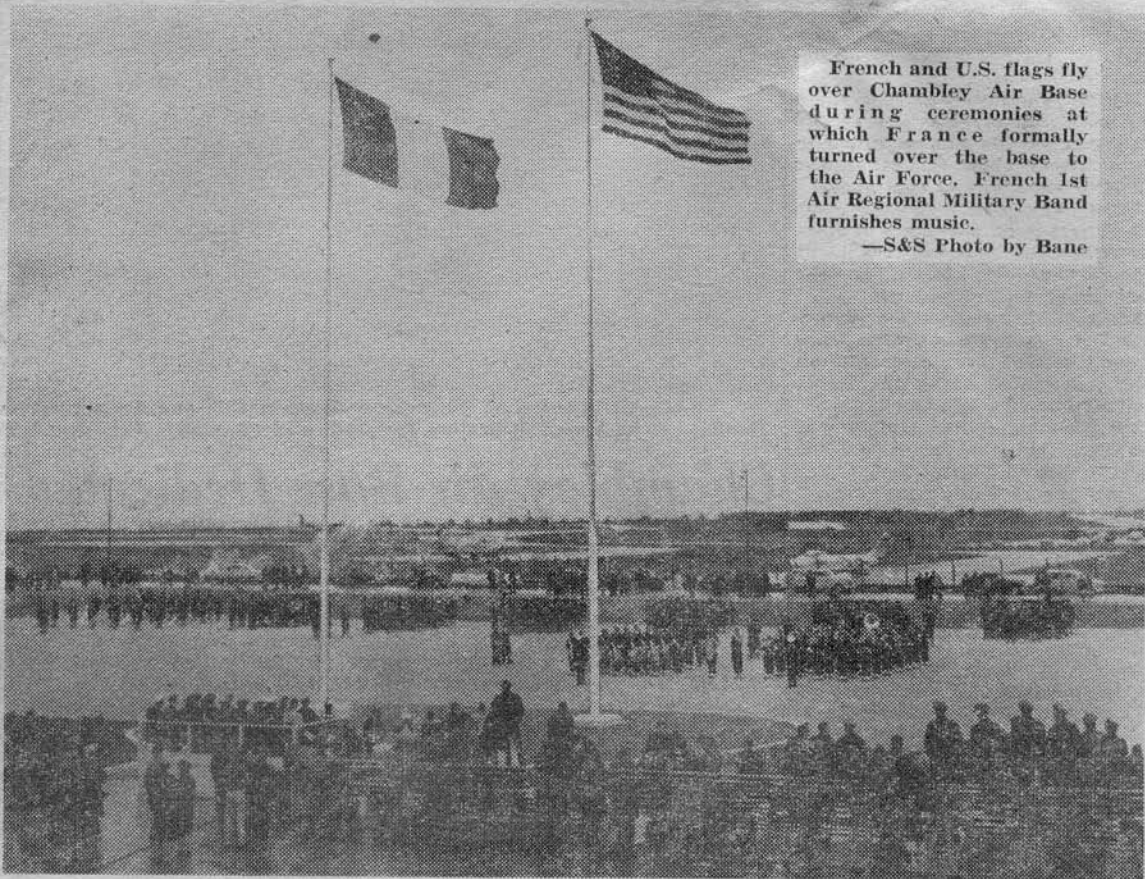


France Dedication Ceremonies

French and U.S. flags fly over Chambley Air Base during ceremonies at which France formally turned over the base to the Air Force. French 1st Air Regional Military Band furnishes music.

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cons were at first stationed at Toul-Rosiere and Chateauroux.

Led 1st Flight

Col Robert R. Rowland, commander of the 21st, led the first of the F86 Sabres across the Atlantic to France during their mass flight in December 1954. The base was turned over in the name of the French government by Maj Gen Bernard Challe, commander of the 1st French Air Force.

Following the flag raising, personnel of the wing marched in review past McEvoy, Maj Gen Robert M. Lee, 12th AF and 4th ATAF commander; Maurice de la Tour du Pin, chief of the French central liaison mission, and Challe. The 544th AF Band and the 1st French AF Band played.

Later the public viewed American and French aircraft on display at the field.

French Turn Over Chambley Base to U.S. at NATO Fete

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CHAMBLEY, France, June 13 (S&S)—French and American flags were raised yesterday over Chambley Air Base at a dedication during which the installation was formally turned over to the Air Force and accepted from France in behalf of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

RAF Air Marshal T. N. McEvoy, Allied Air Forces Central Europe chief of staff, addressed members of the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing based here since last fall, and visitors who had come to watch the ceremony. Onlookers were limited by cold, wet weather, and a low ceiling also canceled a flyby of French jets and an airshow

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