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21st Squadron moves last helo from England

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The last MH-53 Pave Low from the 21st Special Operations Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, England, returned to Hurlburt Field, Fla., on Friday, the final step in the squadron's deactivation.


Airmen from the 352nd Maintenance Squadron loaded the helicopter onto a C-17 on Thursday and then accompanied the helicopter to its new home, according to an Air Force Special Operations Command press release.

The Pave Low will join the 20th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt and fly with the unit until the aircraft is retired next year, AFSOC spokeswoman Denise Boyd said.

AFSOC's 14 remaining Pave Lows will be phased out of service during the next year, and all will be retired by September 2008, Boyd said.

Some Pave Lows are still being flying combat missions in the Middle East and will continue to do so until they are retired, she said.

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