



744th Bombardment Squadron

LINEAGE

Constituted 744th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 14 May 1943. Activated on 1 June 1943. Redesignated 744th Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy) on 5 August 1945. Inactivated on 17 October 1945. Activated in the reserve on 12 July 1947. Inactivated on 27 June 1949. Redesignated 744th Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium) on 15 October 1952. Activated on 1 December 1952. Inactivated in July 1956. Redesignated 744th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), and activated, on 15 November 1962. Organized on 1 February 1963.

ASSIGNMENTS

456th Bombardment Group, 1 June 1943 - 17 October 1945. 456th Bombardment Group, 12 July 1947 - 27 June 1949. 456th Troop Carrier Group, 1 December 1952; 456th Troop Carrier Wing, 1 March 1955 - 9 July 1956. Strategic Air Command, 15 November 1962; 456th Strategic Aerospace Wing, 1 February 1963 -.

STATIONS

Wendover Field, Utah, 1 June 1943; Gowen Field, Idaho, 14 July 1943; Bruning Army Air Field, Nebraska, 2 August 1943; Kearns, Utah, 11 September 1943; Muroc Army Air Base, California, 2 October - 4 December 1943; Italy, 11 January 1944; Stornara, Italy, 27 January 1944 - 19 July 1945; Sioux Falls Army Air Field, South Dakota, 1 August 1945; Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Kansas, 17 August - 17 October 1945. McChord Field, Washington, 12 July 1947 - 27 June 1949. Miami International Airport, Florida, 1 December 1952; Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, 15 August 1953; Shiroi, Japan, 10 November 1955; Ardmore Air Force Base, Oklahoma, 6 June - 9 July 1956. Beale Air Force Base, California, 1 February 1963 -.

AIRCRAFT

B-24, 1943 - 1945; C-119, 1952 - 1956; B-52, 1952 - 1956; B-52, 1963 -.

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 10 February 1944 - 26 April 1945. Special reconnaissance, conducted by 1st Air Division, Strategic Air Command, 1955-1956.

SERVICE STREAMERS

None.

CAMPAIGNS

Air Offensive, Europe; Naples - Foggia; Anzio; Rome - Arno; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

DECORATIONS

Distinguished Unit Citations: Wiener Neustadt, Austria, 10 May 1944; Budapest, Hungary, 2 July 1944; Air Force Outstanding Unit, Award: 1 April 1955 - 20 March 1956.