

# 118 UTILITY FLIGHT

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

118 Utility Flight

Activated

Inactivated, 2 Sep 1950

## **STATIONS**

Bradley Field, East Granby, CT

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-26B

## **COMMANDERS**

Cpt John L. Hoar

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

After the World War II reorganization of the Connecticut Air National Guard, the first unit to be recalled to Federal Service, on a voluntary basis, was the 118<sup>th</sup> Utility Flight.

During periods from 1948 to 1950 this unit, still under the command of Cpt John L. Hoar, flew a total of five B-26s, on tow-target missions for the United States Army, on Cape Cod and at Camp Stewart, GA, on the East Coast. The pilots performed the same type of mission for the Air Force on the West Coast. They also showed up for National Gunnery Week, at Las Vegas, NV, in 1948 and 1949. Simply stated, this work consisted of towing fairly large targets on a cable behind the B-26s, while anti-aircraft guns on the ground (Army) and guns in the air (Air Force fighter planes) tried to clobber these same targets. Of course, any wild shooting by the artillery men or the fighter pilots could end in disaster for the tow-plane pilots in this operation.

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