

263rd AAF BASE UNIT (RADAR BOMB SCORING)

MISSION

LINEAGE

263rd AAF Base Unit (Radar Bomb Scoring)

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

On 6 June 1945, the 206th Army Air Force Base Unit (RBS) (206th AAFBU), was activated at Colorado Springs, Colorado under the command of Colonel Robert W. Burns. He assumed operational control of the two SCR-584 radar detachments located at Kansas City and Fort Worth, Texas. New detachments were also established at Denver, Chicago, Omaha, Albuquerque and Los Angeles. On 24 July 1945, the 206th was redesignated the 63rd AAFBU (RBS) and three weeks later was moved to Mitchell Field, New York, and placed under the command of the Continental Air Force. On 5 March 1946, the organization moved back to Colorado Springs and on 8 March of the same year was redesignated the 263 AAFBU.

With the activation of the 8th Air Force the demand for radar bomb scoring training increased greatly. The 263rd was relieved from assignment to 15th Air Force and assigned directly to Headquarters Strategic Air Command. The increase in RBS activity could be seen in the statistics for RBS runs over the years. During 1947 a total of 2,499 runs were scored as compared to 880 runs scored in 1946. During 1948, 12,084 runs were scored. This number increased to 28,049, a tremendous gain over previous years and became a real measure of the effectiveness and popularity of this type training.

On 21 July 1948, the 263rd was inactivated. The 3903rd Radar Bomb Scoring Squadron was with an effective date of 1 August 1948.

Detachment 263rd Army Air Force Base Unit
WDS: Kansas City, Missouri

Detachment 263rd Army Air Force Base Unit
Fort Worth, Texas

Detachment 263rd Army Air Force Base Unit
Denver, Colorado

Detachment 263rd Army Air Force Base Unit
Chicago, Illinois

Detachment 263rd Army Air Force Base Unit
Omaha, Nebraska

Detachment 263rd Army Air Force Base Unit
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Detachment 263rd Army Air Force Base Unit
Los Angeles, California

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