

500th AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

500th Air Service Group constituted, 16 Dec 1944
Activated, 1 Jun 1945
Inactivated, 31 Mar 1946
Activated, 25 Jul 1947
Inactivated, 25 Nov 1947
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 500th Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953
Activated, 16 Feb 1953
Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955
Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Haguenau Airfield, Germany, 1 Jun 1945
Drew Field, FL, 16 Sep 1945
MacDill Field, FL, 21 Dec 1945
Shaw Field, SC, Feb 1946
March Field, CA, 25 Jul 1947
Greater Pittsburgh Airport, PA, 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

IX Air Force Service Command, Sep 1945
Third Air Force, Jan 1946
First Air Force, Mar 1946
Tactical Air Command, Mar 1946-31 Mar 1946
Twelfth Air Force, 25 Jul 1947-15 Nov 1947
4708th Defense Wing (later 4708th Air Defense Wing), 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-86A, 1953-1955

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Its 918th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 742nd Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support.

Supported 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group in Germany and then returned to the US, where both groups were inactivated.

When the 67th TRG was reactivated in 1947, once again activated to support it. Inactivated and replaced by 67th Airdrome Group, 67th Station Medical Group, and 67th Maintenance & Supply Group in 1947.

Responsibility for air defense of Western Pennsylvania.