

517th AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

517th Air Service Group constituted
Activated, 13 Jan 1945
Inactivated 31 Jul 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 517th Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953
Activated, 16 Feb 1953
Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955
Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Caserta, Italy, 13 Jan 1945
Pantanella Airfield, Italy 1945-27 May 1945
Waller Field, Trinidad, 16 Jun 1945-31 Jul 1945
Ethan Allen AFB, Vermont, 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations
Caribbean Wing, Air Transport Command, 6 Jun 1945-31 Jul 1945
4711th Defense Wing, (later 4711th Air Defense Wing), 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-51D, 1953
F-86D, 1953-1955

COMMANDERS

Maj William C. Richardson, 13 Jan 1945
LTC Lloyd L. Connell, Feb 1945-15 Jun 1945
Unknown 16 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Its 943rd Air Engineering Squadron was to provide maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 767th Air Materiel Squadron to handle all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron to provide other support. Together with the 518th Air Service Group, supported the 464th and 465th Bombardment Groups at Pantanella Airfield. Relocated to Trinidad and provided support to combat units redeploying from Europe to the United States.