

530th AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

530th Air Defense Group mission was air defense of the Northwestern United States.

LINEAGE

530th Air Service Group constituted, 16 Dec 1944

Activated, 18 May 1945

Inactivated, 17 Oct 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 530th Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953

Activated, 16 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Lucera, Italy 18 May 1945

Foggia, Italy, 1 Jun 1945-Jul 1945

Mountain Home AAF, ID, 17 Aug 1945

Pyote AAF, TX, 23 Aug 1945-17 Oct 1945

Geiger Field, WA, 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

XV Air Force Service Command

20th Bombardment Wing (later VIII Bomber Command), Jul 1945-17 Oct 1945

4702nd Defense Wing, 16 Feb 1953

9th Air Division 8 Oct 1954–18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-86D, 1953-1955

COMMANDERS

Col Robert B. Hughes, #1954

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Its 956th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 780th Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported the 301st Bombardment Group at Foggia, Italy. Returned to the United States and briefly supported 301st Bombardment Group again at Pyote Army Airfield before all units at Pyote were inactivated in late 1945. Disbanded in 1948.

Redesignated as an air defense group, reconstituted and activated at Geiger Field on 18 February 1953 with responsibility for air defense of the Northwestern United States.

Replaced the 87th Air Base Squadron as USAF host organization at Geiger Field. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities. Supported organizations included its headquarters, the 4702d Defense Wing, and later the 9th Air Division. Replaced by 84th Fighter Group (Air Defense) in 1955