568th AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

568th Air Defense Group was responsible for air defense of Northeast United States.

LINEAGE

568th Air Service Group constituted Activated, 5 Jun 1945 Inactivated, 31 May 1946 Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948 Reconstituted and redesignated 568th Air Base Group, 1 Jan 1952 Activated, 1 Feb 1952 Redesignated 568th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953 Inactivated, 8 Jul 1954 Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Guam, Mariana Islands, 1945-1946 McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Feb 1952-8 Jul 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

Twentieth Air Force, 1945 - 1946 4709th Air Defense Wing, 1 Feb 1952 – 8 Jul 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-84G 1953 F-86D 1953-1954 F-94A 1953

COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

568th Air Service Group's 1031st Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 1032nd Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support.

Redesignated as an air base group, reconstituted, and activated at McGuire AFB in 1952. It replaced the 52nd Air Base Group as host unit for McGuire. Also maintained aircraft stationed at McGuire. Redesignated as an air defense group in 1953 and assumed responsibility for air defense of Northeast United States. The support components of the 568th Air Defense Group were replaced by elements of the 1611th Air Transport Wing Its operational flying squadrons were assigned back to the 4709th Air Defense Wing.

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