

718 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

718 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy constituted, 6 Apr 1943
Activated, 1 May 1943
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 23 May 1945
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 28 May 1948
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 16 May 1949
Redesignated 718 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, 1 Apr 1950
Redesignated 718 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Heavy, 16 Jul 1950
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Oct 1955
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Feb 1963

STATIONS

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 May 1943
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 5 Jul 1943
Bruning AAFld, NE, 12 Sep-26 Nov 1943
Grottaglie, Italy, 6 Jan 1944-15 May 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 29 May 1945
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 24 Jul 1945
Grand Island AAFld, NE, 8 Sep 1945-4 Oct 1946
Elmendorf Field, AK, 20 Oct 1946-24 Apr 1947
Rapid City AAFld, SD, 3 May 1947
Amarillo AFB, TX, 20 Feb 1960-1 Feb 1963

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 22 Apr 1955-24 Jul 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

449 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943

28 Bombardment (later Strategic Reconnaissance) Group, 4 Aug 1946

28 Strategic Reconnaissance (later Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952

4128 Strategic Wing, 20 Feb 1960-1 Feb 1963

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945

B-17, 1945

B-29, 1946-1950

B-36, 1949-1950

RB-29, 1950

RB-36, 1950-1957

B-52, 1957-1963

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Charles J. Purcell, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Bucharest, Rumania, 4 Apr 1944
Ploesti, Rumania, 9 Jul 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Sep 1957-30 Jun 1958
1 Mar 1960-30 Jun 1961

EMBLEM



Over and through a disc scarlet, border triparted black, yellow, and black respectively, a brown and white falcon in flight to sinister, beak yellow, dropping three aerial bombs brown, banded yellow, to base from open bomb bay doors brown, all in front of a large white cloud formation, shaded light blue. (Approved, 21 Mar 1957)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 8 Jan 1944-26 Apr 1945

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