

778 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

778 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Redesignated 778 Radar Squadron (SAGE)

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



Emblem approved for the 778 AC&W Sq on 3 Jun 1954



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OPERATIONS

778th Radar Sq (SAGE): activated 1 Mar 51 at Simpsön, Mt, assigned to 545th ACFW Gp; transferred to 29th AD 6 Feb 52; site redesignated to Havre AFS, MT 1 Dec 53; transferred to Great Falls ADS 1 Jul 60; redesignated from AWN Sq to 778th Radar Sq (SAGE) 1 Mar 61; transferred to 28th AD 1 Apr 66; reassigned to 24th AD 19 Nov 69; inactivated 29 Sep 79.

MONTANA Simpson/Havre

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778 Havre AFS, MT FPS-3; FPS-4; FPS-6; GPS-3; FPS-6B (FPS-90) FPS-27; FPS-6 1952
01-Jul-79 BUIIC-III. Earlier known as Simpson AFS.

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