

817 AIR DIVISION



MISSION

the 817 supervised the organization and training of subordinate units. It ensured a force capable of immediate and sustained long range offensive bombardment and air-to-air refueling operations anywhere in the world.

LINEAGE

817 Air Division established, 24 Jan 1956

Activated, 1 Feb 1956

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1971

STATIONS

Portsmouth (later, Pease) AFB, NH, 1 Feb 1956-30 Jun 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth Air Force, 1 Feb 1956

Second Air Force, 31 Mar 1970-30 Jun 1971

COMMANDERS

Col James W. Chapman Jr., 1 Feb 1956

BG Walter E. Arnold, 23 Feb 1956

BG Jack J. Catton, 6 Jul 1959

BG Abe J. Beek, 24 Jul 1961

BG Robert B. Miller, by 31 Jul 1963

MG Robert W. Strong, by 30 Jun 1965

Col William T. Cumiskey, by 30 Jun 1966

BG Morgan S. Tyler Jr., by 31 Aug 1967

BG Eugene Q. Steffes Jr., 1 Feb 1970-30 Jun 1971

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



Azure, a sphere argent, land masses gray, grid lines and outlines sable, between and surmounted by in dexter chief and sinister base a cloud formation fesswise of the second, and in sinister chief an eagle or, head and tail feathers white, shading and details of the fourth, grasping an olive branch of the last and two lightning bolts gules, and in dexter base an atomic symbol of the fifth, nucleus of the sixth, all within a diminished border gold. (Approved, 29 Jan 1958)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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