

1st BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

1st Pursuit Wing organized, 6 Jul 1918
Demobilized, Dec 1918

1st Wing organized 16 Aug 1919
Inactivated, 26 Jun 1924
Redesignated 1st Bombardment Wing, 1929
Activated, 1 Apr 1931
Redesignated 1st Pursuit Wing, 1933
Redesignated 1st Wing, 1935

1st Pursuit Wing reconstituted and consolidated with 1st Wing, 1936

Redesignated 1st Bombardment Wing, 1940
Redesignated 1st Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy, Aug 1943
Redesignated 1st Bombardment Wing, Heavy, Jun 1945
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945
Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

STATIONS

Toul, France, 6 Jul 1918
Chaumont-Sur-Aire, France, 24 Sep 1918
Kelly Field, Texas, 16 Aug 1919-26 Jun 1924
March Field, California, 1 Apr 1931

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

Tucson, Arizona, 27 May 1941-Jul 1942
Brampton Grange, England, 19 Aug 1942
Bassingbourn, England, Sep 1943
Alconbury, England, 26 Jun-26 Aug 1945
McChord Field, Washington, 6 Sep-7 Nov 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth Air Force

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Thomas DeW. Milling, 6 Jul 1918
Lt Col Bert M. Atkinson, 20 Aug 1918
Lt Col Henry B. Clagett, 1919
Lt Col Davenport Johnson 28 Aug 1919
Col Archie Miller 10 Mar 20-4 Aug 1920
Col Henry C. Pratt, 1 Jun-1 Sep 1920
Cpt Emerson E. Swanson 17 Sep 1920
Maj John N. Reynolds 18 Feb 1921
Lt Col John N. Howard 1 Feb 1922
1st Lt Charles G. Brenneman 1 Apr 1931
Maj Joseph T. McNarney 1 May 1931
Maj Carl Spaatz 20 Oct 31-4 Jan 1933
Brig Gen Henry H. Arnold 4 Jan 1933
Lt Col Hubert H. Harmon 11 Jan 1936
Brig Gen Henry B. Clagett 29 Feb 1936
Brig Gen Delos C. Emmons 16 Jul 1936
Brig Gen Jacob E. Fickel 31 Mar 1939
Brig Gen Frank D. Lackland 1 Jan 1940
Maj Woodrow W. Dunlop, Jul 1942
Col Claude E. Duncan, 19 Aug 1942
Brig Gen Newton Longfellow, 21 Aug 1942
Brig Gen Laurence S. Kuter, 1 Dec 1942
Brig Gen Haywood S. Hansell Jr., 2 Jan 1943
Brig Gen Frank A. Armstrong Jr., 15 Jun 1943
Brig Gen Robert B. Williams, 1 Aug 1943
Brig Gen William M. Gross, 17 Sep 1943-Oct 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War I

Lorraine

St Mihiel

Meuse-Argonne

World War II
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Germany, 11 Jan 1944

EMBLEM



1 Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy emblem

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Served in combat, Jul-Nov 1918. Operated first in the defensive sector near Toul. During the St Mihiel offensive in Sep, flew reconnaissance sorties, protected observation aircraft, attacked enemy observation balloons, strafed enemy troops, flew counter-air patrols, and bombed towns, bridges, and railroad stations behind the enemy's lines. During the Meuse-Argonne offensive (26 Sep-11 Nov 1918) bombardment aircraft continued their attacks behind the lines while pursuit ships concentrated mainly on large-scale counter-air patrols. Demobilized in France in Dec 1918.

Provided command and control of all units conducting patrol duties 1919-22 along the Mexican Border from Brownsville, TX, to the California-Arizona border. Reorganized 19 July 1922 as 1st Wing

(Provisional) Headquarters and assigned responsibility to perform duties as the headquarters for the Advanced Flying School. 10th School Group designated as Active Associate. Allotted to the Eighth Corps Area on 29 February 1927. Fort Sam Houston, TX, designated as headquarters on organization, but the unit was never organized at that location. Responsible for the supervision and administration of twenty-five camps in the southern California C.C.C. District, 1933-34.

Became one of the original wings of GHQAF in 1935 and conducted much of the Army's pursuit, bombardment, attack, and observation activities in the western part of the US until 1941.

Served in combat in the European theater from Aug 1942 until 25 Apr 1945, receiving a DUC for an attack on aircraft factories in Germany Jan 1944. Returned to the US in Aug 1945.