

15 BOMBARDMENT OPERATIONAL TRAINING WING

MISSION

15 Bombardment Operational Training Wing mission was light bombardment operations and training. Trained groups and heavy bombardment replacement crews.

LINEAGE¹

15 Bombardment Wing constituted, 19 Oct 1940
Activated, 18 Dec 1940
Inactivated, 3 Sep 1941
Activated, 23 Jun 1942
Redesignated 15 Bombardment Training Wing, Jan 1943
Redesignated 15 Bombardment Operational Training Wing, Apr 1943
Inactivated, 9 Apr 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

March Field, CA, 18 Dec 1940
Fresno, CA, 2 Aug-3 Sep 1941
Gowen Field, ID, 23 Jun 1942
Sioux City AAB, IA, Nov 1942
Gowen Field, ID, Jul 1943
Pueblo AAB, CO, May 1944
Colorado Springs, CO, 18 Sep 1944-9 Apr 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force

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

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1940-1941

Col Ford J. Lauer, 23 Jun 1942

Brig Gen Robert F. Travis, 3 Sep 1942

Col Hugo P. Rush, Jul 1943

Col Henry K. Mooney, Jan 1944

Lt Col Willis G. Carter, Jul 1944

Col Harold A. McGinnis, 1 Sep 1944

Col Brooke E. Allen, Oct 1944

Brig Gen Julius K. Lacey, Jul 1945-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a light blue rectangle, long axis vertical, corners engrailed, a chevron inverted gold between a gold stylized wing in chief and fifteen gold stars in base, all within a border of gold. (Approved, 26 Mar 1943)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Apparently never had sufficient personnel to carry out effectively its mission of light bombardment operations and training. Trained groups and heavy bombardment replacement crews until Feb 1945 when it ceased all activity.

Subordinate units: 47th Bombardment Group 1940-41, 48th Bombardment Group 1940-41.