

8 WEATHER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

Air Corps Detachment, Weather, Newfoundland constituted, 13 Aug 1941
Activated
Redesignated 8 Air Corps, Weather, 18 Nov 1941
Redesignated 8 Army Air Forces Squadron, Weather, Mar 1942
Redesignated 8 Weather Squadron, 5 Oct 1942
Inactivated, 8 Feb 1954
Activated, 14 Sep 1960
Organized, 18 Oct 1960
Inactivated, 8 Apr 1970

STATIONS

Gander, Newfoundland
Presque Isle, ME, 19 June 1942
Grenier Field, NH 11 February 1944
Westover Field, MA, 2 February 1946
Ft McAndrews (later McAndrews AFB) 1 June 1948
Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland, 3 April 1952
Westover AFB, MA, 14 September 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

Newfoundland Base Command

Flight Control Command on 13 April 1943
Army Air Forces Weather Wing on 6 July 1943
8 Weather Group [AFCON] 12 December 1945
8 Weather (later 2108th Air Weather) Group on 1 June 1948
Air Weather Service on 2 May 1951
3 Weather Wing on 18 October 1960

COMMANDERS

Capt Clark L. Hosmer, 18 Aug 1941
Col Arthur P. Merewether, 30 Sep 1942
Maj Leo A. Kiley, Jr., 16 Jan 1946
Lt Col Frederick J. Cole, 2 Oct 1946
Maj Lowell A. Schuknecht, 12 Jul 1948
Lt Col Frederick J. Cole, 17 Jan 1949
Lt Col Arthur W. Anderson, 15 Jun 1951
Lt Col Virgil E. Sandifer, 30 Nov 1953
Lt Col Ralph G. Suggs, 18 Oct 1960
Col William H. Best, Jr., 24 Jul 1963
Col Sidney A. Bird, Jr., Jun 1966
Col Donald K. McGaughey, 1 Aug 1968

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater, World War II,
7 Dec 1941—2 Mar 1946;

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Army Meritorious Unit Commendation for
1 Jan 1944-1 Jul 1944
1 Oct 1960-31 Jan 1963

EMBLEM



First emblem: The insignia symbolizes the forecasting problems which confront the squadron in the region to which it is assigned. (Approved, 28 Jul 1944)

Second emblem: The Air Force colors of ultramarine blue and golden yellow, as well as the national colors of red, white and blue are used. The globe depicts worldwide capability and the cloud and lightning flash are symbols associated with weather. (Approved, 17 Nov 1969)

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OPERATIONS

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