

518th AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

518th Air Defense Group mission was responsible for air defense of Niagara Falls, Toronto, Western and upper New York area.

LINEAGE

518th Air Service Group constituted
Activated, 25 Jan 1945
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 518th Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953
Activated, 16 Feb 1953
Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955
Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Pantarella Airfield, Italy 25 Jan 1945-1945
Waller Field, Trinidad 1945-31 Jul 1945
Niagara Falls Municipal Airport, NY, 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations
Caribbean Division, Air Transport Command 1945-31 Jul 1945
4707th Defense Wing (later 4707th Air Defense Wing), 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-47D, 1953
F-86A, 1953
F-86D, 1953 1954-1955

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Its 944th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 768th Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported the 465th Bombardment Group in Italy. Moved to the Caribbean and provided support for flying units redeploying from Europe to the United States.

Replaced 76th Air Base Squadron as active duty USAF host unit at Niagara Falls Municipal Airport. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities. Was replaced by 15th Fighter Group (Air Defense) in 1955.