

# 705 STRATEGIC MISSILE WING (IRBM-THOR)

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

705 Strategic Missile Wing, established, 6 Feb 1958

Activated, 20 Feb 1958

Redesignated 705 Strategic Missile Wing (IRBM-Thor), 1 Apr 1958

Discontinued, 1 Apr 1960

## STATIONS

RAF Lakenheath, England, 20 Feb 1958

USAB South Ruislip (later, South Ruislip Air Station), England, 15 Mar 1958-1 Apr 1960

## ASSIGNMENTS

7 Air Division, 20 Feb 1958-1 Apr 1960

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

None

## COMMANDERS

None, 20 Feb 1958

Col William R. Yancey, 18 Mar-10 Nov 1958 (additional duty)

Unkn, 11 Nov 1958-1 Apr 1960

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

None

### Campaign Streamers

None

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

**Decorations**

None

**EMBLEM****MOTTO****NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Wing never became operational and was manned only by additional-duty personnel of 7<sup>th</sup> Air Division.

Headquarters SAC activated the 705th Strategic Missile Wing (IRBM-Thor) at Lakenheath RAF Station, Great Britain, and assigned it to the Seventh Air Division. Within a short period of time, the 705th SMW was transferred to South Ruislip and merged with Headquarters Seventh Air Division. It was responsible for monitoring the Thor IRBM program in the United Kingdom and for providing technical assistance to the four RAF Thor IRBM squadrons. 20 FEB 1958

1958--SAC and the Thor Program - Under an early 1958 agreement, the United States and the United Kingdom shared responsibility for the Thor missile program. The United Kingdom agreed to build four bases and to man four Thor squadrons, while the United States agreed to furnish the missiles and provide training for the RAF crews. Effective 20 February, the 705th Strategic Missile Wing (IRBM-Thor) was activated at Lakenheath RAF Station and assigned to the 7th Air Division. Shortly thereafter, the 705th moved to South Ruislip where it merged with Headquarters 7th Air Division. It was responsible for monitoring the Thor program and for providing technical assistance to the four RAF squadrons. Thor training for RAF crews began at Vandenberg in August. This training was provided by the 392d Missile Training Squadron which was activated at Vandenberg on 15 September 1957.

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Sources

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