

710 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

710 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 6 Apr 1943

Activated, 1 May 1943

Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945

Redesignated 710 Military Airlift Squadron, and activated in the reserve, 1 Jul 1973

Redesignated 710 Airlift Squadron (Associate), 1 Feb 1992

Redesignated 710 Airlift Squadron, 1 Oct 1994

Inactivated, 15 Nov 1997

STATIONS

Ephrata AAB, WA, 1 May 1943

Rapid City AAB, SD, 13 Jun 1943

Harvard AAFld, NE, 1 Aug-11 Nov 1943

Rattlesden, England, 1 Dec 1943-1 Aug 1945

Drew Field, FL, 14 Aug-7 Nov 1945

Travis AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1973-15 Nov 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

447 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943-7 Nov 1945

349 Military Airlift Wing (Associate), 1 Jul 1973

349 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992-30 Sep 1996

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945

C-141

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe

Air Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Over and through a disc formed by a decrescent moon yellow orange, imposed on a field of light blue, flecked with eleven yellow stars, a red comet aerial bomb banded black, leaving trail white to rear, and casting dark, wide drop shadow. (Approved, 6 Sep 1943)



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 24 Dec 1943-21 Apr 1945.

Activated in mid 1943 as a B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomb squadron, trained under Second Air Force. Deployed to England in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) during November 1943, assigned to VIII Bomber Command as a strategic bombardment squadron. Participated in the air offensive over Nazi Germany and Occupied Europe until German capitulation in May 1945. Personnel demobilized in England and returned to the United States; squadron reassigned to Third Air Force for possible re-equipping with B-29 Superfortresses and deployment to Pacific Theater. Japanese capitulation led to inactivation in November 1945.

Reactivated as Military Airlift Command reserve strategic airlift squadron in 1973. Assigned to Travis AFB and became associate squadron of 60th Military Airlift Wing. equipped with C-141 Starlifter in 1973 and continued worldwide transport mission. Inactivated in 1996 as part of phaseout of C-141s.

710th Airlift Squadron Reservists from Travis AFB, Calif., flew nearly 20,000 pounds of blankets and clothing to Ellsworth AFB, S. D., on January 19 1997 for residents of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation, which was hit by frigid winter storms.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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