

720 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



MISSION

LINEAGE

720 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 6 Apr 1943
Activated, 1 May 1943
Redesignated 720 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 23 May 1945
Inactivated, 15 Oct 1945
Redesignated 720 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 29 Oct 1953
Activated, 25 Dec 1953
Inactivated, 8 Aug 1955
Redesignated 720 Fighter-Day Squadron, 13 Nov 1957
Activated, 11 Dec 1957
Redesignated 720 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 18 Dec 1958
Redesignated and activated 720 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 15 Nov 1962
Organized, 1 Feb 1963

STATIONS

Gowen Field, Idaho, 1 May 1943
Clovis AAB, NM, 21 May 1943
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 8 Jul-26 Nov 1943
Manduria, Italy, 2 Jan 1944-13 May 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 31 May 1945
Harvard AAFld, Neb, 24 Jul-15 Oct 1945
Ladd AFB, Alaska, 25 Dec 1953
Eielson AFB, Alaska, 17 May 1954-8 Aug 1955
Foster AFB, Tex, 11 Dec 1957-18 Dec 1958
Minot AFB, ND, 1 Feb 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

450 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943-15 Oct 1945

11 Air Division, 25 Dec 1953-8 Aug 1955

450 Fighter-Day (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 11 Dec 1957-18 Dec 1958

Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962

450 Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945

B-29, 1945

F-86, 1954-1955

F-100, 1958

B-52, 1963

COMMANDERS

LTC William Miller, #1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Regensburg, Germany, 25 Feb 1944

Ploesti, Rumania, 5Apr 1944

EMBLEM



On a light blue disc, a steel gauntlet holding a red mace with steel spikes, behind the shaft of the mace two double ended lightning bolts of golden yellow converging to the left. (Approved, 11 Aug 1954)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 9 Jan 1944-26 Apr 1945.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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