

3302 PILOT TRAINING GROUP (CONTRACT PRIMARY)

MISSION

LINEAGE

3302 Pilot Training Group (Contract Primary)
Discontinued, 1 Feb 1961

STATIONS

Spence AB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

While training at the contract schools ended in December 1960, Air Training Command did not stop operation of the training units until early 1961. Effective 16 January, ATC discontinued the 3306th Pilot Training Group at Bainbridge, and on 1 February the other four groups--the 3300th at Graham, the 3301st at Moore, the 3302d at Spence, and the 3303d at Bartow ceased to exist. The command had intended to shut all five bases by March, but an Air Force-imposed freeze on shipping property delayed closure. Finally, ATC released control of Bainbridge and

Spence on 31 March, Bartow on 19 May, and Graham on 31 August. Moore Air Base remained on inactive status until 15 July 1963, when part of the installation was sold to private concerns and the rest transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

The 3302nd Pilot Training Squadron was the U.S. Air Force contingent assigned to Spence Air Base. It encompassed all military personnel assigned to the base, handled all non-flying military training and operations, and monitored the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics flying training program. Included was a staff of military check pilots whose job was to ascertain that flying training provided by Hawthorne conformed to strict USAF standards. The commanding officer of the 3302nd also served as the Base Commander of Spence.

Col Stephen H. Crosby, Jr.

Lt Co. Mortimer A. Yates

Col William S. Chairsell

Lt Col Robert M. Levy

Col Ernest F. John

Col Carleton W. Rogers

Ma. John W. Hillen, Jr.

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