

# **3750 OBSERVER TRAINING GROUP**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

3750 Observer Training Group

## **STATIONS**

Sheppard AFB, TX, 10 Oct 1952-15 Mar 1954

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

On 10 October 1951, the 3750th Observer Training Group was activated at Sheppard to serve as a tenant unit under portions of the Air Training Command. In a move to decentralize its training operations, ATC had established two subordinate organizations, the Flying Training Air Force, at James Connally APB, Waco, Texas, and the Technical Training Air Force at Gulfport, Mississippi. Sheppard was the fifth TT AF base to be chosen to host primarily flying units due to its newly constructed 7,000-foot runway. The first of twenty-one B-25 radar and optical bombers (model

TB-25J) began arriving in the last week of September 1953. When fully operational in November, the group operated on a six-day training week with 70 daily flights.

During 1954, the inactivation of the 3750th Observer Training Group and the dispersal of its equipment and personnel to other units in the flying training Air Force occurred. This action was taken when the Air Force started replacing all B-29 and B-50 radial engine bombers with the B-47 all-jet bomber. The B-47 had a smaller crew and relied on more modern technology which negated the need for an observer. Likewise, with the retirement of the B-29s, the Air Force no longer needed B-29 radar operators. During the 16 months that the 3750th Observer Training Group operated at Sheppard, 1,076 students graduated who flew a total of 13,064 sorties and had 32,472 hours of flying time.

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