

## 7 FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

7 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 15 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 7 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943  
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945  
Redesignated 7 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron  
Activated, 15 Dec 1967  
Inactivated, 15 Apr 1971  
Redesignated 7 Flying Training Squadron, 13 Dec 1989  
Activated, 19 Jan 1990  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992

### STATIONS

Langley Field, VA 15 Jan 1941  
Westover Field, MA, 29 May 1941  
Pendleton, OR, 25 Jan 1942  
Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 13 May 1942  
Geiger Field, WA, 1 Jul 1942  
Ephrata, WA, 1 Dec 1942  
Blythe, CA, 9 Dec 1942  
Salinas AAB, CA, 29 May 1943  
Blythe AAFld, CA, 13 Jul 1943-2 Apr 1944  
Mendlesham, England, 23 Apr 1944-24 Jul 1945  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 13-28 Aug 1945

Mountain Home AFB, ID, 15 Dec 1967 – 15 Oct 1971  
Vance AFB, OK, 19 Jan 1990–1 Oct 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

34 Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941–28 Aug 1945  
67 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 15 Dec 1967–15 Oct 1971  
71 Flying Training Wing, 19 January 1990  
71 Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991–1 Oct 1992

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

LB-30, 1941  
B-18, 1941  
B-17, 1941  
B-24, 1942  
RB-24E  
RF-4

### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

##### **Campaign Streamers**

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

##### **Decorations**

#### **EMBLEM**



7 Bombardment Squadron emblem: "Malicious" was the name they gave him. Vivacious, might better have described this pure bred little Scottie dog, for he was as eager to fly with the 7th Bombardment Squadron as any of the seasoned pilots who adored his wagging personality. Now they were occupied with routine duties at Langley Field, Virginia, but the time must come, they opined, when the stern exigencies of war would "ground" their little comrade until the boys came home. The Squadron presented its case to Walt Disney. "Malicious" came into new being on the shining fuselage of the squadron ships. Attired in a typical Highlander's costume and carrying a bomb under each arm he strides forth to battle with rakish assembly of meerschaum pipe and glengarry—a full-fledged combat insignia.



7 Tactical Reconnaissance squadron



7 Bombardment Squadron emblem Within a black circle against a blue background streaked with white to indicate clouds, a Great Horned Owl of white, orange, dark brown, yellow and black swooping downward. The Great Horned Owl, because of its ability to swoop suddenly and swiftly and deal destruction with quick, sure strokes from its powerful beak and talons, is symbolic of the 7 Bombardment Squadron. (Approved, 22 Jan 1942)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941-Oct 1942. Combat in ETO, 23 May 1944-20 Apr 1945.

With pilot production down dramatically, the command reassessed the need for four flying training squadrons at each UPT base and concluded two would do. Accordingly, on 1 Oct 1992, ATC inactivated the following units: the 43d and 49th Flying Training Squadrons at Columbus AFB, MS; the 84th and 86th Flying Training Squadrons at Laughlin AFB, TX; the 7th and 26th at Vance AFB, OK; and the 33d at Reese AFB, TX. That left one T-37 squadron and one T-38 squadron at each UPT wing. As each wing implemented specialized undergraduate pilot training, ATC intended to reactivate one of the squadrons to serve as the T- 1A squadron.

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