

# 61 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

61 Reconnaissance Squadron, Weather Scouting constituted  
Activated, 26 Mar 1947  
Redesignated 61 Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, 11 Nov 1948  
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949  
Redesignated 61 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, 14 Jan 1955  
Activated, 24 Jan 1955  
Redesignated 61 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 25 Jan 1961  
Inactivated, 25 Jun 1962

## STATIONS

Hill AFB, UT, 26 Apr 1947–27 Jun 1949  
Little Rock AFB, AR, 24 Jan 1955–25 Jun 1962

## ASSIGNMENTS

Fourteenth Air Force, 26 Mar 1947  
70 Reconnaissance Group, 1 Oct 1947–27 Jun 1949  
70 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (later 70 Bombardment Wing), 24 Jan 1955–25 Jun 1962

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

RB-47, 1955–1961  
B-47, 1961–1962

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

## **Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Activated as an RB-47 squadron flying strategic reconnaissance missions to meet SAC's global reconnaissance commitments from October 1955–1962, but on a reduced scale after February 1958 when events showed the vulnerability of the RB-47 and the development of the U-2. Converted to standard B-47 in late 1961 but inactivated in 1962 prior to becoming combat ready.

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### Sources

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