

ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING COMMAND

MISSION

LINEAGE

AAF Flying Training Command

AAF Training Command

STATIONS

Fort Worth AAFld, TX, 21 Aug 1942-24 Feb 1946

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

With the activation of the new Army Air Forces Training Command, which replaces and combines the functions of the Technical Training Command and the Flying Training Command, Major General Barton K. Yount was named commanding general of the newly formed command. The reorganization was affected to achieve maximum economy of operations, the most efficient utilization of personnel, and maximum coordination of training schedules and utilization of training facilities.

Function of the command includes supervising and conducting the training of individuals in techniques of aerial gunnery, bombing, navigation, aerial observation, and piloting of military aircraft (including gliders) and in the subjects associated therewith; and in mechanical, technical and administrative subjects. It will also supervise and conduct preliminary training for purposes of orientation, classification, basic military instruction, and preflight academic instruction together with

the operation of the various Air Forces schools of elementary flying, basic flying, advanced flying and specialized flying. The operation of technical schools to provide technical training peculiar to the Army Air Forces, other than flying training, for both officers and enlisted personnel, will also come under this command. No one realizes the magnitude of the Command's task more keenly than does General Yount. In the trying days of the air forces' tremendous expansion General Yount created an axiom, "I don't want to know why it can't be done; tell me how it can be done." "Our task is elemental, our responsibility enormous," he has remarked. The responsibility of which he speaks is simply this: to see that the United States Army Air Forces is equipped with the best trained, most proficient pilots, bombardiers, gunners and navigators in the world. The record of United States airmen in combat who have downed at least four enemy ships to every one of our losses indicates that General Yount is successfully fulfilling his responsibility.

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