

744 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

744 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 14 May 1943
Activated, 1 Jun 1943
Redesignated 744 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 5 Aug 1945
Inactivated, 17 Oct 1945
Activated in the reserve, 12 Jul 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 744 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 19 Oct 1952
Activated, 1 Dec 1952
Inactivated, 9 Jul 1956
Redesignated 744 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy and activated, 15 Nov 1962
Organized, 1 Feb 1963

STATIONS

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Jun 1943
Gowen Field, ID, 14 Jul 1943
Bruning AAFld, NE, 2 Aug 1943
Kearns, UT, 9 Sep 1943
Muroc AAB, CA, 2 Oct-4 Dec 1943
Italy, 11 Jan 1944
Stornara, Italy, 27 Jan 1944-19 Jul 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 1 Aug 1945
Smoky Hill AAFM, KS, 17 Aug-17 Oct 1945

McChord Field, WA, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949
Miami Intl Aprt, FL, 1 Dec 1952
Charleston AFB, SC, 15 Aug 1953
Shiroi, Japan, 10 Nov 1955
Ardmore AFB, OK, 6 Jun-9 Jul 1956
Beale AFB, CA, 1 Feb 1963-30 Sep 1975

ASSIGNMENTS

456 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943-17 Oct 1945
456 Bombardment Group, 12 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949
456 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Dec 1952
456 Troop Carrier Wing, 1 Mar 1955-9 Jul 1956
Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962
456 Strategic Aerospace Wing, 1 Feb 1963

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945
C-119, 1952-1956
B-52, 1963

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Naples-Foggia
Anzio
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Southern France
North Apennines
Rhineland
Central Europe
Po Valley
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Wiener Neustadt, Austria, 10 May 1944

Budapest, Hungary, 2 Jul 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1Apr 1955-20 Mar 1956

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OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 10 Feb 1944-26 Apr 1945. Special reconnaissance, conducted by 1st Air Division, Strategic Air Command.

744th BS Acquired B-52Gs previously used by the 31 BS/4126 SW on 1/2/63 and flew these until inactivation on 30/9/75, when aircraft and personnel passed to the 34 BS/17 BW.

Bar None Exercise Was Executed By 744 Bombardment Squadron

744 Bombardment Squadron Participated In Several Tall Talk Exercises. 1967

744 Bombardment Squadron Participated In Tall Tree Missions (Navy Conducted Exercise To Evaluate Interceptor Weapons Systems). 1966

744 Bombardment Squadron Deployed To Andersen Air Force Base, Guam To Participate In Arc Light Missions. 1968

744 Bombardment Squadron Participated In Snow Time V Strategic Air Command/North American Air Defense (Norad) Exercise. 1964

1963 744 Bombardment Squadron Undertook Chrome Dome
Was Visited By 1 Combat Evaluation Group

Underwent Strategic Air Command Operational Readiness Inspection Test 1963

Undertook Tall Cotton Ground Training Program. 1963

1974 8 February; A USAF Boeing B-52G Stratofortress, 58-0174, of the 744th BS, 456th BW, veered off the runway during night take-off from Beale AFB, California, skidded 1,500 feet through a muddy field before overturning, destroyed by four massive explosions and fire. One crew member, the first pilot, was thrown free with severe burns, but seven others perished.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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