

3720th BASIC MILITARY TRAINING GROUP

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BMT School

Known for years simply as BMTS, the Basic Military Training School at Lackland traveled the same path as OTS. On 1 February ATC redesignated BMTS as the 3720th Basic Military Training Group, and on 25 August it became the 394th Military Training Group, which included not only basic military training squadrons, but also the officer training squadron among others.

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newly established 3660th BMTG was under the command of Col. Richard C. Greene (formerly Commander, 3740th BMTG, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX). Soon the 3650th and 3670th BMTGs were formed. The initial Commander of the 3670th BMTG was Col. Raymond. C. Lewis. to reduce administrative overhead and span-of-control, the 60th and 70th were later to be merged into one 3650th BMTG, under the command of Col. Richard C. Boys

Initially the 3650th AFIW, SAFE, had three Basic Military Training Groups: 3650th, 3660th and 3670th. in approximately 1952 they were consolidated into one: 3650th BMTG, with its headquarters in Building Donaldson. The Group consisted of four Troops Please note that, depending on the era, as many as 24 Basic Military Training Squadrons were part of the 3650th AFIW. Numerous consolidations over time reduced that number to approximately twelve. The BMT Squadrons were located in C, D, E, G, and H Areas. In July, Col. Richard C. Boys replaced Lt. Col. James R. Patterson as Commander, 3650th BMTG. During Col. Boys' command, the Troop organization was eliminated, leaving the following traditional Air Force organizational structure in descending order: Wing, Group, Squadron.

Other Organizational Changes

The General Instructor School, GIS, (school: C-15; student barracks: C-14 & 16) provided a special experience and place for innumerable Sampson cadre. Most SAFB Tactical, Academic, Marksmanship and Field Training Instructors were GIS alumni. Many School instructors, alums, and base cadre-at-large considered it a qualitative experience comparable to a basic university teacher training program. The camaraderie developed during the intensive two-plus-month program carried over to future Air Force relationships, as well as life-long friendships. So word was sadly received by many when they learned that in early 1954 GIS lost its relative autonomy and status as a free-standing unit and that effective 16 February, it was reorganized as a School Unit under the auspices of the 3650th BMTG. The new Unit was responsible for the following courses: Training Supervisor, Management Indoctrination, Supply, Leadership, and General Instructor.

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