

United States Air Force Lineage and Honors History

7 Operations Group (AFGSC)

Lineage. Established as First Army Observation Group, and organized, on 6 Sep 1918. Demobilized in Apr 1919. Reestablished, consolidated (13 Jan 1994) with the organization established as 1 Army Observation Group, and organized, on 1 Oct 1919. Redesignated as 7 Group (Observation) on 26 Mar 1921. Inactivated on 30 Aug 1921. Redesignated as: 7 Observation Group on 25 Jan 1923; 7 Bombardment Group on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 1 Jun 1928. Redesignated as: 7 Bombardment Group (Heavy) on 6 Dec 1939; 7 Bombardment Group, Heavy on 15 Oct 1944. Inactivated on 6 Jan 1946. Redesignated as 7 Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, and activated, on 1 Oct 1946. Redesignated as 7 Bombardment Group, Heavy on 20 Jul 1948. Inactivated on 16 Jun 1952. Redesignated as 7 Operations Group on 29 Aug 1991. Activated on 1 Sep 1991. Inactivated on 1 Jan 1993. Activated on 1 Oct 1993. Assignments. Air Service, First Army, 6 Sep 1918-Apr 1919. 2 Wing, 1 Oct 1919-30 Aug 1921. IX Corps Area, 1 Jun 1928; 1 Bombardment Wing, c. 30 Oct 1931; IX Corps Area, c. 1 Oct 1933; 1 Wing, 1 Mar 1935; 20 Bombardment Wing, 18 Dec 1940; II Bomber Command, 5 Sep 1941; Far East (later, Fifth) Air Force, c. 22 Dec 1941; Tenth Air Force, Mar 1942; Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, 12 Jun-c. 7 Dec 1945 (attached to India China Division, Air Transport Command, 15 Jun-18 Sep 1945); New York Port of Embarkation, 5-6 Jan 1946. Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Oct 1946; Eighth Air Force, 1 Nov 1946; 7 Bombardment Wing, 17 Nov

1947-16 Jun 1952. 7 (later, 7 Bomb) Wing, 1 Sep 1991-1 Jan 1993. 7 (later, 7 Bomb) Wing, 1 Oct 1993-.

Operational Components. Squadrons: 1 Aero (later, 1 Squadron): 1 Oct 1919-30 Aug 1921 (detached 6 May-30 Aug 1921). 7 Air Refueling: 1 Sep 1991-1 Jun 1992. 9 Aero (later, 9 Bombardment; 9 Bomb): Sep-Nov 1918; 1 Apr 1931-6 Jan 1946 (detached 28 Jun-c. 4 Oct 1942); 1 Oct 1946-16 Jun 1952 (detached 16 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952); 1 Sep 1991-15 Aug 1992; 1 Oct 1993-. 11 Bombardment: 1 Jun 1928-15 Sep 1942 (detached 26 Apr-2 May 1942). 12 Aero (later, 12 Squadron): 1 Oct 1919-24 Mar 1920 (detached 13 Oct 1919-24 Mar 1920). 13 Bomb: 14 Jun 2000-9 Sep 2005. 14 Bombardment: 2 Dec 1941-6 Jan 1946 (detached 2 Dec 1941-May 1942; not manned May 1942-6 Jan 1946). **20** Bomb: 1 Sep 1991-18 Dec 1992. **22** Bombardment: 20 Oct 1939-15 Sep 1942 (detached 26 Apr-28 May 1942). 24 Aero: 6 Sep 1918-Apr 1919. **28** Bomb: 1 Oct 1994-. **31** Bombardment: attached 1 Apr-29 Jun 1931, assigned 30 Jun 1931-1 Feb 1938. 32 Bombardment: apparently attached c. 8-16 Dec 1941. 39 Airlift: 1 Oct 1993-1 Apr 1997. 40 Airlift: 1 Oct 1993-1 Apr 1997. 50 Aero: attached c. Oct 1919-23 Mar 1920, assigned 24 Mar 1920-10 Feb 1921. **88** Aero (later, 88 Reconnaissance; 436 Bombardment): attached c. Oct 1919-23 Mar 1920, assigned 24 Mar 1920-10 Feb 1921; attached 28 Sep 1935-24 Feb 1942 (air echelon detached 10 Dec 1941-14 Mar 1942), assigned 25 Feb 1942-6 Jan 1946; assigned 1 Oct 1946-16 Jun 1952 (detached 16 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952). 91 Aero: 6 Sep-Nov 1918. 95 Pursuit: attached 1 Jun 1928-29 Oct 1931. 186 Aero: Unkn [apparently, 1918-1919]. **337** Bomb: 1 Oct 1993-1 Oct 1994. **492** Bombardment: 25 Oct 1942-6 Jan 1946; 1 Oct 1946-16 Jun 1952 (detached 16 Feb 1951-16 Jun 1952). 493 Bombardment: 25 Oct 1942-6 Jan 1946.

Stations. Gondreville, France, 6 Sep 1918; Vavincourt, France, 22 Sep 1918-Apr 1919. Park Field, TN, 1 Oct 1919; Langley Field, VA, 28 Oct 1919-30 Aug 1921. Rockwell Field, CA, 1

Jun 1928; March Field, CA, 30 Oct 1931; Hamilton Field, CA, 5 Dec 1934; Merced Field, CA, 5 Nov 1935; Hamilton Field, CA, 22 May 1937; Ft Douglas, UT, 7 Sep 1940-13 Nov 1941; Brisbane, Australia, 22 Dec 1941-4 Dec 1942 (air echelon operated from Java, c. 14 Jan-1 Mar 1942); Karachi, India, 12 Mar 1942; Dum-Dum, India, 30 May 1942; Karachi, India, 9 Sep 1942; Pandaveswar, India, 12 Dec 1942; Kurmitola, India, 17 Jan 1944; Pandaveswar, India, 6 Oct 1944; Tezpur, India, 7 Jun 1945; Kudhkundi, India, 31 Oct-7 Dec 1945; Camp Kilmer, NJ, 5-6 Jan 1946. Fort Worth AAFld (later, Carswell AFB), TX, 1 Oct 1946-16 Jun 1952. Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1991-1 Jan 1993. Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1993-.

Service Streamers. Global War on Terrorism-Service (GWOT-S).

Campaign Streamers. World War I: St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Lorraine. World War II: Burma; East Indies; India-Burma; China Defensive; Central Burma; China Offensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citations: Netherlands East Indies: 14 Jan-1 Mar 1942; Thailand: 19 Mar 1945. Meritorious Unit Award: 1 Jan 2018-31 Dec 2019. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998; 1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000; 1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004; 1 Jun 2005-31 May 2007; 1 Jan 2016-31 Dec 2017; 1 Jan-31 Dec 2021. Air and Space Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 1 Sep 2025.

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