

# 1<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY



## LINEAGE

1<sup>st</sup> Pursuit Wing organized, 6 Jul 1918  
Demobilized, Dec 1918

1<sup>st</sup> Wing organized 16 Aug 1919  
Inactivated, 26 Jun 1924  
Redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Wing, 1929  
Activated, 1 Apr 1931  
Redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Pursuit Wing, 1933  
Redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Wing, 1935

1<sup>st</sup> Pursuit Wing reconstituted and consolidated with 1<sup>st</sup> Wing, 1936

Redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Wing, 1940  
Redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Bombardment Wing, Heavy, Aug 1943  
Redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Wing, Heavy, Jun 1945  
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945  
Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

## STATIONS

Toul, France, 6 Jul 1918  
Chaumont-Sur-Aire, France, 24 Sep 1918  
Kelly Field, TX, 16 Aug 1919-26 Jun 1924  
March Field, CA, 1 Apr 1931  
Tucson, AZ, 27 May 1941-Jul 1942  
Brampton Grange, England, 19 Aug 1942  
Bassingbourn, England, Sep 1943  
Alconbury, England, 26 Jun-26 Aug 1945  
McChord Field, WA, 6 Sep-7 Nov 1945

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Eighth AF

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC Thomas DeW. Milling, 6 Jul 1918  
LTC Bert M. Atkinson, 20 Aug 1918  
LTC Henry B. Clagett, 1919  
LTC Davenport Johnson 28 Aug 1919  
Col Archie Miller 10 Mar 20-4 Aug 1920  
Col Henry C. Pratt, 1 Jun-1 Sep 1920  
Cpt Emerson E. Swanson 17 Sep 1920  
Maj. John N. Reynolds 18 Feb 1921  
LTC John N. Howard 1 Feb 1922  
1LT Charles G. Brenneman 1 Apr 1931  
Maj Joseph T. McNarney 1 May 1931  
Maj Carl Spaatz 20 Oct 31-4 Jan 1933  
BG Henry H. Arnold 4 Jan 1933  
LTC Hubert H. Harmon 11 Jan 1936  
BG Henry B. Clagett 29 Feb 1936  
BG Delos C. Emmons 16 Jul 1936  
BG Jacob E. Fickel 31 Mar 1939  
BG Frank D. Lackland 1 Jan 1940  
Maj Woodrow W. Dunlop, Jul 1942  
Col Claude E. Duncan, 19 Aug 1942  
BG Newton Longfellow, 21 Aug 1942  
BG Laurence S. Kuter, 1 Dec 1942  
BG Haywood S. Hansell Jr., 2 Jan 1943  
BG Frank A. Armstrong Jr., 15 Jun 1943  
BG Robert B. Williams, 1 Aug 1943  
BG William M. Gross, 17 Sep 1943-Oct 1945

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War I

Lorraine

St Mihiel

Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Germany, 11 Jan 1944

#### **EMBLEM**

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Served in combat, Jul-Nov 1918. Operated first in the defensive sector near Toul. During the St Mihiel offensive in Sep, flew reconnaissance sorties, protected observation aircraft, attacked enemy observation balloons, strafed enemy troops, flew counter-air patrols, and bombed towns, bridges, and railroad stations behind the enemy's lines. During the Meuse-Argonne offensive (26 Sep-11 Nov 1918) bombardment aircraft continued their attacks behind the lines while pursuit ships concentrated mainly on large-scale counter-air patrols. Demobilized in France in Dec 1918.

Provided command and control of all units conducting patrol duties 1919-22 along the Mexican Border from Brownsville, TX, to the California-Arizona border. Reorganized 19 July 1922 as 1st Wing (Provisional) Headquarters and assigned responsibility to perform duties as the headquarters for the Advanced Flying School. 10th School Group designated as Active Associate. Allotted to the Eighth Corps Area on 29 February 1927. Fort Sam Houston, TX, designated as headquarters on organization, but the unit was never organized at that location. Responsible for the supervision and administration of twenty-five camps in the southern California C.C.C. District, 1933-34.

Became one of the original wings of GHQAF in 1935 and conducted much of the Army's pursuit, bombardment, attack, and observation activities in the western part of the US until 1941.

Served in combat in the European theater from Aug 1942 until 25 Apr 1945, receiving a DUC for an attack on aircraft factories in Germany Jan 1944. Returned to the US in Aug 1945.



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