17th TOW TARGET SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

17th Tow Target Squadron activated, 8 Jan 1955 Discontinued, 15 Jun 1960

STATIONS

Wheeler Field, T. H. Yuma City Airport, (Later Vincent AFB), AZ MacDill AFB, FL, 11 Jun 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

4750th Air Defense Group (Weapons) 4750th Air Defense Wing (Weapons), 1 Oct 1958

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-57E

AT-6C

B-25H

CQ-3 (UC-45)

PQ-14A

RA-24B

TB-26C

COMMANDERS

Cpt Walter R. Collins, #1958

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The B-57Es were assigned at bases close to large restricted areas, and fighter interceptor squadrons deployed to these air-to-air ranges for this type of 'hot-fire' training. The first unit to receive B-57Es was the 17th TTS at Yuma AFB. Arizona, for use on their large air-to-air firing range. The Squadron later moved to MacDill AFB, Florida, where this type of training continued for East Coast fighter interceptor squadrons.

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