

ARMY AIR FORCE TRAINING COMMAND

LINEAGE

AAF Flying Training Command
AAF Training Command

STATIONS

Fort Worth AAFld, TX, 21 Aug 1942-24 Feb 1946

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

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OPERATIONS

With the activation of the new Army Air Forces Training Command, which replaces and combines the functions of the Technical Training Command and the Flying Training Command, Major General Barton K. Yount was named commanding general of the newly formed command. The reorganization was effected to achieve maximum economy of operations, the most efficient utilization of personnel, and maximum coordination of training schedules and utilization of training facilities.

Function of the command includes supervising and conducting the training of individuals in techniques of aerial gunnery, bombing, navigation, aerial observation, and piloting of military aircraft (including gliders) and in the subjects associated therewith; and in mechanical, technical and administrative subjects. It will also supervise and conduct preliminary training for purposes of orientation, classification, basic military instruction, and preflight academic instruction together with the operation

of the various Air Forces schools of elementary flying, basic flying, advanced flying and specialized flying. The operation of technical schools to provide technical training peculiar to the Army Air Forces, other than flying training, for both officers and enlisted personnel, will also come under this command. No one realizes the magnitude of the Command's task more keenly than does General Yount. In the trying days of the air forces' tremendous expansion General Yount created an axiom, "I don't want to know why it can't be done; tell me how it can be done." "Our task is elemental, our responsibility enormous," he has remarked. The responsibility of which he speaks is simply this: to see that the United States Army Air Forces is equipped with the best trained, most proficient pilots, bombardiers, gunners and navigators in the world. The record of United States airmen in combat who have downed at least four enemy ships to every one of our losses indicates that General Yount is successfully fulfilling his responsibility.

The General himself a healthy, active grey-haired man of 59 who directs his staff and

through it the entire training program, with a certain quiet and constant force. He is tense without being nervous or bombastic, sympathetic and humorous without being soft.'

General Yount was born at Troy, Ohio, January 18, 1884, and graduated from West Point on June 14, 1907. His first assignment was in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps—grandparent of the Air Forces—was as Commandant of the School of Aeronautics at Austin, Texas. He won his wings at Rockwell Field at San Diego, California, in 1919. He has served in China, Cuba, Hawaii and several European countries, as well as at numerous posts within continental United States. While in France General Yount served as Military Attache at the American Embassy.

In July of 1932 General Yount was placed in Command of Boiling Field, District of Columbia, where he served for two years prior to his assignment as a student officer at the Army Industrial College. In 1935 he was detailed as a student at the Army War College from which he graduated in 1936. In January, 1939, he was transferred to duty in the office of the Chief of the Air Forces, Washington, D. C., as chief of the training group. In August, 1941, General Yount took Command of the Army Air Forces, West Coast Training Center, one of three geographical components of the Training Command. From the West Coast Training Center he advanced to the Command of the Training program with direction of the entire aircrew training effort.

General Yount is proud of the work the men of his command are doing. He is proud of the instructors, who while they would give their landing breaks and deicers to be in combat realize that the job they are doing is equally as essential as that of the flyers "in action." He is proud of the graduates of his command who are speaking so well for themselves on a dozen battle fronts. General Yount knows as well as anyone that the job is far from complete—that there may be heart-breaking assignments yet to come from Washington. But if there are those who know the General know that he will find out "How they CAN be done."