



## History of the 58<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing

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### 58th BOMBARDMENT WING

Constituted as 58<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Operational Training Wing (Heavy) on 22 Apr 1943. Activated on 1 May 1943. Redesignated 58<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing (Heavy) in Jul 1943, and 58<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing (Very Heavy) in Nov 1943. Moved to India in the spring of 1944. Assigned to Twentieth AF. Engaged in very-long-range bombardment operations from Jun to Oct 1944. Disbanded in India on 12 Oct 1944. Reconstituted on 1 Feb 1945 and activated in India on 8 Feb. Assigned to Twentieth AF. Engaged in combat until the war ended. Returned to the US late in 1945. Assigned to Strategic Air Command on 21 Mar 1946. Redesignated 58<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Bombardment) in Apr 1948. Inactivated on 16 Oct 1948. Redesignated 58<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Defense). Activated on 8 Sep 1955. Assigned to Air Defense Command. No combat elements were assigned to the division prior to 31 Dec 1955.

Groups. 40<sup>th</sup> 1943-1944; 1945-1946; 444<sup>th</sup>: 1943-1944; 1945-1946. 462<sup>nd</sup>: 1943-1944; 1945-1946. 468<sup>th</sup>: 1943-1944; 1945-1946

STATIONS. Smoky Hill AAFld, Kan, 1 May 1943; Cobb County AAFld, Ga, 15 Jun 1943; Smoky Hill AAFld, Kan, 15 Sept 1943-12 Mar 1944; Chakulia, India, 2 Apr 1944; Kharagpur, India, 23 Apr- 12 Oct 1944. Hijli Base Area, India, 8-24 Feb 1945; West Field, Tinian, 29 Mar-15 Nov 1945; March Field, Calif, 2 Dec 1945; Ft Worth AAFld, Tex, 9 May 1946; Andrews AFB, Md, 1 Mar-16 Oct 1948. Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 8 Sep 1955-.

COMMANDERS. Brig Gen Kenneth B Wolfe, 21 Jun 1943; Col Leonard F Harman, 27 Nov 1943; Brig Gen Lavern G Saunders, Mar 1944-unkn. Col Dwight O Monteith, 8 Feb 1945; Brig Gen Roger M Ramey, 24 Apr 1945-1 Nov 1946; unkn, 1 Nov 1946-16 Oct 1948. Col Von R Shores Jr, 8 Sep 1955-.

CAMPAIGNS. India-Burma; Air Offensive, Japan; China Defensive; Western Pacific; Central Burma.

DECORATIONNS None.

INSIGNE. Shield: Per bend argent, and checky of the first and sable, in chief an escutcheon gules, charged with a cross or between four stylized arrowheads, tips to center, of the last.

Motto: PRIMUS INTER PARES-First Among Equals.