



Did you know?

In Fiscal Year 2016, the 100th Air Refueling Wing flew 1,409 missions totaling 7,813 hours, which means we were in the air for more than 325 days. During these missions, the 100th ARW refueled 2,954 U.S. and coalition aircraft with 33.5 million pounds of fuel.

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ARW



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World War II



100th ARW supports French military operations in Mali.

2013 to 2016

2014



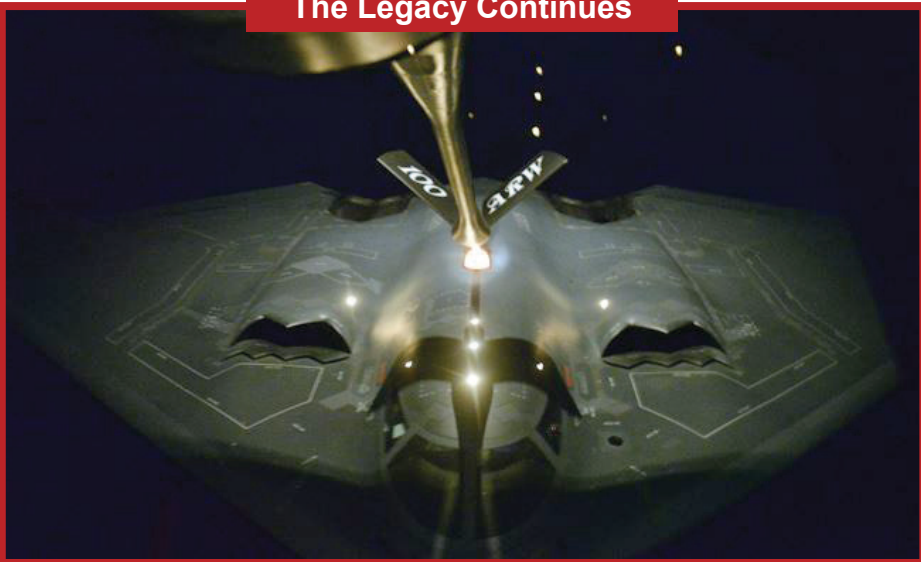
100th ARW aircraft support Operation Inherent Resolve.

2015



100th ARW aircraft support Operation Atlantic Resolve (NATO defense of Europe).

The Legacy Continues



100th Bombardment Group (Heavy) established by the U.S. Army Air Force included four bomber squadrons.

June 1, 1942

Oct. 27, 1942



100th BG activated at Gowen Field, Idaho (B-17F).

Jan. 1, 1943



100th BG transferred to Sioux City Army Air Base, Iowa, and Kearney Army Air Field, Neb., to assist other bomb groups training for overseas service.

May 25, 1943



100th BG departs for United Kingdom.

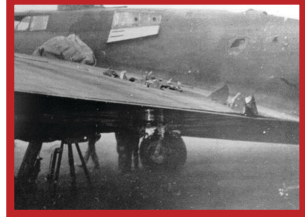
June 25, 1943



First mission with 8th Air Force from East Anglia (flying from RAF Thorpe Abbots). Target: Bremen (Germany) submarine yards.

On May 27, the ground echelon set sail from New York to Poddington, England, on board the *RMS Queen Elizabeth*.

Aircraft Lost: 3 Aircrew Lost: 30



Aug. 17, 1943



Raid on Regensburg, Germany; Luftwaffe fighter factories. Awarded Distinguished (Presidential) Unit Citation.
Aircraft Lost: 9 Aircrew Lost: 90

Oct. 10, 1943

Raid on Munster, Germany. Only one B-17 returned (Rosie's Riveters, flown by Lt. Col. Robert "Rosie" Rosenthal).
Aircraft Lost: 12 Aircrew Lost: 121

Mar. 6, 1944



Massive USAAF bomber raids on Berlin.
Aircraft Lost: 15 Aircrew Lost: 150

May to July 1944



100th BG conducted bombing of French transportation system in support of D-Day landings (June 6, 1944).
Aircraft Lost: 23 Aircrew Lost: 230

June to Dec. 1944



100th BG continued to hit German targets as well as drop supplies to French resistance forces operating behind German lines. Awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Dec. 1944 to Jan. 1945



100th BG attacked German road and rail networks, and German ground forces, to support Allied defense and counter-attack during the Battle of the Bulge.

ETTF stands down

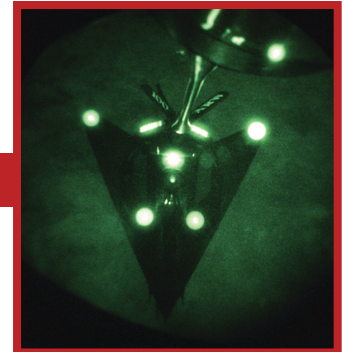
1995



100th ARW supports Operation Deliberate Force (Bosnia).

1998

1999



100th ARW participates in Operation Allied Force (Kosovo); awarded Kosovo Campaign credit and streamer.

2001 to 2002



100th ARW aircraft support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

2003 to 2009



100th ARW aircraft support Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn in Iraq.

2011



100th ARW supports Operation Odyssey Dawn (Libya).

2012 to present



100th ARW aircraft deploy to and operate from forward bases in Qatar, Spain and France.

July 1, 1990



100th reactivated as 100th Air Division at Whiteman AFB, Mo., controlling the 509th Bombardment Wing and 351st Missile Wing.

Aug. 1, 1991

100th Air Division inactivated at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

1992 to Present

Feb. 1, 1992



100th ARW activated at RAF Mildenhall, U.K.

1992



100th ARW becomes host unit at RAF Mildenhall.

1992 to 1998



100th ARW manages the European Tanker Task Force.

1992 to 2003



100th ARW support to Operations Southern and Northern Watch in Iraq.



April. 20, 1945



100th BG flies last combat mission of World War II.

April to June 1945



100th BG drops food and supplies to Dutch civilians as part of Operation Chowhound. Flew French prisoners of war from Austria to France for repatriation.

Dec. 21, 1945



100th BG returns to continental United States; inactivated at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

Statistical Summary

June 25, 1943 to April 20, 1945

306 Missions, 8,630 Sorties, 184 Missing Air Crew Reports, 229 Planes were Lost or Salvaged, 768 Men Missing in Action or Killed in Action and 939 Prisoners of War.

Cold War

May 29, 1947



100th BG reactivated at Miami Army Airfield, Fla. B-29 Superfortress reserve unit, attached to the 49th Bombardment Wing. No aircraft assigned.

June 27, 1949

100th BG inactivated due to budget restrictions.

Mar. 23, 1953

100th Bombardment Wing (Medium) established, but no personnel or aircraft assigned.



Jan. 1, 1956

Jan. 1956 to June 25, 1966



100th BW (Medium) activated at Portsmouth (later re-named Pease) Air Force Base, N.H. B-47E Stratojet swept-wing nuclear bombers.



June 25, 1966

100th BW inactivated as part of the phase out of the B-47E Stratojet force.

100th BW was on 24/7/365 alert status as a primary Strategic Air Command nuclear strike force. Deployed globally, primarily to airfields in Libya and the U.K. (including RAF Mildenhall).

Vietnam War



Feb. 11, 1966

4080th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing was disbanded; 100th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing became the new unit designation.

Feb. 1966 to Dec. 1972



100th SRW conducted combat operations from Bien Hoa and Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam, and from U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand.



Dec. 1972 to April 1975

100th SRW established the 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron at U-Tapao, and continued combat operations until the fall of Saigon in April 1975.

1970s 80s 90s



Aug. to Nov. 1973



100th SRW conducted surveillance ops of opposing forces during the 1973 Yom Kippur War (Israel vs. Egypt/Syria).



July 1, 1976

100th SRW inactivated; aircraft transferred from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. to 9th SRW.

100th Air Refueling Wing activated and administratively moved (with the 349th and 350th Air Refueling Squadron) to Beale AFB, Calif.

1976 to 1983



100th ARW conducted air refueling missions in support of Strategic Air Command, primarily for the U-2 and SR-71 reconnaissance aircraft operating out of Beale AFB, Calif.



Mar. 15, 1983

KC-135s Stratotanker directly assigned to the 9th SRW at Beale AFB, Calif. and 100th ARW was inactivated.