

# **3598 OPERATIONAL EVALUATION AND TEST GROUP**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

3958 Operational Evaluation and Training Group organized, 1 Mar 1958  
Discontinued, 15 Mar 1960

## **STATIONS**

Carswell AFB, TX

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

On March 1958, the 3958th Operational Evaluation and Training Squadron was activated at Carswell Air Force Base, and assigned to the 19th Air Division. The 3958th Operational Evaluation and Training Squadron and the 6592nd Test Squadron made up the B-58 Test Force who were testing B-58 aircraft.

The 7th Bomb Wing became combat ready on 18 January 1959 in B-52 and KC-135 jet aircraft.

On 1 April 1959, the SAC Deputy Command Concept was put into practice here and all units were reorganized under this concept. On 1 September 1959, the 3958th Operational Evaluation and Training Squadron was re-designated into a Group.

On 15 March 1960, the 43rd Bombardment Wing moved to Carswell from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, less personnel and equipment to become the first B-58 wing. The 43rd Bomb Wing is made up of seven squadrons which include the 63rd and 64th Bombardment Squadrons and the 65th Bombardment Squadron. The 3958th Operational Evaluational and Training Group was discontinued upon the transfer of the 43rd Bomb Wing to Carswell. Colonel James K. Johnson a former commander of 3958th O E & T G assumed command of the 43rd Bomb Wing. Personnel and equipment of the group were used to replace the personnel and equipment left at Davis-Monthan.

With transfer of the 43rd Bomb Wing to Carswell the base structure changed from a one wing station with the Combat Support Group and Medical Group assigned directly to the 19th Air Division.

With the winding down, at this point, of the B-58 flight test program and the conversion of many of the flight test aircraft to either tactical or training configuration, the useful life of the 3958th OETG was at an end. Accordingly, during March, 1960, it was deactivated and its personnel and equipment were assigned to the 43rd BW at Carswell AFB.

In January, 1960, the AF announced its decision to activate its first B-58 Wing. This was to be the 43rd Bomb Wing which, at that time, was still located at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. The AF's intention was to move the 43rd from Davis-Monthan to Carswell starting March 1. All 3958th Operational, Test and Evaluation personnel (then functioning as an integral unit at Carswell) would be transferred to the 43rd upon its arrival.

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