



B-29 s/n 45-21748

Service History:

- August 9, 1945 – Delivered by the Boeing plant in Wichita, Kansas to the Air Force.
- August, 1945 - Air Technical Service Command Tinker Army Air Field, Oklahoma.
- November 1945 - Davis-Monthan Army Air Field, Arizona for storage.
- April 1946 - Air Material Command, Tinker Army Air Field.
- December 1946 – 509th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force, SAC, Roswell Army Air Field, NM.
- August 1947 – 93rd Bombardment Group, SAC, Castle AFB, CA. and 97th Bombardment Group, SAC, Smokey Hill AFB, Kansas (deployed to Biggs AFB, Texas.)
- October 1948 – San Antonio Air Material Command, Kelly AFB, TX.
- Jan. 1950 – 2754th Air Base Group (Air Material Command), Holloman AFB, NM re-designated EB-29.
- July 1952 – 3345th Technical Training Wing, Air Training Command, Chanute AFB, IL. for ground instructional training.
- June 1954 – Dropped from USAF inventory for assignment to class 26, ground instruction.
- July 1954 - Put on static display at Chanute AFB, IL.
- 1993 – Transferred to Air Force Heritage Program. Loaned to National Atomic Museum, Kirtland, AFB, NM.

What we know

- The NMUSAF confirms that the current radio call number also known as the tail number belongs to the B-29 we have. This was confirmed by checking the plate number in the cockpit. The number is presented incorrectly; the first number is left off the tail so the number should be 521748.
 - The number on the tail of an aircraft is not the serial number it is the radio call number also known as the tail number. The first two digits of the aircraft serial number represents the year the aircraft was funded (45). The radio call number was created by dropping the first digit (521748.)
 - Chanute AFB closes on September 30th, 1993. Prior to going to heritage/museum program. It is believed the aircraft was accidentally re-painted with the wrong number 45-21749.
 - NMUSAF, Air Force Historical Research Agency, Walker AFB Museum, Roswell and the Boeing Archives all say that they do not have any photographs of our B-29 s/n 45-21748
 - A photograph purported to be our B-29 was published in two books *B-29 Superfortress part 2* by Alwyn T. Lloyd, published by Tab Books Inc., 1987 and *Superfortress: The B-29* by Steve Birdsall, published by Squadron/Singal, 1980. This would be the only photograph of our B-29 prior to arriving at the museum that I know of. **Need more sources to collaborate if this is our B-29. Cannot see the tail number in the photograph. We are not able to confirm that our B-29 was in the Korean War.**
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