

330th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

330th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942

Activated, 1 Mar 1942

Redesignated 330th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 23 May 1945

Redesignated 330th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 28 May 1948

Redesignated 330th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Feb 1955

STATIONS

Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Mar 1942

Ft Myers, FL, 18 May-13 Aug 1942

Alconbury, England, 7 Sep 1942 (operated from Holmsley, England, 22 Oct-Nov 1942)

Hardwick, England, 6 Dec 1942-15 Jun 1945

Tafaraoui, Algeria, 7-15 Dec 1942

Gambut, Libya, 16 Dec 1942-25 Feb 1953

Bengasi, Libya, 27 Jun-26 Aug 1943

Oudna, Tunisia, 18 Sep-3 Oct 1943

Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 26 Jun 1945

Pratt AAFld, KS, 24 Jul 1945

Clovis AAFld, NM, 13 Dec 1945

Castle Field, CA, 21 Jun 1946

DEPLOYMENT STATIONS

Lakenheath, England, 10 Dec 1951-4 Mar 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

93rd Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1942
93rd Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1942-1945
B-24H
B-24J
B-24D
B-29, 1945-1949
B-50, 1949-1954
B-50D
B-47, 1954-1955
B-52 1955
B-52B
B-52D
B-52E
B-52F

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Egypt-Libya
Air Offensive, Europe
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
North Africa, 17 Dec 1942-20 Feb 1943
Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1956-1 Jul 1959

1 Jun 1962-1 Apr 1963

EMBLEM

None

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, May-30 Jun 1942; combat in ETO and MTO, 9 Oct 1942-25 Apr 1945.

3 May 1943 During an inspection tour, Lt. Gen. Frank Maxwell Andrews (1884–1943) is killed in crash of Consolidated B-24D-1-CO Liberator, 41-23728, of the 330th Bomb Squadron, 93d Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, out of RAF Bovingdon, England, on Mt. Fagradalsfjall on the Reykjanes peninsula after an aborted attempt to land at the RAF Kaldadarnes, Iceland. Andrews and thirteen others died in the crash; only the tail gunner, S/Sgt. George A. Eisel, survived. Others KWF included pilot Capt. Robert H. Shannon, of the 330th BS, 93rd BG; six members of Andrews' staff, including Maj. Ted Trotman, B/Gen. Charlie Barth, Col. Marlow Krum, and the general's aide, Maj. Fred A. Chapman; and Capt. J. H. Gott, navigator. Andrews was the highest-ranking Allied officer to die in the line of duty to that point in the war. At the time of his death, he was Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theatre of Operations. Camp Springs Army Air Field, Maryland, is renamed Andrews Field (later Andrews Air Force Base), for him on 7 February 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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