

333rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY

MISSION

LINEAGE

333rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted, 9 Jul 1942

Activated, 5 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944

Redesignated 333rd Bombardment Group, Very Heavy and activated, 7 Jul 1944

Inactivated, 28 May 1946

STATIONS

Topeka, KS, 15 Jul 1942

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 22 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 7 Jul 1944

Great Bend AAFld, KS, 13 Jan-18 Jun 1945

Kadena, Okinawa, 5 Aug 1945-28 May 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force

Eighth Air Force

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17

B-29

COMMANDERS

Unkn, Jul-Aug 1942

Col Leo W. De Rosier, 25 Aug 1942

LTC Ted Faulkner, 1943

LTC Donald W Saunders, Sep 1943

Maj Walter D. Atkins, 3 Jan 1944

Cpt Harry J. Whelchel, 26 Jul 1944

Col Milton F. Summerfelt, 11 Aug 1944

LTC Ray H. Martin, 15 Aug 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Served first as an operational training and later as a replacement training unit.

AAF operations against Japan terminated before the group could enter combat. For a time after the war the group ferried Allied prisoners of war from Japan to the Philippine Islands.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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