

346th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



LINEAGE

346th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 1 Jun 1942
Inactivated, 8 Nov 1945
Redesignated 346th Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy), 13 May 1947
Activated in the reserve, 29 May 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 346th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) and activated, 1 Jan 1953
Redesignated 346th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 1 Oct 1955

STATIONS

Orlando AB, FL, 1 Jun 1942
MacDill Field, FL, 1 Jun 1942
Pendleton Field, OR, 29 Jun 1942
Gowen Field, ID, 28 Aug 1942
Walla, Walla, WA, 25 Sep 1942
Sioux City AAB, IA, 18 Nov 1942-3 Jan 1943
Navarin, Algeria, 16 Mar 1943
Oudna, Tunisia, 5 Aug 1943
Tortorella Airfield, Italy, c. 13 Dec 1943
Marcianise, Italy, c. 27 Oct-8 Nov 1945
Birmingham Mun Aprt, AL, 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949
Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 Jan 1953
Westover AFB, MA, 4 Sep 1956

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 29 Jan 1956-25 Apr 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

99th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942-8 Nov 1945
99th Bombardment Group, 29 May 1947-27 Jun 1949
99th Strategic Reconnaissance (later Bombardment) Wing, 1 Jan 1953

ATTACHMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1945

B/RB-36, 1953-1956

B-52, 1956

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe

Air Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Sicily, 5 Jul 1943

Austria, 23 Apr 1944

EMBLEM

On a medium blue disc, border black, a rattlesnake in striking position, proper, tail entwined about large black aerial bomb, highlighted light blue and white, falling to dexter base. (Approved, 18 Feb 1944)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 31 Mar 1943-26 Apr 1945.

346th BS

Equipped with B-52C from 12/56 and flew this model in varying quantities until 1971. Also operated B-52D during 1957-61 and 1966-72 as well as some B-52Bs in 1958-59. Non-operational from circa 30/4/72 until inactivated on 31/3/74.

430503	B-17	42-29496	99	346	
430903	B-24	41-11774	98	346	
431006	B-17	42-30474	99	346	
440111	B-17	42-5470	99	346	
440225	B-17	42-31797	99	346	
440225	B-17	42-31858	99	346	
440405	B-17	42-38207	99	346	
440412	B-17	42-38210	99	346	
440416	B-17	42-32065	99	346	
440704	B-17	42-102851	99	346	
440722	B-17	42-32028	99	346	
440728	B-17	42-32068	99	346	
440827	B-17	42-97570	99	346	
441107	B-17	44-6408	99	346	
441202	B-17	44-6182	99	346	
441229	B-17	42-97734	99	346	
450227	B-17	44-6698	99	346	
450227	B-17	44-8187	99	346	
450425	B-17	44-6431	99	346	

431012	B-17F	42-30405	346BS	99BG		CBLMF	Donahue, Joseph M	TUN		Oudna #1
431114	B-17F	42-30313	346BS	99BG		GLDF	Adams, Ralph E	TUN		Depienne
440404	B-17G	42-32047	346BS	99BG		TOA	Schroeder, Allen W	ITA		Tortorella
440404	B-17G	42-32115	346BS	99BG		TOA	Higgins, Walter K	ITA		Tortorella

440621	B-17G	42-32021	346BS	99BG		LAC	Aschenberner, Anton R	ITA		Tortorella
450224	B-17G	42-102855	346BS	99BG		TAC	Schildmeyer, Richard C	ITA		Tortorella
450622	B-17G	44-8459	346BS	99BG		MAC	Flynn, William E	ITA		Lucera/ 3mi S
450713	B-17G	44-6775	346BS	99BG		TOA	Fuchs, Robert D	ITA		Vincenzo AF
421130	B-17F	42-5283	346BS	99BG	Sioux City AAB, IA	KCRGC	Bunn, Henry			Sioux AAB, IA

The 346th Bomb Squadron: 1956 - 1966.



Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources