

353rd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

353rd Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 3 Feb 1942
Redesignated 353rd Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 5 Aug 1945
Inactivated, 15 Oct 1945
Activated, 4 Aug 1946
Redesignated 353rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 28 May 1948

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 3 Feb 1942
Alamogordo, NM, 27 May 1942 (operated from Muroc and San Diego, CA, c. 28 May-14 Jun 1942)
Richard E Byrd Field, VA, 21 Jun-20 Jul 1942
Fort Dix, NJ, 20 Jul 1942-4 Aug 1942
Chelveston, England, 19 Aug 1942
Tafaraoui, Algeria, 26 Nov 1942
Maison Blanche, Algeria, 6 Dec 1942
Biskra, Algeria, 16 Dec 1942
Ain M'lila, Algeria, 17 Jan 1943
St-Donat, Algeria, 8 Mar 1943
Oudna, Tunisia, 6 Aug 1943
Cerignola, Italy, 10 Dec 194-3
Lucera, Italy, 2 Feb 1944-Jul 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 28 Jul 1945
Mountain Home AAFld, ID, 17 Aug 1945

Pyote AAFld, TX, 23 Aug-15 Oct 1945
Clovis AAFld, NM, 4 Aug 1946
Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 16 Ju1 1947
Barksdale AFB, LA, 7 Nov 1949-3 Dec 1952
Barksdale AFB, LA, 18 Mar 1953-15 Apr 1958
Lockbourne AFB, OH, 15 Apr 1958

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Lakenheath, England, 25 Sep 1951-4 Dec 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

301st Bombardment Group, 3 Feb 1942-15 Oct 1945
301st Bombardment Group, 4 Aug 1946
301st Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1945
B-17F
B-17G
B-29, 1947-1953
B-47, 1953-1958
RB-47, 1958
B-47, 1958-1961
E-47, 1961

COMMANDERS

Maj Delas E. Richard, #1950
LTC Hilliard L. Gandy
LTC Frank J. P. Rasor, Dec 1954

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Air Offensive, Europe
Egypt- Libya
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
Tunisia, 6 Apr 1943
Germany, 25 Feb 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1961-31 Dec 1962

EMBLEM

On and over a light blue disc, edged Air Force blue, a caricatured black raven in fighting stance. bearing in his left wing, a white shield charged with a light blue star, casting a black shadow; in his right wing an Air Force golden yellow lightning flash pointing upward, outlined black; the raven's beak and talons Air Force golden yellow, outlines and details black, his eye red, details of feathers light blue, highlights white. (Approved, 13 Apr 1959)

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols off California coast, late May-c. mid-Jun 1942. Combat in ETO and MTO, 2 Oct 1942-26 Apr 1945. Electronic countermeasures, 1958.

Air Force Order of Battle

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