

# **387<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (MEDIUM)**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

387<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Medium) constituted, 25 Nov 1942

Activated, 1 Dec 1942

Inactivated, 17 Nov 1945

## **STATIONS**

MacDill Field, FL, 1 Dec 1942

Drane Field, FL, 12 Apr 1943

Godman Field, KY, 11 May-10 Jun 1943

Chipping Ongar, England, 25 Jun 1943

Stony Cross, England, 18 Jul 1944

Maupertuis, France, 22 Aug 1944

Chateaudun, France, 18 Sep 1944

Clastres, France, 30 Oct 1944

Beek, Holland, 29 Apr 1945

Rosieres-en-Santerre, France, 24 May-Nov 1945

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14-17 Nov 1945

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Eighth Air Force

Ninth Air Force, Oct 1943

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-26

B-26B

B-26C

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj David S. Blackwell, 20 Dec 1942

Col Carl R. Storrie, c. 19 Jan 1943

Col Jack E. Caldwell, 8 Nov 1943

Col Thomas M. Seymour, 13 Apr 1944  
Col Grover C. Brown, c. 18 Jul 1944  
LTC Richard R. Stewart, 20 May 1945  
Col Philip A. Sykes, Jun 1945-unkn

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Germany, 23 Dec 1944

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Began combat in Aug 1943 and concentrated its attacks on airdromes during the first months of operations. Made numerous strikes on V-weapon sites in France in the winter of 1943-1944. Hit airfields at Leeuwarden and Venlo during Big Week, 20-25 Feb 1944, the intensive campaign against the German Air Force and aircraft industry. Helped to prepare for the invasion of Normandy by attacking coastal batteries and bridges in France during May 1944. Bombed along the invasion coast on 6 Jun 1944 and supported ground forces throughout the month by raiding railroads, bridges, road junctions, defended areas, and fuel dumps. Moved to the Continent in Jul 1944 and participated in attacks on the enemy at St Lo in the latter part of the month and on German forces at Brest during Aug and Sep. Extended operations into Germany by fall of 1944. Received a DUC for action during the Battle of the Bulge when the group hit strongly defended transportation and communications targets at Mayen and Prum. Supported the Allied drive into the Reich by attacking bridges, communications centers, marshalling yards, storage installations, and other objectives. Ended combat operations in Apr 1945.

Activated 1 Dec. 42 at MacDill Fd, Fla. Formed and trained with B-26s at this base. Moved Drane Fd, Fla. 12 Apr. 43 and to Godman Fd, Ky. in early May 43. Ground echelon left for port of embarkation 10 Jun. 43 and sailed on Queen Mary 23 Jun. 43 arriving Clyde 29 Jun. 43. Air echelon flew via northern ferry route to UK early Jun. 43. Moved Stony Cross in Jul. 44 and to France in late Aug. 44. Flew tactical bombing missions in support of Allied land forces. Inactivated USA Nov. 45.

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