

389th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

389th Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 15 Mar 1942
Redesignated 389th Bombardment Squadron (Dive), 27 Jul 1942
Redesignated 389th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 6 Dec 1943
Redesignated 389th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 19 Jul 1945
Inactivated, 26 Dec 1945
Redesignated 389th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 14 Jul 1947
Activated in the reserve, 30 Jul 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

STATIONS

Bowman Field, KY, 15 Mar 1942
Will Rogers Field, OK, 12 Jun 1942
Hunter Field, GA, 18 Aug 1942
DeRidder AAB, LA, 18 Feb 1943
Rice AAF, CA, 13 Apr 1943
Salinas AAB, CA, 13 Aug-24 Oct 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 30 Nov 1943
Gusap, New Guinea, 6 Jan 1944
Nadzab, New Guinea, 10 Jun 1944
Hollandia, New Guinea, 30 Jun 1944
Tanauan, Leyte, 19 Nov 1944
San Jose, Mindoro, 27 Jan 1945

Mangaldan, Luzon, 11 Feb 1945
Floridablanca, Luzon, 20 Apr 1945
Okinawa, Sep-9 Dec 1945
Camp Anza, CA, 24-26 Dec 1945
Ellington Field, TX, 30 Jul 1947-27 Jun 1949

ASSIGNMENTS

312th Bombardment Group, 15 Mar 1942-26 Dec 1945
Tenth Air Force, 30 Jul 1947
312th Bombardment Group, 13 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949

WEAPON SYSTEMS

V-72, 1942-1943
A-24, 1942-1943
A-36, 1943
P-40, 1943-1944
A-20, 1944-1945
A-24A
P-40E
P-40M

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
New Guinea
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Formosa, 25 Mar-4 Apr 1945

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine, Dec 1942-Feb 1943; combat in Southwest Pacific and Western Pacific, 14 Jan 1944-24 Jan 1945. Not fully equipped, Jul-26 Dec 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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