

420 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

30 Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy), constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Redesignated 420 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942
Activated, 1 Jun 1942
Inactivated, 10 April 1944
Redesignated 420 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 4 Aug 1944
Activated, 19 Sep 1944
Inactivated, 4 Jan 1946

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 1 Jun 1942
Davis–Monthan Field, AZ, 23 Jun 1942
Wendover Field, UT, 30 Jul 1942
Pueblo Army Air Base, CO, 1 Oct 1942
Davis–Monthan Field, AZ, 1 Dec 1942
Clovis Army Air Field, NM, 29 Jan 1943
Langley Field, VA, 17 Dec 1943
Chatham Army Air Field, GA, 10 Feb-10 Apr 1944
Dalhart Army Air Field, TX, 19 Sep 1944
Smoky Hill Army Airfield, KS, 11 Dec 1944–1 Aug 1945
Guam, 8 Sep 1945 (ground echelon only; air echelon remained in US until inactivation)
Tinian, Oct-15 Dec 1945 (ground echelon only)
Camp Anza, CA, 28 Dec 1945–4 Jan 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

302 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1942

382 Bombardment Group, 19 Sep 1944 – 4 Jan 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24 1942–1944

B-29, 1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

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