

423rd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

34th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 1 Mar 1942
Redesignated 423rd Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942
Inactivated, 25 Dec 1946
Redesignated 423rd Bombardment Squadron, Light, 15 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Jan 1953
Inactivated, 19 Jul 1954
Redesignated 423rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 6 Oct 1958
Activated, 1 Jan 1959
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962

STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 1 Mar 1942
Wendover Field, UT, 6 Apr-1 Aug 1942
Thurleigh, England, 9 Sep 1942 (detachment operated from Istres, France, 31 Aug-Dec 1945)
Giebelstadt, Germany, 17 Dec 1945
Istres, France, 26 Feb 1946 (detachments operated from Dakar, French West Africa, Mar-May 1946; Gibraltar, Jun-26 Sep 1946)
Lechfeld, Germany, 16 Jul-25 Dec 1946 (detachment operated from Port Lyautey, French Morocco, 16 Jul-26 Sep 1946)
Langley AFB, VA, 1 Jan 1953-19 Jul 1954
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jan 1959-1 Jan 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

306th Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1942-25 Dec 1946

4430th Air Base Wing, 1 Jan 1953

4400th Combat Crew Training (later Tactical Bombardment) Group, 1 May 1953-19 Jul 1954

306th Bombardment Group, 1 Jan 1959-1 Jan 1962

ATTACHMENTS

305th Bombardment Group, 16 Jul 1946-25 Dec 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1946

B-17F

B-17G

B-26, 1953-1954

B-47, 1959-1961

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 11 Jan 1944

Germany, 22 Feb 1944

EMBLEM

On and over a globe checky light blue and Air Force blue, a red winged chess knight in profile, highlights and details Air Force golden yellow, nostril and eye white between in dexter an olive branch arched and in sinister a lightning flash arched, Air Force golden yellow, shaded golden brown. (Approved, 27 Jan 1961)

MOTTO

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NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 9 Oct 1942-19 Apr 1945. Photo-mapping, Europe and Africa, Jun 1945-Sep 1946

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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