

424th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

35th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 15 Apr 1942
Redesignated 424th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942
Inactivated, 26 Dec 1945
Redesignated 424th Bombardment Squadron, Light, 15 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Jan 1953
Inactivated, 19 Jul 1954
Redesignated 424th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 11 Aug 1958
Activated, 1 Sep 1958
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 15 Apr 1942
Ephrata, WA, 26 May 1942
Sioux City AAB, IA, 29 Sep-20 Oct 1942
Dillingham Field, TH, 2 Nov 1942 (operated from Midway, 22-24 Dec 1942)
Funafuti, 20 Jan-1 Feb 1943
Espiritu Santo, 6 Feb-18 Mar 1943)
Guadalcanal, 18 Mar 1943 (operated from Munda, New Georgia, 28 Jan-19 Feb 1944)
Los Negros, 13 May 1944; Wakde, 22 Aug 1944 (operated from Noemfoor, 26 Sep-8 Nov 1944)
Morotai, 10 Nov 1944
Clark Field, Luzon, 5 Sep-7 Dec 1945
Camp Stoneman, CA, 26 Dec 1945
Langley AFB, VA, 1 Jan 1953-19 Jul 1954
Lincoln AFB, NE, 1 Sep 1958-1 Jan 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

307th Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942-26 Dec 1945

4430th Air Base Wing (attached to 4400th Combat Crew Training Group), 1 Jan 1953

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

307th Bombardment Wing, 1 Sep 1958-1 Jan 1962

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942

B-24, 1942-1945

B-24M

B-24D

B-26, 1953-1954

R-47, 1958-1961

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Central Pacific

Guadalcanal

New Guinea

Northern Solomons

Eastern Mandates

Bismarck Archipelago, Western Pacific

Leyte

Luzon

Southern Philippines

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Truk, 29 Mar 1944

Borneo, 3 Oct 1944

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM



424th Bombardment Squadron

424th Bombardment Squadron emblem: A disc piped black, per fess debased engrailed, argent and azure, issuing from partition line a red sun rayed proper, surmounted by a black aerial bomb palewise, point to base. (Approved, 25 Feb 1943)

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OPERATIONS

Sea search from Hawaii, Nov 1942-Jan 1943. Combat in Central Pacific, 22-23 Dec 1942 and 20 Jan-c, 4 Feb 1943; and in South and Southwest Pacific, 13 Feb 1943-11 Aug 1945.

Early in 1950 with the international tension mounting and the war clouds on the not too distant horizon, the 122nd Bombardment Squadron, Louisiana Air National Guard was activated. It was assigned to the 4400th Combat Crew Training Group, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia and given the mission of training B-26 combat crews. The 4400th, of which the 122nd was an integral part, trained a record number of crews. These crews flew combat duty in Korea and the training they received with the 122nd equipped them to compile a combat record unparalleled in the history of light bombardment. With the Korean conflict nearing an end the National Guard personnel were released to return to civilian life and were replaced with the Korean combat seasoned veterans. The unit was redesignated as the 424th Bombardment Squadron Light assigned to the 4400th Tactical Bombardment Group (Training). The 424th was aow assigned the dual mission of being combat capable and continuing the training of B-26 combat crew.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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