

430 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

44th Aero Squadron organized, 30 Jun 1917

Redesignated Squadron K, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio, Oct 1918

Redesignated Squadron P, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio, Nov 1918

Demobilized, 30 April 1919

44 Squadron authorized, 10 Jun 1922

Organized, 26 Jun 1922

Redesignated 44 Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Squadron P, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio reconstituted and consolidated with 44 Squadron, 1924

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1927

Activated, 1 Apr 1931

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Sep 1937

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron (Medium Range), 6 Dec 1939

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy), 20 Nov 1940

Redesignated 430 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942

Redesignated 430 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 28 Mar 1944

Inactivated, 10 May 1944

Activated, 1 Jun 1944

Inactivated, 15 Apr 1946

STATIONS

Camp Kelly, TX, 30 Jun 1917
Wilbur Wright Field, OH, 25 Aug 1917 – 30 Apr 1919
Post Field, OK, 26 Jun 1922
March Field, CA, 25 Jun – 31 Jul 1927
France Field, Canal Zone, 1 Apr 1931
Albrook Field, Canal Zone, 13 May 1932
Howard Field, Canal Zone, 8 Jul – 27 Oct 1941
Atkinson Airfield, British Guiana, 4 Nov 1941
Orlando AAB, FL, 31 Oct 1942
Brooksville AAF, FL, 6 Jan 1944
Orlando AAB, FL, 25 Feb 1944
Dalhart AAF, TX, 6 Mar – 10 May 1944
Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 Jun 1944
Dalhart AAF, TX, 5 Jun 1944
Grand Island AAF, NE, 26 Sep 1944 – 7 Apr 1945
Northwest Field, Guam, 12 May 1945 – 15 Apr 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Unknown, 1917–1919
Eighth Corps Area, 26 Jun 1922
Air Corps Training Center, 31 Jun-Jul 1927
6 Composite Group, 1 Apr 1931
16 Pursuit Group, assigned, 1 Sep 1937, and attached, 1 Feb 1940
9 Bombardment Group, attached, 20 Nov 1940, and assigned 25 Feb 1942 – 10 May 1944
502 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1944 – 15 Apr 1946

ATTACHMENTS

Field Artillery School, Aug 1922
16 Pursuit Group, Dec 1932

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SJ-1
JN-4,
DH-4
O-2
O-19
B-10
OA-4
B-18, 1938–1942
B-17, 1943–1944
B-24, 1943–1944
B-25, 1943–1944
B-26, 1943–1944

B-29, 1944–1946

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

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