

434th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (MEDIUM)



MISSION

LINEAGE

19th Reconnaissance Squadron (Light) constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 94th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 14 Aug 1941
Redesignated 94th Reconnaissance Squadron (Medium), 30 Dec 1941
Redesignated 434th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 22 Apr 1942
Inactivated, 22 Jan 1946

STATIONS

McChord Field, WA, 15 Jan 1941
Esler Field, LA, 27 Feb-3 Jul 1942 (operated from Stockton Field, CA, 24 May-24 Jun 1942)
Ismailia, Egypt, 14 Aug 1942
LG 88, Egypt, 29 Sep 1942
Gambut, Libya, 5 Dec 1942
Magrun LC, Libya, 14 Dec 1942
Gambut, Libya, 17 Dec 1942
Caste1 Benito, Libya, 16 Feb 1943
El Assa, Libya, 8 Mar 1943
Medenine, Tunisia, 3 Apr 1943
Sfax, Tunisia, 17 Apr 1943

Hergla, Tunisia, 2 Jun 1943
Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 2 Aug 1943
Gerbini, Sicily, 22 Aug 1943
Foggia, Italy, 2 Nov 1943
Gaudo Airfield, Italy, 18 Jan-4 Feb 1944
Kurmitola, India, 21 Mar 1944
Madhaiganj Airfield, India, 13 Jun 1944
Comilla, India, 21 Jul 1944
Fenny, India, 27 Nov 1944 (operated from Magwe, Burma, 5-24 May 1945)
Pandaveswar, India, 17 Sep 1945
Karachi India, 22 Nov-24 Dec 1945
Ft Lawton, WA, 21-22 Jan 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

12th Bombardment Group: attached, 15 Jan 1941 assigned, 14 Aug 1941-22 Jan 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1941-1942
B-18A
B-23, 1941-1942
B-25, 1942-1945
B-25H
B-25J
A-26, 1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Egypt-Libya
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Air Combat, EAME Theater
India-Burma
China Defensive
Central Burma

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

North Africa and Sicily, Oct 1942-17 Aug 1943

EMBLEM

On a yellow disc with blue and white border a black tornado issuing from the ground, in brown, over all a red lightning flash bendsinisterwise, fimbriated yellow. (Approved, 18 Feb 1942)

MOTTO**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Patrols over the Pacific from west coast, Dec 1941-Feb 1942 and 24 May-24 Jun 1942; combat in MTO, 28 Aug 1942-30 Jan 1944, and in CBI, 27 Apr 1944-21 May 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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