

456th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, LIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

456th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 19 Jun 1942

Activated, 4 Aug 1942

Inactivated, 26 Nov 1945

Redesignated 456th Bombardment Squadron, Light, 9 Sep 1947

Activated in the reserve, 26 Sep 1947

Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951

Inactivated, 17 Mar 1951

STATIONS

Columbia AAB, SC, 4 Aug 1942

MacDill Field, FL, 21 Aug 1942

Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, SC, 2 Nov 1942-25 Apr 1943

Horham, England 13 May 1943

Earls Colne, England, 14 Jun 1943

Beaulieu, England, 21 Jul 1944

Lessay, France, 26 Aug 1944

Chartres, France, 21 Sep 1944

Laon/ Athies, France, 13 Oct 1944

Denain/ Prouvy, France, 9 Feb 1945

Gablingen, Germany, 15 May 1945

Kempton, Germany, 20 May 1945

Clastres, France, Oct-Dec 1945

Camp Myles Standish, Mass, 25-26 Nov 1945

Tinker Field, OK, 26 Sep 1947-17 Mar 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

323rd Bombardment Group, 4 Aug 1942-26 Nov 1945

323rd Bombardment Group, 26 Sep 1947-17 Mar 1951

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1942-1945

B-26B

B-26C

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe

Air Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Belgium and Germany, 24-27 Dec 1944

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OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 16 Jul 1943-25 Apr 1945. Disarmament of German Air Force, May-Sep 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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