

467th AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943
Activated, 1 Aug 1943
Redesignated 467th Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, Aug 1945
Inactivated, 4 Aug 1946

STATIONS

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Aug 1943
Mountain Home AAFld, ID, 8 Sep 1943
Kearns, UT, 17 Oct 1943
Wendover Field, UT, 1 Nov 1943-12 Feb 1944
Rackheath, England, 11 Mar 1944-12 Jun 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 15 Jul 1945
Fairmont AAFld, NE, 25 Jul 1945
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 25 Aug 1945
Harvard AAFld, NE, 8 Sep 1945
Clovis AAFld, NM, Dec 1945-4 Aug 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24
B-24H
B-24J
B-24L
B-24M

COMMANDERS

Cpt Garnet B. Palmer, 9 Sep 1943
Col Frederic E. Glantzberg, 17 Sep 1943
Col Albert H. Shower, 25 Oct 1943-1945
Maj Frank E McCarthy, 10 Sep 1945
Col Audrin R. Walker, 16 Sep 1945
LTC William W. Amorous, Mar 1946
LTC Kenneth S. Steele, Apr 1946
Col Thomas J. Gent, Jr., 21 Jun-Aug 1946

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



467th Bombardment Group emblem

467th Air Expeditionary Group emblem: Gules, a bend sinister Argent, in chief an arced chain Sable, over all and piercing the chain a sword blade up Azure, blade and grip detailed Or, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "467TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP" in Blue letters.

SIGNIFICANCE: Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to

the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The background of the shield honors Airmen, past and present. The chain represents the unit's World War II heritage where the mission was to break the chains of Axis tyranny. The bend is a lasting reminder of the unit's bombardment squadron as they flew into combat, white tail flashes shining. The sword depicts strength and power, attributes the Group will always use to break the chains or restraints on liberty and freedom.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Rackheath Aggies

OPERATIONS

Began operations on 10 Apr 1944 with an attack on an airfield at Bourges. Served chiefly as a strategic bombardment organization, attacking the harbor at Kiel, chemical plants at Bonn, textile factories at Stuttgart, power plants at Hamm, steel works at Osnabruck, the aircraft industry at Brunswick, and other objectives. In addition to strategic operations, engaged occasionally in support and interdiction missions. Bombed shore installations and bridges near Cherbourg on D-Day, 6 Jun 1944. Struck enemy troop and supply concentrations near Montreuil on 25 Jul 1944 to assist the Allied drive across France. Hauled gasoline to France in Sep for mechanized forces. Attacked German communications and fortifications during the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944-7311 1945. Hit enemy transportation to assist the Allied assault across the Rhine in Mar 1945. Flew last combat mission on 25 Apr.

First Mission: 10 Apr 1944

Last Mission: 25 Apr 1945

Total Missions: 212

Total Credit Sorties: 5,538

Total Bomb Tonnage: 13,333 tons

Aircraft missing in action: 29

Other operational Losses: 19

Enemy aircraft claims: 6-5-2

Activated 1 Aug 1943 at Wendover Fld, Utah. Assembled at Mountain Home AAFd, ID, from 8 Sep 1943 to mid Oct 1943. Temporarily based at Kearns Fd, UT, before commencing detailed training at Wendover Fld, 1 Nov 1943 where Group remained for fifteen weeks. On 12 Feb 1944 ground echelon by train to Camp Shanks, NY. Sailed on USAT Frederick Lykes, 28 Feb 1944 and arrived in Clyde 10 Mar 1944. Air echelon left Wendover, 12 Feb 1944 and flew to UK by south Atlantic ferry route. One B-24 lost with all crew in Atlas mountains.

Redeployed USA Jun 1945. Majority aircraft left Rackheath, 12 Jun 1945. Ground echelon sailed Queen Mary from Greenock 6 Jul 1945 and arrived New York 11 Jul 1945. Personnel 30 days R & R. Group selected for training as B-29 unit, first at Alamogordo AAFd, NM. and then Harvard

AAFd, NE. Established at Clovis AAFd, NM. in Dec 1945 and remained there until inactivated, 4 Aug 1946.

The Air Force inactivated the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, along with the 321st Air Expeditionary Wing, 368th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group, and 467th Air Expeditionary Group Sunday afternoon local time. The ceremony took place in a hangar at an undisclosed installation here just five hours after the last US troops left Iraq. "It's been an honor to serve with so many men and women who poured their heart and soul into this mission," said Maj. Gen. Russell Handy who led the task force since August 2010. Handy also thanked airmen and their families for their "personal sacrifices." Nearly 4,500 US military members died during Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn and more than 32,000 were wounded. "Understandably, many of you will look back and wonder if it was worth the price. That question is one we all will have to ask ourselves because sacrifice is a deeply personal thing," said Handy. 2011

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