501st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, TACTICAL



MISSION

LINEAGE

501st Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 3 Sep 1942 Activated, 8 Sep 1942 Inactivated, 29 Dec 1945 Redesignated 501st Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, 26 Sep 1957 Activated, 8 Oct 1957 Inactivated, 25 Jun 1959

STATIONS

Columbia AAB, SC, 8 Sep 1942
Walterboro AAFId, SC, 5 Mar-16 Apr 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 5 Jun 1943
Dobodura, New Guinea, 23 Dec 1943
Nadzab, New Guinea, 23 Feb 1944
Biak, 23 Ju1 1944
Dulag, Leyte (operated from Biak), 13 Nov 1944
Tacloban, Leyte, 27 Dec 1944
San Marcelino, Luzon, 12 Feb 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, 12 May 1945
le Shima, 28 Jul-11 Dec 1945
Camp Stoneman, CA, 28-29 Dec 1945
Langley AFB, VA, 8 Oct 1954-25 Jun 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

345th Bombardment Group, 8 Sep 1942-29 Dec 1945 345th Bombardment Wing, 8 Oct 1957-25 Jun 1959

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-25, 1942-1945 B-25D B-57, 1957-1959

COMMANDERS

HONORS Service StreamersNone

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan China Defensive New Guinea Bismarck Archipelago Western Pacific Leyte Luzon Southern Philippines China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations Rabaul, New Britain, 2 Nov 1943 Saigon, French Indo-China, 28 Apr 1945

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM



501st Bombardment Squadron (Medium) emblem

 501^{st} Bombardment Squadron, Tactical emblem: on a white disc edged black, an Air Force golden yellow increscent moon, surmounted by a black silhouetted springing panther. Emblem inspired by a sign on a Chicago cocktail lounge for "The Black Panther Lounge" Approved, $8~\rm Apr~1958$)

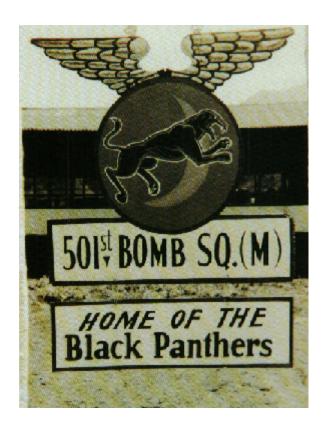
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BLACK PANTHERS

OPERATIONS

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 21 Jun 1943-1 Sep 1945.



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