

597th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



MISSION

LINEAGE

597th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 20 Mar 1943

Activated, 20 Apr 1943

Inactivated, 5 Jan 1946

STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 20 Apr 1943

Avon Park Bombing Range, FL, 14 Oct 1943

Hunter Field, GA, 2 Nov 1943-14 Mar 1944

Gosfield, England, 5 Apr 1944

Rivenhall, England, 15 Apr 1944

Hum, England, 5 Aug 1944;

Gorges, France, 31 Aug 1944

Dreux, France, 15 Sep 1944

Peronne, France, c, 7 Oct 1944

Venlo, Holland, 25 Apr 1945

Peronne, France, 31 May-Dec 1945

Camp Shanks, NY, 4-5 Jan 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

397th Bombardment Group, 20 Apr 1943-5 Jan 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1943-1946

B-26C

B-26B

B-26F

B-26G

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Eller, Germany, 23 Dec 1944

EMBLEM

Over and through a light yellow disc, BUGS BUNNY proper seated on the left wing of a caricatured grayed green aircraft, holding aloft a carrot proper with the left forepaw, and shoving a tan and brown aerial bomb off of wing tip with hind feet. (Approved, 20 Dec 1943)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 20 Apr 1944-20 Apr 1945

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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