

613 FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

613 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 20 Mar 1943
Activated, 1 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945
Redesignated 613 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 25 July 1947
Activated in the reserve, 12 Aug 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 613 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 24 Nov 1953
Activated, 8 Feb 1954
Redesignated 613 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Redesignated 613 Fighter Squadron
Inactivated, 28 Jun 1991

STATIONS

Ephrata AAB, WA, 1 Apr 1943
Geiger Field, WA, 4 Jun 1943
Great Falls AAB, MT, 8 Jul-19 Oct 1943
Deenethorpe, England, 3 Nov 1943-20 Jun 1945
Sioux Falls AAB, SD, 1-28 Aug 1945
Brooks Field, TX, 12 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949
Alexandria (later, England) AFB, LA, 8 Feb 1954
Torrejon AB, Spain, 27 Apr 1966

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Aviano AB, Italy, 13 Aug 1959-15 Dec 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

401 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1943-28 Aug 1945
401 Bombardment Group, 12 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949
401 Fighter-Bomber Group, 8 Feb 1954
401 Fighter-Bomber (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945
F-86, 1954
F-84, 1955-1957
F-100, 1957

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

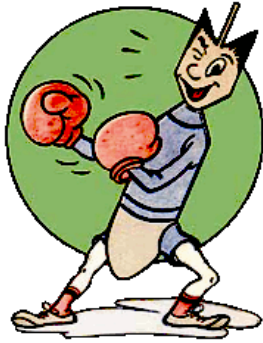
Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Germany, 11 Jan 1944
Germany, 20 Feb 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

13 Sep-6 Oct 1960
1 Jan-31 Dec 1963

EMBLEM



Drawn by the famed cartoonist, Walt Disney, this punching bomb is symbolic of a squadron which was "always right in there, punching."

AFU 557

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: 613 Bomb Sq. (H), 401 Bomb Gp. (H), Insignia.

Bomb represents Bombardment Squadron.
Boxing gloves represent a scrapping outfit, ready for a fight.

This insignia was designed and drawn by Walt Disney.





On a disc Air Force yellow, bordered black, a caricatured octopus, of the second, with tentacles, markings, and face features of the first, eyeballs red; grasping with three of his tentacles a rocket inflamed, and with two of his tentacles twirling flashes of firepower, all proper.
(Approved, 22 Feb 1955)

MOTTO

Squids

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 26 Nov 1943-20 Apr 1945.



Preflight briefing, England AFB, LA, 1955



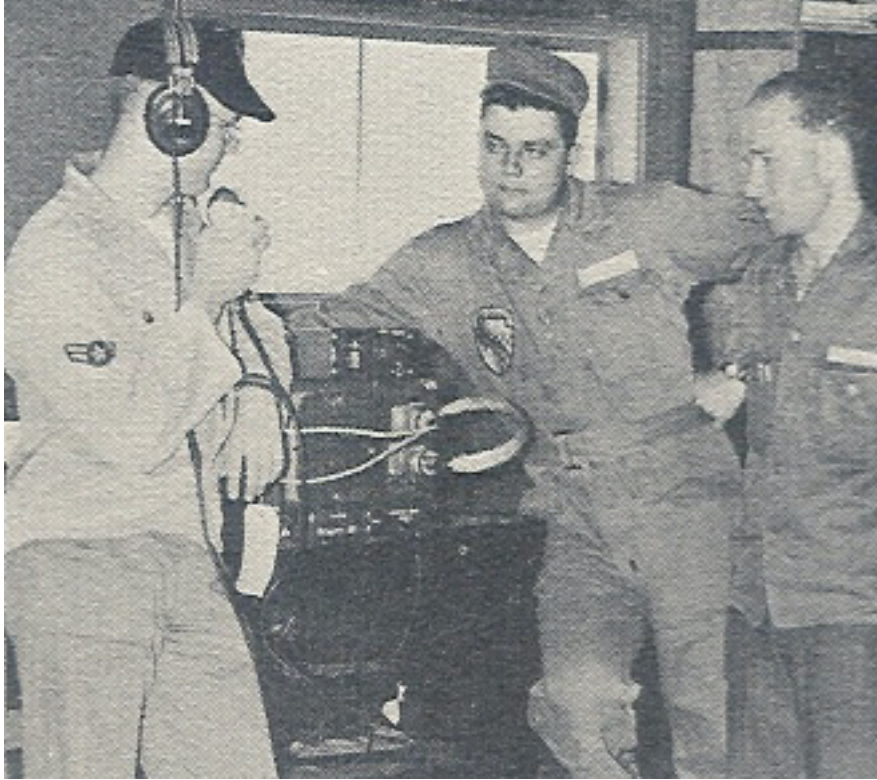
Friends and families welcome the 613 FBS on their return from France where they spent six months on a TDY mission, England AFB, LA, 1955



Sheet metal shop, England AFB, LA, 1955



Studying work requests in the Electronics Office



Radio Section, England AFB, LA, 1955

USAF Unit Histories

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