

614 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

614 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 20 Mar 1943
Activated, 1 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945
Redesignated 614 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 26 Sep 1947
Activated in the reserve, 6 Apr 1948
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 614 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 24 Nov 1953
Activated, 8 Feb 1954
Redesignated 614 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated. 30 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Ephrata AAB, WA, 1 Apr 1943
Geiger Field, WA, 4 Jun 1943
Great Falls AAB, MT, 7 Jul-19 Oct 1943
Deenethorpe, England, 4 Nov 1943-20 Jun 1945
Sioux Falls AAB, SD, c. 1-28 Aug 1945
Brooks Field, TX, 6 Apr 1948-27 Jun 1949
Alexandria (later, England) AFB, LA, 8 Feb 1954
Torrejon AB, Spain, 15 Jul 1971

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Aviano AB, Italy, 18 Jun 1956-10 Dec 1956

Aviano AB, Italy, 17 Nov 1958-18 Apr 1959

ASSIGNMENTS

401 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1943-28 Aug 1945

401 Bombardment Group, 6 Apr 1948-27 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, 1954-1955

F-84, 1954-1957

F-100, 1957

F-16

COMMANDERS

Maj Robert C. Ruby, #1955

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 194

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan-31 Dec 1963

EMBLEM







Over and through a medium blue disc, wide border light turquoise blue, piped white, a winged horseshoe gold with a light green aerial bomb crossing behind the sinister heel and in front of dexter heel, all surmounted by the face and head of a red devil, with highlight and shadow. (Approved, 15 Nov 1943)

Lucky Devils head originated with Mrs. J. J. Casagrande, wife of the squadron's first navigator, later a prisoner of War in Germany.

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: 614 Bomb Sq. (H), 401 Bomb Gp. (H), Insignia.

Lucky Devil, inspired by Mephistopheles.
Horseshoe for Luck.
Bomb for Bomb Squadron.
Wings for Air Corps.

The original design and drawing for this insignia was done by Mrs. Joe Casagrande, widow of Lt. Joe Casagrande, original Squadron Navigator of 614 Bomb Sq.

MOTTO

Lucky Devils

OPERATIONS

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



Maj Robert C. Ruby



Reading the latest tabloids in the pilots' lounge, England AFB, LA, 1955



F-84s on the flight line England AFB, LA, 1955



F-84 taxiing before a mission, England AFB, LA, 1955



Technical Sergeant Coleman of the Armament Section briefs his men on a new casting. England AFB, LA, 1955

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