

615 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

615 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 20 Mar 1943
Activated, 1 Apr 1943
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945
Redesignated 615 Bombardment Squadron. Very Heavy, 27 Dec 1946
Activated in the reserve, 10 Jan 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 615 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 30 Aug 1957
Activated, 25 Sep 1957
Redesignated 615 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958

STATIONS

Ephrata AAB, WA, 1 Apr 1943
Geiger Field, WA, 4 Jun 1943
Great Falls AAB, MT, 8 Jul-19 Oct 1943
Deenethorpe, England, 4 Nov 1943-20 Jun 1945
Sioux Falls AAB, SD, 1-28 Aug 1945
Brooks Field, TX, 10 Jan 1947-27 Jun 1949
England AFB, LA, 25 Sep 1957-15 Jul 1966

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Aviano AB, Italy, 18 Apr 1959-10 Apr 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

401 Bombardment Group, 1Apr 1943-28 Aug 1945

Tenth Air Force, 10Jan 1947

401 Bombardment Group, 30 Sep 1947-27 Jun 1949

401 Fighter Bomber (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945

F-100, 1957

F-100D

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

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

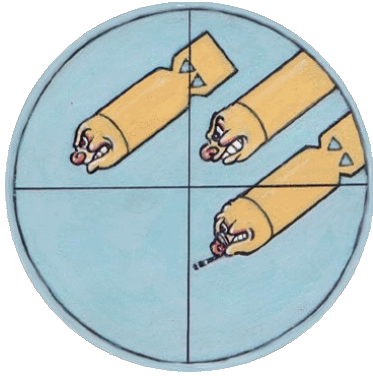
Germany, 11 Jan 1944

Germany, 20 Feb 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan-31 Dec 1963

EMBLEM



These angry bombs come from the pen of Milt Caniff author of "Terry and the Pirates" and "Male Call." Faces represent Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin.



A gray quadrangle within a wide border per bend green and red; a ferocious stalking black leopard, highlighted gray, issuing from chief and extending over the border in base, his eyes green, teeth white and tongue red, his tail appearing above the border in chief. (Approved, 17

Nov 1958)

MOTTO

PRESS ON

NICKNAME

Green Panthers

OPERATIONS

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

The 401st TFW operated the F-100 from 1958 until 1970 and during this period participated in numerous fire power demonstrations, tactical exercises and maneuvers both in the United States and overseas. The squadrons were deployed to bases in Europe and the Middle East in support of NATO. During the Cuban Crisis (19 October to 5 December 1962) all wing tactical and support elements not deployed overseas operated from Homestead AFB, Florida.

In 1964 to 1965 squadron deployments were made to Southeast Asia in support of operations in Vietnam and to Torrejon Air Base, Spain in support of NATO operations.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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