

653 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (LIGHT, WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

653 Bombardment Squadron (Light, Weather Reconnaissance) constituted, 17 Jul 1944

Activated, 9 Aug 1944

Inactivated, 19 Dec 1945

STATIONS

Watton, England, 9 Aug 1944

Chalgrove, England, 5 Aug 1945

Hitcham, England, 15 Oct-Dec 1945

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 17-19 Dec 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

25 Bombardment Group (Reconnaissance), 9 Aug 1944

325 Reconnaissance Wing, 5 Sep 1945

3 Air Division, 12 Oct 1945

VIII Fighter Command, 1 Nov-19 Dec 1945

ATTACHMENTS

7 Reconnaissance Group, 6 Aug-Nov 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1944

B-17, 1944
Mosquito XVI, 1944-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a light yellow green disc, a caricatured, gray mosquito wearing brown aviator's helmet and flight boots, tan flak vest, and white goggles and gloves, kneeling on small, white cloud formation, edged black, shadowed gray, and peering toward sinister through crooked, brown telescope held to right eye, all in front of a large, jagged, grayed light red lightning flash piercing cloud. (Approved, 2 Apr 1945)

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OPERATIONS

Weather reconnaissance in ETO, 9 Aug 1944-6 May 1945

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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