

676 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

676 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 15 Feb 1943
Activated, 1 Mar 1943
Redesignated 676 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 20 Nov 1943
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1946

STATIONS

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 Mar 1943
Great Bend AAFld, KS, 2 Aug 1943-12 Mar 1944
Charra, India, 11 Apr 1944
Dudhkundi, India, 1 Jul 1944-Apr 1945
West Field, Tinian, Apr-27 Oct 1945
Merced AAFld, CA, 15 Nov 1945
Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 10 May-1 Oct 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

444 Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1943-1 Oct 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1943
B-17, 1943-1944

YB-29, 1943-1944

B-29, 1943-1946

COMMANDERS

LTC John J. Thornhill

LTC Alvan Moore

Maj Charles Hansen, Aug 1944

LTC William H. Delacey, Nov 1944-May 1945

LTC Robert C. Root, Mar 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

India-Burma

Air Offensive, Japan

China Defensive

Western Pacific

Central Burma

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Yawata, Japan, 20 Aug 1944

Japan, 1-14 May 1945

Japan, 24 Jul 1945

EMBLEM

Over and through rt yellow disc, the caricatured figure, THE RELUCTANT DRAGON, light and dark green, winged light blue, in flight toward dexter, over a small, light blue cloud formation in base supporting three, black aerial bombs, and hurling a small, black bomb with the left forepaw, while holding a like bomb in the right forepaw. (Approved, 27 Jun 1945)

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OPERATIONS

Combat in CBI, 5 Jun 1944-28 Mar 1945, and Western Pacific, 10 May-14 Aug 1945.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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