

731 EXPEDITIONARY ATTACK SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

731 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 14 May 1943
Activated, 1 Jun 1943
Redesignated 731 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945
Redesignated 731 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 13 May 1947
Activated in the reserve, 12 Jul 1947
Redesignated 731 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 731 Bombardment Squadron, Light, Night Attack, 1 Aug 1950
Ordered to active service, 10 Aug 1950
Inactivated, 25 Jun 1951
Redesignated 731 Expeditionary Attack Squadron, 4 Mar 2021

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 1 June 1943
Rapid City Army Air Base, SD, 13 Jun 1943
Pendleton Field, OR, 10 Oct 1943
Walla Walla AAB, WA, 4 Nov–Dec 1943
RAF Deopham Green, England, 8 Jan 1944 – 6 Aug 1945
Sioux Falls AAF, SD, 12–28 Aug 1945
Long Beach AAF (later Long Beach Municipal Airport), CA, 19 Apr 1947
George AFB, CA, 10 Aug–Oct 1950
Iwakuni AB, Japan, 17 Nov 1950 – 25 Jun 1951
Câmpia Turzii Air Base, Romania, 4 Mar 2021

ASSIGNMENTS

452 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943 – 28 Aug 1945

452 Bombardment Group, 12 Jul 1947 – 25 Jun 1951 (attached to 3 Bombardment Group after November 1950)

31 Operations Group, 4 Mar 2021

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943–1945

B-26, 1950–1951

C-47, 1951

MQ-9, 2021

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

CCF Intervention

1st UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Germany, 7 April 1945

Korea, 22 April 1951 – 25 June 1951

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

Korea, 27 Oct 1950 – 25 June 1951

EMBLEM



731 Bombardment Squadron (Light, Night Attack) emblem: On a medium blue disc, a large white cloud formation surmounted by a brown and tan falcon in flight, grasping two red aerial bombs in claws, all in front of a yellow lightning flash. (Approved, 26 Oct 1943)

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OPERATIONS

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