

748 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



MISSION

LINEAGE

748 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943

Activated, 1 Jul 1943

Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 1 Jul 1943

Rapid City AAB, SD, 9 Jul 1943

Ephrata AAB, WA, 28 Oct 1943

Wendover Field, UT, 6 Dec 1943-1 Jan 1944

Glatton, England, 28 Jan 1944- Jun 1945

Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, Jul-28 Aug 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

457th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1943-28 Aug 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a light blue disc, broken line segment border medium green, a large red aerial bomb falling toward dexter base, tail fins in graduated shades of gray and blue, nose taking the form of the head and shoulders of a black leopard, with expression of anger on face, between a red violet aerial bomb in dexter chief, and a yellow green and a red violet aerial bomb in sinister base, all in front of two white cloud formations. (Approved, 15 Aug 1944)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 21 Feb 1944-20 Apr 1945.

Oct 1st, 1943 - Captain Edward P. Clark was the first commanding officer of the 748th Squadron. Captain Clark was replaced after a mid-air collision of two planes on Dec 23rd, 1943. All the crew of one plane were killed. The other plane returned safely to the field at Ephrata Airbase

Dec 24th, 1943 - Captain Leroy Watson, Jr. assumed command of the squadron and continued until he was promoted to Group Operations Officer on Mar 7th, 1944.

Mar 7th 1944 - Major George C. Hozier assumed command of the squadron. He and his crew were shot down by flak on a mission to Nijmegen, Holland on Sept 17th, 1944. All were POW's.

Sept 17th, 1944 - Major Jacob M. Dickenson assumed command of the squadron after Major Hozier was shot down over Holland. He remained in command until Oct 27th, 1944.

Oct 27th, 1944 - Lt Col Wilbur D. Snow assumed command and remained in command until he completed his tour and returned to the USA in Mar 1945.

Mar 1945 - Major Edward Dozier assumed command in Mar 1945 and was leading a mission to Inglestadt on Apr 5th, 1945. Shortly after takeoff, one of his engines caught fire. Major Dozier attempted to return and land at his field but crashed and burned on the landing approach. All but one of the crew were killed.

Apr 5th, 1945 - Major James A Maguire assumed command of the squadron on Apr 5th, 1945 after the death of Major Dozier. Major Maguire remained commander until the squadron was dismissed.

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