813 FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

813 Bombardment Squadron (Pathfinder) constituted, 10 Aug 1943 Activated, 20 Aug 1943

Redesignated 813 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 11 Nov 1944 Inactivated, 1 Sep 1945

Redesignated 813 Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy), 5 Sep 1947 Activated in the reserve, 24 Sep 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 813 Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), 26 May 1952 Activated in the reserve, 14 Jun 1952

Inactivated, 1 Dec 1952

Redesignated 813 Fighter-Bomber Squadron 28 Feb 1957 Activated in the reserve, 8 Jul 1957 Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957

STATIONS

Alconbury, England, 20 Aug 1943-Jun 1945 Victorville AAFId, CA, Jul-1 Sep 1945 Harding Field, LA, 24 Sep 1947-27 Jun 1949 Miami Intl Aprt, FL, 14 Jun-1 Dec 1952 Dobbins AFB, GA, 8 Jul-16 Nov 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

482 Bombardment Group, 20 Aug 1943-1 Sep 1945 482 Bombardment Group, 24 Sep 1947-27 Jun 1949 482 Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jun-1 Dec 1952 482 Fighter-Bomber Group, 8 Jul 1957-16 Nov 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe Air Normandy Northern France Rhineland Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation Germany, 11Jan 194

EMBLEM

On a dark red disc, a caricatured light green firefly, edged black, highlighted yellow, wearing aviator's helmet and goggles, in flight, having a white "tail light" with glow of yellow, light red, and violet concentric circles, and holding in the forelegs a tan aerial bomb, edged black, highlighted yellow. (Approved, 17 Oct 1944)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO as pathfinder force, 24 Sep 1943-25 Apr 1945

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