

827 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



MISSION

LINEAGE

41 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 5 Antisubmarine Squadron (Heavy), 29 Nov 1942
Redesignated 827 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 1 Oct 1943
Inactivated, 25 Jul 1945

STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 15 Jan 1941
Orlando AB, FL, 7 Jun 1941
Westover Field, MA, 25 Jan 1942
Mountain Home AAFld, ID, 24 Sep 1943
Harvard AAFld, NE, 1 Oct 1943-2 Mar 1944
Torretto Airfield, Italy, 8 Apr 1944
Casablanca, French Morocco, 25 May-25 Jul 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

13 Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941
25 Antisubmarine Wing, 30 Nov 1942
484 Bombardment Group, 1 Oct 1943-25 Jul 45

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1941
B-25, 1941-1943

A-29, 1942-1943

B-24, 1943-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Air Offensive, Europe

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Munich, Germany, and Innsbruck, Austria, 13 Jun 1944

Vienna, Austria, 22 Aug 1944

EMBLEM



41 Bombardment Squadron emblem: The weight of the war was on his shoulders as the squadron climbed so that the target slanted away from the sights. He knew he was flying with one of the best pilot navigator teams in the air force, but, after all, their relation to the final outcome of any operation was only partial. It was their job to bring him to the objective before he could make the kill. Without them he was helpless, and they without him, incomplete. His thoughts went back in fitful flashes of pride to those days at Westover Field, Massachusetts, before the 41st Bombardment Squadron went over for the "real thing." It was on the occasion of their acceptance of the Disney-created insignia, a helmet-clad rooster, tough and pretentious, with muffler and goggles, and carrying a gray, legless "pig" under one wing. With right wing raised in salute, it represented the "Fighting Forty-First," and they were proud of it. The bombsight drew cross-hairs across the target below. He tripped the lever of the bomb rack.

On a white disc, encircled by a blue annulet, issuant from base, a dexter arm from the wrist grasping a four pronged thunderbolt extending across and over the annulet. (Approved, 11 Jul 1942)

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Jan 1942-Sep 1943. Combat in MTO and ETO, 29 Apr 1944-26 Apr 1945.

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