

863 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



MISSION

LINEAGE

518 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 13 Oct 1942
Activated, 18 Oct 1942
Redesignated 13 Antisubmarine Squadron (Heavy), 29 Nov 1942
Redesignated 863 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 1 Nov 1943
Redesignated 863 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy,
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945

STATIONS

Grenier Field, NH, 18 Oct 1942
Pueblo AAB, CO, 22 Sep 1943
McCook AAFld, NE, 1 Nov 1943-1 Jan 1944
Elveden Hall, England, 1 Jan 1944
Debach, England, 17 Apr 1944-6 Aug 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 13-28 Aug 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

AAF Antisubmarine Command, 18 Oct 1942
25 Antisubmarine Wing, 9 Dec 1942
Second Air Force, 22 Sep 1943
493 Bombardment Group, 1 Nov 1943-28 Aug 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-47, 1942-1943
B-25, 1943
B-24, 1943-1944

B-17, 1944- 1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc per fess debased, inverted light blue and dark blue, within a border of equally divided rings of black and golden orange, a winged black cat, yellow face, red tongue, and white paws, riding an aerial torpedo golden orange with a shark's face and eye on nose, all emitting speed lines white, falling to dexter base; a white cloud formation outlined black in chief. (Approved, 13 May 1943)

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Oct 1942-Sep 1943. Combat in ETO, 6 Jun 1944-20 Apr 1945.

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