

13 EXPEDITIONARY COMBAT WEATHER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

13 Weather Squadron constituted, 8 Aug 1944
Activated, 1 Sep 1944
Inactivated, 23 Jun 1951
Redesignated 13 Expeditionary Combat Weather Squadron

STATIONS

Algiers, Algeria, 1 Sep 1944
Pomigliano, Italy, 20 Jun 1945
Gicia del Cole, Italy, 3 Jul 1945
Caserta, Italy, 7 Jul 1945
Bagnoli, Italy, 13 Aug 1945
Caserta, Italy, 10 May 1945
Goldsboro, NC,
Mitchel AFB, NY, 4 Sep 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

North African Theater of Operations, 8 Aug 1944
6583 Weather Group (Provisional), 10 May 1945
Army Air Forces Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 13 Aug 1945
Headquarters Army Air Forces Weather Service, 25 Aug 1945
2102 Air Weather Group, 4 Sep 1948

COMMANDERS

Maj Joseph P. Carey, Jr., 1 Sep 1944
Maj Harold C. Banks, 19 Sep 1944

Capt Bernard G. Carroll, Jr., 8 Jul 1945
Capt Ben F. Haile, 25 Aug 1945
Unknown, 4 Sep 1948

HONORS

Service Streamers

EAME Theater, 7 Dec 1941-8 Nov 1945

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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The black cat symbolizes the fact that weather is an element which must be carefully considered, since it may unleash a fury that will "scratch" scheduled operations. The cat's reputation for nocturnal vision reflects the "round-the-clock" nature of observing duties. His sharp eyes, piercing into the unknown darkness, seeking things to come, represent the forecaster. The WW-13 figure in the background, the symbol of threatening weather, indicates the squadron's numerical designation and the importance of weather squadrons to aviation. The sun and the cloud with rain emanating there from depict the squadron's continuous duties in all kinds of weather. (Approved, 8 Dec 1944)



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