

44 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

44 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 22 Nov 1940
Activated, 1 Apr 1941
Redesignated 44 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 7 May 1942
Redesignated 44 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 20 Nov 1943
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1946
Redesignated 44 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 9 May 1952
Activated, 28 May 1952

STATIONS

Borinquen Field, PR, 1 Apr 1941
Howard Field, CZ, 16 Jun 1942
Guatemala City, Guatemala, 6 Jul 1942
Howard Field, CZ, 4-15 Jun 1943
Pratt AAFld, KS, 1 Jul 1943-12 Mar 1944
Chakulia, India, 11 Apr 1944-Apr 1945
West Field, Tinian, Apr-7 Nov 1945
March Field, CA, 27 Nov 1945
Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 13 May-1 Oct 1946
Smoky Hill AFB, KS, 28 May 1952
Forbes AFB, KS, 20 Jun 1960

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Lakenheath, England, 9 Jun 1955-9 Sep 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

40 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1941-1 Oct 1946

40 Bombardment Wing, 28 May 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18A, 1941-1942

B-17, 1942-1944

B-24, 1942-1943

B-26, 1943-1944

YB-29, 1943-1944

B-29, 1944-1946

B-29, 1953-1954

B-47, 1954

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

India-Burma

Air Offensive, Japan

China Defensive

Western Pacific

Central Burma

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Yawata, Japan, 20 Aug 1944

Japan, 5-14 May 1945

Japan, 24 Jul 1945

EMBLEM



On and over a blue disc edged in gold a falcon affronte in red, white, and black, outlined in yellow, with wings displayed and carrying a yellow aerial bomb. (Approved, 7 Feb 1942)

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941-May 1943. Combat in CBI, 5 Jun 1944-29 Mar 1945, and Western Pacific, 5 May-14 Aug 1945.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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