

47 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

47 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Inactivated, 27 Jan 1946

STATIONS

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941

Tucson, AZ, 16 May 1941

Muroc, CA, 10 Dec 1941

Visalia, CA, 5 Feb 1942

Hammer Field, CA, 3 Jun 1942 (temporarily stationed at San Diego, Calif, 7 Dec 1942; Portland, Ore, 20 Feb-27 Sep 1943)

Hickam Field, TH, 16 Oct 1943

Abemama, 22 Dec 1943

Makin, 21 Apr 1944

Wheeler Field, TH, 5 Nov 1944

Okinawa, 7 Jun 1945

Manila, Luzon, Dec 1945-27 Jan 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

41 Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941-27 Jan 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

PT-17, 1941
B-18A, 1941
A-29, 1941-1942
B-25, 1942-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Over and through a yellow disc, a caricatured black crow, wings and tail edged light green, beak, goggles, and feet orange, red scarf about the neck, white parachute straps and spats, brown aviator's helmet, smoking a cigarette gray and black, and leaning with right wing on gray aerial bomb, point to base, all casting gray-green shadow across base of disc. (Approved, 22 Jul 1943)

We'll make 'em eat crow," promised the young flight lieutenant as he started for quarters. He was thinking fondly of the Lockheed Hudson bombers which were to take part in this enforced diet, and of the part they had so recently played in maneuvers. His squadron of heavies had just shuttled in from an especially tough assignment that had taken them far north of the high Yosemite ridge, and they were equal to anything the enemy had to offer—when that day came. The 47th Bombardment Squadron, with the help of Walt Disney, had even been thoughtful enough to provide their prospective guests with a bill of fare. This swaggering black crow which rides with the group is the leader of the crows straight out of the Disney feature, "Dumbo." He carries a machine gun under one wing, leans on a torpedo with the other and presents a perfect picture of arrogant self-assurance.

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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941-Aug 1942. Combat in Central Pacific, 17 Jan-31 Oct 1944, and

Western Pacific, 1 Jul-12 Aug 1945.

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