

53rd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (LIGHT)



MISSION

LINEAGE

53rd Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

STATIONS

Savannah, GA, 15 Jan 1941

Bowman Field, KY, 15 May 1941

Barksdale Field, LA, 4 Feb 1942

Galveston Mun Aprt, TX, 1 Apr 1942

Blythe AAB, CA, 21 May 1942

Will Rogers Field, OK, 13 Nov 1942

Drew Field, FL, 8 Oct 1943

Morris Field, NC, 6 Nov 1943-1 May 1944

ASSIGNMENTS

46th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941-1 May 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-20, 1941-1944

B-25, 1944

A-20C

A-20G

B-25C

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

On a diamond red, point to base, bordure, black, piped white, a black panther leaping bend sinisterwise, superimposed on a white aerial bomb falling to base. (Approved, 6 Nov 1942)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Apr-May 1942. Operational training unit, Jan-Oct 1943; replacement training unit, Oct 1943-Apr 1944.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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