

59th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, LIGHT

MISSION

LINEAGE

59th Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 22 Nov 1940
Activated 1 Jan 1941
Redesignated 59th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 10 Jun 1943
Disbanded, 20 Jun 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 59th Bombardment Squadron, Light, 26 May 1947
Activated in the reserve, 9 Jul 1947
Inactivated, 2 Sep 1949
Activated in the reserve, 10 Oct 1949
Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 22 Mar 1951

STATIONS

Rio Hato, Panama, 1 Jan 1941
Howard Field, CZ, 28 Oct 1941
Aguadulce, Panama, 11 Dec 1941 (detachments operated from Hato Field, Curacao, 13 Jan 1942, and Dakota Field, Aruba, 14 Jan-24 Sep 1942)
Howard Field, CZ, 19 Feb 1942
Hato Field, Curacao, 10 Mar 1942
Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, 12 Jul 1943
Beane Field, St Lucia, 20 Oct 1943-24 Mar 1944
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 7 Apr-20 Jun 1944
Mitchel Field, NY, 9 Jul 1947
Reading Mun Aprt, PA, 27 Jun-2 Sep 1949
Birmingham Mun Aprt, AL, 10 Oct 1949-22 Mar 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

Panama Canal Department, 1 Jan 1941

19th Bombardment Wing, 2 Jan 1941
VI Bomber Command, 25 Oct 1941
Antilles Air Task Force, 19 Mar 1943
25th Bombardment Group, 11 Oct 1943-20 Jun 1944
319th Bombardment Group, 9 Jul 1947-2 Sep 1949
319th Bombardment Group, 10 Oct 1949-22 Mar 1951

ATTACHMENTS

9th Bombardment Group, 6 Jan 1941-21 Jul 1942
Trinidad Detachment, VI Fighter Command, 21 Jul 1942-unkn
25th Bombardment Group (under operational control of a detachment of Antilles Air Task Force, 26 Apr 1943-1 Aug 1943)

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-20, 1941-1943
A-20A
B-18, 1943-1944
B-48B
B-25, 1943-1944
B-25G

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

None

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols in the Caribbean during World War II.

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Sources

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