

331 AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

331 Bombardment Group (Heavy), constituted, 1 Jul 1942

Activated, 6 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944

Redesignated 331 Bombardment Group (Very Heavy) and activated, 12 Jul 1944

Inactivated, 15 Apr 1946

Redesignated 331 Air Expeditionary Group and converted to provisional status, 21 Oct 2005

Activated, 1 Sep 2008

Inactivated, 17 Sep 2008

Activated, 5 Apr 2010

Inactivated

Activated

Inactivated, 8 May 2014

STATIONS

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 6 Jul 1942

Casper AAFld, WY, 15 Sep 1942-1 Apr 1944

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 12 Jul 1944

McCook AAFld, NE, 14 Nov 1944-6 Apr 1945

Northwest Field, Guam, 12 May 1945-15 Apr 1946

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force

Twentieth Air Force

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17

B-24

B-29

COMMANDERS

Unkn, Jul-Sep 1942

2LT William B. Moeser, 17 Sep 1942

Lt Col Frank P. Hunter, Jr., 29 Sep 1942

Lt Col William Lewis, Jr., 5 Mar 1943

Lt Col Marcus A. Mullen, 1 Feb-1 Apr 1944

Maj Willard W. Wilson, 26 Jul 1944

Lt Col Hadley V. Saehlenou, 30 Jul 1944

Col Hoyt L. Prindle, 19 Aug 1944

Col James N. Peyton, 24 Jan 1945

Lt Col Roland J. Barnick, Oct 1945-15 Apr 1946

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Air Offensive, Japan

Eastern Mandates

Western Pacific

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Japan, 22-29 Jul 1945

EMBLEM

Azure, three sea gulls volant or, on a chief of the last a thunderbolt gules, irradiated of the field.
(Approved, 22 Dec 1942)

MOTTO

IMPARIDO PECTORE—With Undaunted Heart

OPERATIONS

Bombed Japanese-held Truk late in Jun 1945. Flew first mission against the Japanese home islands on 9 Jul 1945 and afterward operated principally against the enemy's petroleum industry on Honshu. Despite the hazards of bad weather, fighter attacks, and heavy flak, the 331 bombed

the coal liquefaction plant at Ube, the Mitsubishi-Hayama petroleum complex at Kawasaki, and the oil refinery and storage facilities at Shimotsu, in Jul 1945, and received a DUC for the missions. After the war the group dropped food and supplies to Allied prisoners of war in Japan.

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Sources

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