

401 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

11 Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942
Activated, 15 Apr 1942
Redesignated 401 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942
Redesignated 401 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy,
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945

STATIONS

Harding Field, LA, 15 Apr 1942
MacDill Field, FL, 13 May 1942
Walla Walla, WA, 22 Jun-24 Aug 1942
Kimbolton, England, 13 Sep 1942
Bassingbourn, England, 14 Oct 1942-22 Jun 1945
Drew Field, FL, 3 Jul-7 Nov 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

91 Bombardment Group, 15 Apr 1942-7 Nov 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

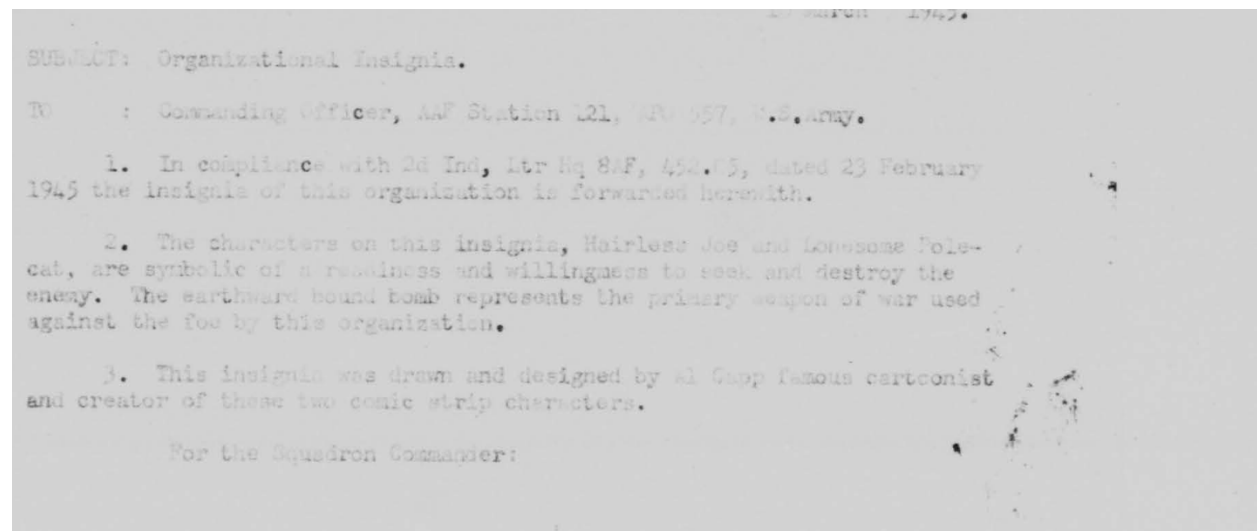
Distinguished Unit Citations

Hamm, Germany, 4 Mar 1943

Germany, 11 Jan 1944

EMBLEM

On a light purple rectangle, long axis vertical, the comic strip character, 'HAIRLESS JOE, proper, wearing red brown, patched trousers and black, sleeveless jacket, grasping and holding aloft a very large yellow club with spike through end, balancing on the right foot, on a large light turquoise blue aerial bomb, and the comic strip character, LONESOME POLECAT, proper, wearing a red brown breech cloth and head band, having one white feather, trimmed black, in the headdress, seated astride the large aerial bomb, behind HAIRLESS JOE, and holding aloft in the right hand a light turquoise blue axe with yellow handle, all in front of a white disc within a green annulet, edged white. (Approved, 18 Oct 1944)



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OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 8 Nov 1942-21 Apr 1945.

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