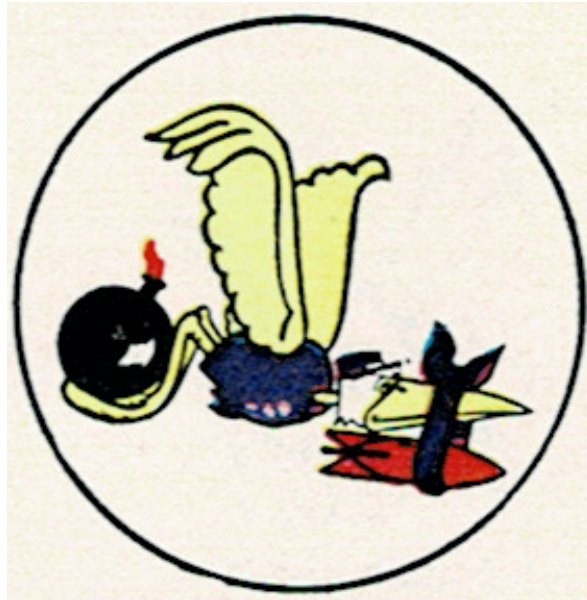


## 417 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (MEDIUM)



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

27 Reconnaissance Squadron (Long-Range) constituted, 16 Sep 1939  
Activated, 16 Sep 1939  
Redesignated 27 Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy), 20 Nov 1940  
Redesignated 417 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942  
Redesignated 417 Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 7 May 1942  
Disbanded, 20 Jun 1944

### STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 16 Sep-17 Nov 1939  
Borinquen Field, PR, 21 Nov 1939 (detachment operated from Camaguey, Cuba, 13 Apr 1942-  
Aug 1943)  
Vernam Field, Jamaica, 24 Sep 1942  
Losey Field, PR, 29 May 1943-24 Mar 1944  
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, Apr-20 Jun 1944

### ASSIGNMENTS

Puerto Rican Department, 16 Sep 1939  
25 Bombardment Group, attached Nov 1940, assigned 25 Feb-20 Jun 1944

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1939-1944  
B-25, 1943-1944

### COMMANDERS

Maj Delmar H. Dunton, 16 Sep 1939  
Maj George W. McGregor, Oct 1940  
Maj Ivan M. Palmer, 25 Apr 1941  
1Lt Norman L. Ballard, 2 Nov 1941-Jan 1942

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

On a white disc, bordure black, a caricatured stork in flight, yellow wings, beak, and feet, wearing a blue jacket and cap, trimmed white, holding a large black bomb fired proper in the feet, and carrying a red aerial bomb suspended from the beak by a blue cloth. (Approved, 13 Jan 1943)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols in the Caribbean.

Ground elements departed from the port of Newport News on the U.S.A.T. Chateau Thierry on 17 November 1939 en route to Puerto Rico. Arrived 21 November 1939 at Borinquen Field, PR. The squadron was assigned to the Puerto Rican Department on arrival. Air elements departed Langley Field on 27 November and arrived at Borinquen Field on 5 December 1939. Attached to the 25th Bombardment Group in November 1940.

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