

## 423 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

34 Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 1 Mar 1942  
Redesignated 423 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942  
Inactivated, 25 Dec 1946  
Redesignated 423 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 15 Nov 1952  
Activated, 1 Jan 1953  
Inactivated, 19 Jul 1954  
Redesignated 423 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 6 Oct 1958  
Activated, 1 Jan 1959  
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962

#### STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 1 Mar 1942  
Wendover Field, UT, 6 Apr-1 Aug 1942  
Thurleigh, England, 9 Sep 1942 (detachment operated from Istres, France, 31 Aug-Dec 1945)  
Giebelstadt, Germany, 17 Dec 1945  
Istres, France, 26 Feb 1946 (detachments operated from Dakar, French West Africa, Mar-May 1946; Gibraltar, Jun-26 Sep 1946)  
Lechfeld, Germany, 16 Jul-25 Dec 1946 (detachment operated from Port Lyautey, French Morocco, 16 Jul-26 Sep 1946)  
Langley AFB, VA, 1 Jan 1953-19 Jul 1954  
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jan 1959-1 Jan 1962

#### ASSIGNMENTS

306 Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1942-25 Dec 1946

4430 Air Base Wing, 1 Jan 1953

4400 Combat Crew Training (later Tactical Bombardment) Group, 1 May 1953-19 Jul 1954

306 Bombardment Group, 1 Jan 1959-1 Jan 1962

## **ATTACHMENTS**

305 Bombardment Group, 16 Jul 1946-25 Dec 1946

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17, 1942-1946

B-26, 1953-1954

B-47, 1959-1961

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **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

Germany, 11 Jan 1944

Germany, 22 Feb 1944

#### **EMBLEM**

On and over a globe checky light blue and Air Force blue, a red winged chess knight in profile, highlights and details Air Force golden yellow, nostril and eye white between in dexter an olive branch arched and in sinister a lightning flash arched, Air Force golden yellow, shaded golden brown. (Approved, 27 Jan 1961)

#### **MOTTO**

IMPEDIMUS HOSTES--We Check the Adversary

#### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 9 Oct 1942-19 Apr 1945. Photo-mapping, Europe and Africa, Jun 1945-Sep 1946

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