

484th BOMBARDMENT GROUP, HEAVY

MISSION

LINEAGE

484th Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted, 14 Sep 1943

Activated, 20 Sep 1943

Redesignated 484th Bombardment Group (Pathfinder), May 1944

Redesignated 484th Bombardment Group, Heavy, Nov 1944

Inactivated, 25 Jul 1945

STATIONS

Harvard AAFld, NE, 20 Sep 1943-2 Mar 1944

Torretto Airfield, Italy, Apr 1944

Casablanca, French Morocco, 25 May-25 Jul 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24

COMMANDERS

Col William B Keese, Oct 1943

LTC Chester C Busch, Apr 1945-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Combat, EAME Theater; Air Offensive, Europe

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines
Rhineland
Central Europe
Po Valley

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Munich, Germany, and Innsbruck, Austria, 13 Jun 1944

Vienna, Austria, 21 Aug 1944

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OPERATIONS

Did not perform pathfinder functions. Operated primarily as a strategic bombardment organization, Apr 1944-Apr 1945. Attacked such targets as oil refineries, oil storage plants, aircraft factories, heavy industry, and communications in Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia. On 13 Jun 1944 a heavy smoke screen prevented the group from bombing marshalling yards at Munich; In spite of severe damage from flak and interceptors, and despite heavy gunfire encountered at the alternate target, the group bombed marshalling yards at Innsbruck and received a DUG for its persistent action. Received second DUC for performance on 21 Aug 1944 when, unescorted, the organization fought its way through intense opposition to attack underground oil storage installations in Vienna. In addition to strategic missions, the 484 participated in the drive toward Rome by bombing bridges, supply dumps, viaducts, and marshalling yards, Apr-Jun 1944; ferried gasoline and oil to Allied forces in southern France, Sep 1944; and supported the final advance through northern Italy, Apr 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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