

497th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (MEDIUM)



MISSION

LINEAGE

497th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 31 Aug 1942
Activated, 8 Sep 1942
Inactivated, 30 Dec 1945

STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 8 Sep 1942
Drane Field, FL, 28 Dec 1942
Hunter Field, GA, 28 Dec 1943-26 Jan 1944
Stansted, England, 11 Feb 1944
Cormeilles-en-Vexin, France, 30 Sep 1944
Florennes/Juzaine, Belgium, 5 Apr 1945
Schleissheim, Germany, 15 Sep-30 Dec 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

344th Bombardment Group, 8 Sep 1942-30 Dec 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1942-1945
B-26B
B-26F
B-26C
B-26G

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

France, 24-26 Jul 1944

EMBLEM

Over and through a yellow disc, wide border red, a caricatured figure in khaki flight suit, brown shoes and helmet, white goggles, balancing on right foot on white cloud formation in base, and throwing a round, black fire bomb with the right hand. (Approved, 15 May 1943)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Replacement training, 20 May-20 Jul 1943; combat in ETO, 29 Feb 1944-25 Apr 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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