

## 749 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

749 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943

Activated, 1 Jul 1943

Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945

### STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 1 Jul 1943

Rapid City AAB, SD, 9 Jul 1943

Ephrata AAB, WA, 28 Oct 1943-3

Wendover Field, UT, 6 Dec 1943-1 Jan 1944

Glatton, England, 28 Jan 1944-Jun 1945

Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, Jul-28 Aug 1945

### ASSIGNMENTS

457 Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1943-28 Aug 1945

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

None

## **Campaign Streamers**

Offensive, Europe  
Air Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

On a light blue disc, border grayed medium blue, a red devil standing, affronte, proper, wearing a black cape lined on under side with light yellow green, holding a large aerial bomb with black nose, and yellow tail section, under the left arm, and hurling a like bomb toward base, with the right arm. (Approved, 9 Apr 1945)

Emblem designed by Corporal Lester Fried

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 21 Feb 1944-20 Apr 1945

Oct 1st, 1943 -Lt Col. Theodore G. Hoffman was the first commanding officer of the 749th Squadron. Col Hoffman served as commander of the 749th for a longer period than any squadron commander and was not replaced until Sept 1st, 1944.

Sept 1st, 1944 - Lt Col Wilbur D. Snow assumed command of the squadron and continued until he was replaced by Major Raymond Syptak on Oct 27th, 1944. Col. Snow also served for a short period as commander of the 748th Squadron.

Oct 27th, 1944 - Major Raymond Syptak assumed command of the 749th squadron. Major Syptak was quite famous in the 457th Bomb Group as being one of the two flyers in the 457th to have earned the Silver Star for gallantry in action while on a mission to Le Bourget Airfields in France on Jun 14th, 1944.

April 10th, 1945 - Lt Col Leon Stann assumed command and remained as commander until the squadron was returned to the USA.

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