

# 766 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, TACTICAL



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

766 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943  
Activated, 1 Jul 1943  
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945  
Redesignated 766 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 11 Dec 1953  
Activated 23 Dec 1953  
Redesignated 766 Bombardment Squadron Tactical, 1 Oct 1955  
Inactivated, 8 Jan 1958

### STATIONS

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Jul 1943  
Gowen Field, ID, 29 Jul 1943  
Kearns, UT, 11 Sep 1943  
Wendover Field, UT, 30 Sep 1943  
Hammer Field, CA, 30 Oct 1943-1 Jan 1944  
Venosa, Italy, 18 Feb 1944  
Toretto, Italy, 23 Feb 1944-1 Jul 1945  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 22 Jul-28 Aug 1945  
Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1953  
Blytheville AFB, AR, 1 Mar 1956-8 Jan 1958

### ASSIGNMENTS

461 Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1943-28 Aug 1945  
461 Bombardment Group, 23 Dec 1953-8 Jan 1958

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1943-1945

B-26, 1954-1955

B-57, 1955-1958

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Budapest, Hungary, 13 Apr 1944

Ploesti, Rumania, 15 Jul 1944

### **EMBLEM**

On a yellow disc, wide border ultramarine blue, a death's head proper, affronte, in base, resting on a small ultramarine blue arc segment coupé, and supporting two olive drab aerial bombs chevron-wise inverted, all in front of a large impact mark light red, center dark red. (Approved, 30 May 1944)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in MTO and ETO, 2 Apr 1944-26 Apr 1945.

461st Bomb Group was the first to be fully equipped with the B-57B bomber version. They demonstrated mobility by two extensive unit movements throughout Central America and Europe. This view, taken at their home base, Hill AFB, Utah, shows a B-57B of the 766th Bomb Squadron M In a white meteor as their color.

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