

11 BOMB SQUADRON



MISSION

11 Bomb Squadron serves as B-52 Formal Training Unit, charged with initial qualification, re-qualification, and instructor upgrade training of all active duty and reserve B-52H aircrews.

LINEAGE

11 Aero Squadron (Day Bombardment) organized, 26 Jun 1917

Redesignated 11 Squadron (Bombardment), 14 Mar 1921

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1927

Activated, 1 Jun 1928

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 6 Dec 1939

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 15 Sep 1942

Redesignated 11 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 9 Oct 1944

Inactivated on 2 Nov 1945

11 Pilotless Bomber Squadron, Light, constituted, 17 Jun 1954

Activated, 1 Sep 1954

Redesignated 11 Tactical Missile Squadron, 8 Jun 1955

Inactivated, 18 Jun 1958

11 Bombardment Squadron, Medium and 11 Tactical Missile Squadron consolidated, 11 Jan 1982. Consolidated unit designated 11 Tactical Missile Squadron.

Activated, 1 Oct 1982

Inactivated, 31 May 1991

Redesignated 11 Bomb Squadron, 24 Jun 1994
Activated, 1 Jul 1994

STATIONS

Camp Kelly, TX, 26 Jun 1917
Scott Field, IL, 12 Aug–6 Dec 1917
Winchester, England, 1 Jan 1918
Stamford, England, 9 Jan 1918
Waddington, England, 24 Jun 1918
Winchester, England, 7 Aug 1918
Le Havre, France, 12 Aug 1918
St Maxient Aerodrome, France, 14 Aug 1918
Romorantin, France, 20 Aug 1918
Delouze, France, 26 Aug 1918
Amanty, France, 6 Sep 1918
Maulan, France, 24 Sep 1918
Colombey–les–Belles, France, 17 Jan 1919
Guitres, France, 1 Feb 1919
St Denis de Pile, France, 19 Feb 1919
Sablons, France, 9 Mar 1919
Libourne, France, 13 Apr 1919
Bordeaux, France, 16–21 Apr 1919
Camp Mills, NY, 1 May 1919
Mitchel Field, NY, 2 May 1919
Hazelhurst Field, NY, 5 May 1919
Ellington Field, TX, 26 May 1919
Ft Bliss, TX, 23 Jun 1919 (flight operated from Marfa, TX, Aug–5 Nov 1919)
Kelly Field, TX, 8 Nov 1919
Langley Field, VA, 30 Jun 1922
March Field, CA, 3 Jun–31 Jul 1927
Rockwell Field, CA, 1 Jun 1928
March Field, CA, 29 Oct 1931 (operated from Winslow, AZ, 17–21 Jan 1932)
Hamilton Field, CA, 5 Dec 1934
Ft Douglas, UT, 7 Sep 1940
Salt Lake City, UT, 18 Jan–13 Nov 1941
Brisbane, Australia, 22 Dec 1941 (operated from Muroc, CA, 8–12 Dec 1941, and Singosari, Java, 13–19 Jan 1942)
Jogjakarta, Java, 19 Jan–1 Mar 1942
Melbourne, Australia, 4 Mar–6 Apr 1942
Columbia AAB, SC, 26 Apr–2 May 1942
Karachi, India, 20 May 1942
Allahabad, India, 27 May 1942
Kunming, China, 4 Jun 1942 (detachments operated from Kweilin, Hengyang, and Nanning, 30 Jun–20 Jul, 2–6 Aug, and 24 Oct–28 Nov 1942; from Dinjan, India, 28 Jun–24 Oct

1942; and from Karachi, India, May 1942–21 Jun 1943)
Kweilin, China, 21 Jun 1943 (detachments operated from Hengyang, Suichwan, Nanning,
and Lingling, Jun 1943–Jun 1944)
Yang Tong, China, 28 Jun 1944 (detachments operated from Kweilin and Liuchow, 28 Jun–1
Nov 1944)
Yangkai, China, 2 Nov 1944–Sep 1945 (detachments operated from Laowhangpin, 28
Feb–Mar 1945, and Chihkiang, 28 Mar–1 Apr 1945)
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 1–2 Nov 1945
Orlando AAB, FL, 1 Sep 1954–21 Jun 1956
Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Jul 1956–18 Jun 1958
RAF Greenham Common, England, 1 Oct 1982–31 May 1991
Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Unkn, 26 Jun 1917–Sep 1918
1st Day Bombardment Group, 10 Sep–Nov 1918
Unkn, Nov 1918–17 Sep 1919
1st Day Bombardment (later, 2nd Bombardment) Group, 18 Sep 1919
Air Corps Training Center, 18–31 Jul 1927
7th Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1928
341st Bombardment Group, 15 Sep 1942–2 Nov 1945
Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1954
United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jul 1956
587th Tactical Missile Group, 15 Sep 1956–18 Jun 1958
501st Tactical Missile Wing, 1 Oct 1982–31 May 1991
2nd Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

ATTACHMENTS

17th Bombardment Group, 26 Apr–2 May 1942
7382nd Guided Missile Group, 1 Jul–14 Sep 1956

WEAPON SYSTEMS

JN-4D
DH-4, 1918
DH-4B
MB-2 (NBS-1)
LB-1
LB-7
O-2A
O-2C
O-2M
B-2A
B-3
B-4

B-6
O-19
O-38
B-12A, 1934-1936,
B-10B, 1936-1937
B-18, 1937-1940
B-17C, 1939-1942
LB-30, 1942
B-25, 1942
A-26B, 1945
Matador, 1954-1958
Tomahawk GLCM, 1982-1991
B-52, 1994

COMMANDERS

Capt George E. Lowell, 26 Jun 1917
Maj Jack W. Heard, 14 Jul 1917
Capt Henry S. Bacon, 13 Sep 1917
1Lt Joseph G. B. Molton, 22 Sep 1917
1Lt John E. Enright, 8 Oct 1917
1Lt Fredrick H. Harvey, 22 Oct 1917
1Lt Joseph G. B. Molton, 9 Nov 1917
Capt Charles Heater, Aug 1918-unkn
Maj Leo A. Walton, 28 Jun 1919
Capt Victor E. Parks, Jr., 18 Nov 1919
1Lt Benton A. Doyle, 4 Feb 1921
1Lt Aubrey Hornsby, 6 Dec 1922
Capt Early E. W. Duncan, 29 Oct 1923
1Lt Wayne S. Green, 27 Sep 1925
1Lt Kenneth N. Walker, 22 Oct 1925
1Lt Alfred Lindeberg, 15 Apr 1927
Capt Rosenham Beam, 26 Jul 1927
Inactive, 31 Jul 1927-1 Jun 1928
Capt Edward O. Black, 1 Jun 1928
1Lt Francis B. Valentine, 20 Jul 1929
1Lt Frederick P. Kenney, 28 Apr 1930
1Lt Charles H. Howard, 1 May 1930
Capt Robert E. Selff, 30 Jul 1933
Maj Arthur G. Hamilton, 2 Oct 1934
Maj Carlyle Ridenour, 20 Oct 1935
Capt Edgar T. Noyes, 14 Jun 1937
Maj Dale V. Gaffney, 7 Jul 1937
Capt Donald W. Benner, 2 Sep 1937
Capt Joseph H. Atkinson, 11 Jul 1938

Unknown, Jan 1940-1 May 1940
Maj John W. Warren, 1 May 1940
Unknown, Jan 1941-7 Dec 1941
Maj Austin A. Straubel, Dec 1941-Mar 1942
None (apparently not manned, Mar-Apr 1942)
Maj Gordon C. Leland, 26 Apr-3 Jun 1942
Unkn, 4-9 Jun 1942
Lt Col William E. Basye, 10 Jun 1942
Maj Everett W. Holstrom, 1 Jan 1943
Maj Allan P. Forsythe, 25 May 1943
Lt Col Morris F. Taber, 1 Aug 1943
Lt Col Joseph B. Wells, 20 Nov 1943
Cpt Theodore J. Michel, 14 Apr 1944
Lt Col Charles G. Willes, Oct 1944-Sep 1945
Unkn, c. Oct-2 Nov 1945
Maj Robert Burns, 1 Sep 1954
Maj Paul J. Ireland, 13 Oct 1955
Maj Martin D. Fetherolf, Jr., 15 Sep 1956-18 Jun 1958
Unkn, 1 Oct 1982
Lt Col Roland E. Hahn, 30 Jan 1983
Lt Col William A. Larson, 20 Dec 1984
Lt Col John B. Ficklin, 5 Jun 1985
Lt Col Donald J. Harvell, 9 Apr 1988
Lt Col James I. Murrie, 14 Apr 1990-unkn
Lt Col Harry B. McCarraher, 1 Jul 1994
Lt Col Johnnie R. Madison, 17 Jun 1996
Lt Col Steven M. Ciccanti, 12 May 1997
Lt Col Roderick E. Gillis, 22 Dec 1998
Lt Col Lloyd D. DeSerisy, 22 May 2000
Lt Col Bryan K. Bartels, 7 Jun 2002
Lt Col Parker W. Northrup III, 7 Jun 2004
Lt Col Daniel A. Kosin, 13 Jun 2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War I

St Mihiel

Meuse-Argonne

Lorraine

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Philippine Islands
Central Pacific
East Indies
New Guinea
Western Pacific
India-Burma
China Defensive
China Offensive
Air Combat
Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Netherlands Indies, 14 Jan–1 Mar 1942
French Indo-China, 11 Dec 1944–12 Mar 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

15 Sep 1956–30 Apr 1958
1 Oct 1982–30 Jun 1984
1 Jul 1987–31 May 1989
1 Jun 1989–31 May 1991
1 Jul 1994–31 May 1995
1 Jun 1995–31 May 1996
1 Jun 1996–31 May 1997
1 Jun 1998–31 May 2000
1 Jun 2000–31 May 2002

EMBLEM



11 Bombardment Squadron emblem: Mr. Jiggs with an aerial bomb under his arm, on a white disc. approved, 3 Mar 1924



11 Tactical Missile Squadron emblem approved, 12 May 1955

11 Pilotless Bomber Squadron, Light [1 Sep 1954 - 8 Jun 1955]. Description: On an AF yellow shield, with AF blue edge, a pair of wings of the last color, tips upward; centered on the wings a red nuclear design; the base of the wings over a green disc oscilloscope pattern, in base, the screen of the first color, and the streak marking red; the chief of the shield spattered with eleven stars of the second color. Significance: Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The eleven stars of blue represent the numerical designation of the squadron. The wings signify flight pertaining to the type of aircraft in operation. The nuclear design represents the atomic warfare connected with guided missiles; the oscilloscope pattern is to signify work being performed by the guidance and communications branches within the organization. Approved: 12 May 1955.



11 Bomb Squadron emblem: Mr. Jiggs with an aerial bomb under his arm, on a White disc.

(Approved, Jul 1994)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Squadron moved to Scott for the purpose of establishing a signal corps aviation school. Assembled and operated Curtiss J.N.4D and Standard Machines.

6 Dec 1917 left for Garden City Long Island for overseas duty. It arrived 9 Dec with one air svcs officer, one medical corp captain and 150 enlisted men and 4 medical enlisted personnel attached. They stayed for 8 days gathering together equipment preparatory to embarkation

17 Dec squadron left on S.S. Orduna and arrived at Glasgow Scotland on 31 Dec. The squadron left via train for the American rest camp at Winchester. The squadron broke into four flights and operated from three fields:

A and D flights Stamford, England

B Flight: Harling Road, Norfolk, England

C Flight: Feltwell, Norfolk, England

On 1 May 1918 the squadron assembled at Stamford. And considered fully trained

24 Jun Waddington; acted as instructors for American personnel.

Moved to Flowerdown where the squadron received its final inspection and certain amount of quartermaster equipment and prepared for movement to France.

Arrived at LaHavre on 13 Aug then to St Maixent arriving on 14 Aug

26 Aug squadron arrived at Delouse. Prepared camp for operation. On 1 Sep 7 teams of flying officers arrived to squadron for duty. These officers ferried the squadron complement of D.H. 4 to the squadron.

Combat as a day bombardment unit with First Army, 14 Sep–5 Nov 1918.

The Eleventh was engaged in the operations at St. Mihiel and the Argonne-Meuse first and second offensives. It made 32 bombing raids, engaged in 17 combats and received official confirmation for 13 victories. It ceased operations December 11, 1918. The squadron suffered 20 casualties consisting of 10 killed, 1 wounded, 8 prisoners and 1 missing.

Stationed at Fort Bliss, TX, as of 22 June 1919 as the 11 Aero Squadron and assigned to the Southern Department. Participated in the Mexican Border Patrol August-November 1919. Assigned on 18 September 1919 to the 1st Day Bombardment Group.

On Sept. 5, 1923, operating from an improvised airdrome on the sands near Cape Hatteras,

N.C., the group's Curtiss NBS-1 aircraft from the 11, 20th and 96th Bombardment Squadrons sank the ex-U.S. Navy battleships *Virginia* (BB-13) and *New Jersey* (BB-16) off Cape Hatteras in further bombing tests.

Conducted bombing tests on obsolete warships off Chesapeake Bay 5 September 1923.

Inactivated on 31 July 1927 at March Field and personnel transferred to the 54th School Squadron.

Conducted food relief airdrop missions to Indians snowed-in on reservations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah 16-21 January 1932 and for marooned miners north of Las Vegas, NM, 13 February 1933.

3 October 1933 B-12A, 33-171, crashed into Inyo National Forest, California, 3 killed, one bailed out. Surveyed at March Field, California, 7 January 1935. This accident resulted in the grounding of all B-12s. Fault traced to wing and aileron flutter and a backlash developed by the props when the engine was shut down.

Transferred on 18 January 1941 to Salt Lake City, UT. Ground elements departed from Salt Lake City 13 November 1941 and sailed from the port of San Francisco on 21 November on an army transport en route to the Philippines. Aircraft and crews began departing Muroc Field, CA, on 6 December en route to Hawaii. Elements of the squadron flew their B-17s into Hickam Field at the height of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941.

Combat in Southwest Pacific, 13 Jan–1 Mar 1942.

Combat in the CBI, 3 Jun 1942–20 Jun 1945.

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