

21st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)



LINEAGE

21st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Disbanded, 1 Nov 1943

STATIONS

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941
New Orleans, LA, 22 May 1941 (detachment operated from Savannah, GA, 8-14 Dec 1941)
Muroc, CA, 25 Dec 1941
March Field, CA, 11 Feb-20 Aug 1942 (detachments operated from San Diego, CA, 10 May-16 Jun 1942; Los Angeles, CA, 28 May-7 Jun 1942; McChord Field, WA, 28 May-7 Jun 1942; and Hamilton Field, CA, 28 May-7 Jun 1942; air echelon operated from Umnak beginning 11 Jun 1942)
Umnak, 3 Sep 1942-19 Sep 1943 (operated from Adak, 21 Sep-15 Nov 1942, 16 Dec 1942-unkn. and 18 Feb-13 Aug 1943, and from Amchitka, 18 Feb-Jul 1943)
Shemya, 27 Jul-19 Sep 1943
Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 11 Oct-1 Nov 1943

ASSIGNMENTS

30th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941 (operated under control of 28th Composite Group, 9 Jan 1942-Sep 1943)
Second Air Force, 18 Oct-1 Nov 1943

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1941
YB-17, 1941
A-29, 1941-1942
LB-30, 1942
B-24, 1942-1943

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Air Offensive, Japan
Aleutian Islands

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

None

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine alert Savannah, 8-14 Dec 1941; antisubmarine patrols off west coast, 9 Jan-7 Jun 1942; combat in Northern Pacific, 11 Jun 1942-14 Aug 1943.

July also saw the arrival of the first contingent of four officers and thirty-eight enlisted men of the 21st Bombardment Squadron, 30th Bombardment Group. LST 461 brought them from Amchitka on July 17, 1943. The 400th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron composed of twenty-two officers and 227 men also arrived that day. They had been stationed at Fort Randall, Alaska, and were transported to Shemya by the S. S. Delarof.

420906	B-24D	41-11777	21BS	28CG	Umnak, AK	LAC	Baker, Joe B, Jr	Fort Glenn, AK
421225	B-24D	41-23895	21BS	28CG	Fort Glenn, AK	TOA	(parked aircraft)	Longview, AK

430201	B-24D	41-23887	21BS	28CpG		TOA	Craven, C W	Elmendorf Fld
420930	B-24D	41-1092	21BS	30BS	Fort Glenn, AK	LAC	Wadlington, Irving L	Longview, AK



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Sources