

48 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Redesignated 48 Bombardment Squadron, Medium

Inactivated, 27 Jan 1946

STATIONS

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941

Tucson, AZ, 16 May 1941

Muroc, CA, 10 Dec 1941

Bakersfield, CA, 9 Jan 1942

Alameda, CA, 2 Jul 1942

Hammer Field, CA, 1 Dec 1942-29 Sep 1943

Hickam Field, TH, 20 Oct 1943

Abemama, 22 Dec 1943

Makin, 24 Apr 1944 (operated from Saipan, 23 Jul-21 Aug 1944)

Wheeler Field, TH, 14 Oct 1944-20 May 1945

Okinawa, 7 Jun 1945

Manila, Luzon, Dec 1945-27 Jan 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

41 Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941-27 Jan 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18A, 1941-1942

A-29, 1941-1942
RA-29
B-25, 1942-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a yellow disc with a blue border a red right gloved fist outlined in blue delivering a blow downward from right to left and accentuated by blue speed lines, between a pair of blue wings extending backward and beyond the disc. (Approved, 26 Nov 1941)

MOTTO

Lefty's Wolf Pack

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols Dec 1941- Sep 1942.

Re-equipped with B-25, deployed to Seventh Air Force in Hawaii during the late summer of 1942. Completed final training in Hawaii and moved to Tarawa in the Central Pacific in December 1943. Entered combat and attacked enemy installations, airfields, and shipping in the Marshall Islands in preparation for the invasion by US forces, and after February 1944 staged through captured fields on Eniwetok to attack shipping in the Caroline Islands.

In April 1944 moved to Makin where its missions were directed primarily against shipping and bypassed islands in the Marshalls and Carolines. Returned to Hawaii in October 1944 for training with rockets and new B-25s. Moved to Okinawa, May–June 1945. Bombed airfields, railways, and harbor facilities on Kyushu until August 1945.

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