

2 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

2 Bombardment Squadron constituted, 1 Jan 1938
Redesignated 2 Bombardment Squadron (Medium) and activated, 1 Feb 1940
Redesignated 2 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 3 Feb 1944
Redesignated 2 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 30 Apr 1946
Redesignated 2 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 28 Jul 1948
Redesignated 2 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1982

STATIONS

Bolling Field, DC, 1 Feb 1940
Langley Field, VA, 14 Nov 1940
Muroc, CA, 9 Dec 1941-29 Jan 1942
Brisbane, Australia, 25 Feb 1942
Ipswich, Australia, 2 Mar 1942
Townsville, Australia, 7 Apr 1942
Reid River, Australia, 9 Apr 1942
Dobodura, New Guinea, 9 Oct 1943
Nadzab, New Guinea, 19 Dec 1943
Owi, Schouten Islands, 11 Aug 1944
Leyte, 19 Nov 1944
Angaur, 28 Nov 1944
Samar, 20 Jan 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, Mar 1945

Okinawa, 18 Aug 1945
Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 23 Nov 1945
Okinawa, 15 May 1946
Smoky Hill AFB, KA, 18 May 1948
March AFB, CA, 10 May 1949
March AFB CA, 15 Sep 1963-1 Oct 1982

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Kadena AFB, Okinawa, 9 Jul-30 Oct 1950
Upper Heyford, England, 9 Dec 1953-5 Mar 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

22 Bombardment Group, 1 Feb 1940
22 Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1940
B-26, 1941
B-25, 1943
B-24, 1944
B-29A, 1946
B-47, 1953
B-52B, 1963
B-52C, 1967
B-52D, 1966
B-52E, 1968

COMMANDERS

Capt Leslie P. Halcomb, 1 Feb 1940-Dec 41

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Antisubmarine, American Theater
East Indies
Air Offensive, Japan
China Defensive
Papua
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific

Leyte; Luzon
Southern Philippines
China Offensive
Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Korean War
UN Defensive
UN Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Papua, 23 Jul 1942-[3] Jan 1943
New Guinea, 5 Nov 1943

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
10 Jul-24 Oct 1950

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On a half disc a representation of silver gray and white clouds forming an irregular pattern on the right side, a caricature of a Blue Tail Fly, black, wearing battle cap and earphones blue, riding a bomb, dark gray, caricatured with a face; bomb hurtling through clouds, proper, with four flashes of lightning yellow, portrayed around it. (Approved, 15 Apr 1952)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Dec 1941-Jan 1942; combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 8 Apr 1942-3 Jan 1943, 5 Oct 1943-24 Jul 1945. Not manned, 23 Nov 1945-15 Jun 1946.

Combat in Korea, 13 Jul-19 Oct 1950.

After a six-month hiatus, the base again became operational with the arrival of the first B-52B, "City of Riverside," from Castle Air Force Base on September 16, 1963. Fifteen Stratofortresses were soon in place, assigned to the revived 2 Bomb Squadron.

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