

## 329<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

329<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 1 Mar 1942  
Redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 23 May 1945  
Redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 28 May 1948  
Redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 1 Feb 1955  
Redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy  
Inactivated

#### STATIONS

Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Mar 1942  
Ft Myers, FL, 18 May 1942-13 Aug 1942  
Alconbury, England, 7 Sep 1942  
Hardwick, England, 6 Dec 1942  
Bungay, England, 14 Dec 1942  
Hardwick, England, 15 Jun 1943-15 Jun 1945  
Bengasi, Libya, 27 Jun-26 Aug 1943  
Oudna, Tunisia, 18 Sep-3 Oct 1943  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 26 Jun 1945  
Pratt AAFld, KS, 24 Jul 1945  
Clovis AAFld, NM, 13 Dec 1945  
Castle Field, CA, 21 Jun 1946

#### DEPLOYED STATIONS

Lakenheath, England, 9 Dec 1951-27 Feb 1952

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1942

93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1942-1945

B-24D

B-24H

B-24J

B-29, 1945-1949

B-50, 1949-1954

B-50D

B-47, 1954-1955

B-52, 1955

B-52B

B-52D

B-52E

B-52F

B-52G

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Air Offensive, Europe

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Normandy

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

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

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Ploesti, Rumania, 1 Aug 1943

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1956-1 Jul 1959

1 Jun 1962-1 Apr 1963

### **EMBLEM**

A red shield, quartered and edged with AF blue band; 1st quarter, in bend three radiating lightning flashes white; 2d quarter, over a light blue sphere, border and grid lines white, a lion rampant AF yellow brandishing a thunderbolt white; 3d quarter, over a light blue sphere border and grid lines white, a dove volant in his proper colors, carrying in his beak an olive branch green; 4th quarter, two bombs palewise, points downward, AF yellow, trimmed AF blue. (Approved, 25 Apr 1956)

### **MOTTO**

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### **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols, 7-30 Jul 1942; combat in ETO and MTO, 9 Oct 1942-25 Apr 1945.

*The squadron moved to Flixton Aerodrome at Bungay in early December, when the rest of the group was told to relocate to Hardwick for the construction of what was to become the group's permanent base. At Flixton, the 329th airplanes were equipped with sophisticated electronic navigational equipment that allowed "blind bombing" through overcast. The men of the 329th took part in an experiment called "Moleing" which consisted of sending out individual bombers to strike cities by bombing through the overcasts in an attempt to disrupt the German factory workers. On January 2, 1943 four 329th B-24s were the first American bombers to penetrate German airspace as they headed for targets in the Ruhr Valley. Ironically, the weather CLEARED as the bombers approached their targets, and under explicit orders not to risk the loss of the airplanes and their equipment, the crews aborted the mission and dropped their bombs in the North Sea. Since they had not bombed, the mission was not reported in the press. In addition to the "Moleing" missions, the 329th flew missions with the 44th Bomb Group, which had arrived in England shortly after their parent group.*

9 October 1969 B-52F 57-0172, crashes about 1,000 feet beyond end of runway while doing touch-and-goes at Castle AFB, California. All six crew members died in the 2345 hrs. accident as the Stratofortress exploded on impact.

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### Sources

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