

369th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

369th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942

Activated, 1 Mar 1942

Inactivated, 29 Jun 1946

Redesignated 369th Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 11 Jun 1947

Activated, 1 Jul 1947

Redesignated 369th Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 11 Aug 1948

STATIONS

Gowen Field, ID, 1 Mar 1942

Wendover Field, UT, c. 6 Apr-1 Aug 1942

Thurleigh, England, 6 Sep 1942 (detachment operated from Istres, France, 31 Aug-Sep 1945

Marrakech, French Morocco, 6 Sep 1945-Jan 1946)

Giebelstadt, Germany, 25 Dec 1945

Istres, France, 26 Feb-29 Jun 1946

Andrews Field, MD, 1 Jul 1947

MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Aug 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

306th Bombardment Group, 1 Mar 1942-29 Jun 1946

306th Bombardment Group, 1 Jul 1947

306th Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1946

B-17E
B-17F
B-17G
B-29, 1948-1951
B-17A
B-50, 1950-1951
B-50D
B-47, 1951
B-47E

COMMANDERS

LTC H. B. Larson
LTC George P. Birdsong

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Germany, 11 Jan 1944
Germany, 22 Feb 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
22 Jan 1953-8 Dec 1956

EMBLEM

On a turquoise blue disk, a caricatured black bug with green face, wings, and markings on stomach, wearing black helmet, black boxing gloves and black shoes, in fighting stance on black irregular figure at base of, and in front of a large white cloud formation. (Approved, 10 Aug 1944)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 9 Oct 1942-19 Apr 1945. Photo-mapping, Europe and Africa, Jun 1945-Jun 1946. Apparently not manned, 1 Jul 1947-1 Aug 1948.

Served as the Combat Crew Training Squadron for SAC B-50D crews.

10 March 1956 One of four B-47E of the 369th Bomb Squadron en route non-stop to Ben Guerir AB, B-47E, Inkspot 59, misses tanker meet over the Mediterranean. Extensive search never turns up plane, crew, or two 210DE nuclear capsules.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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