

649 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (LIGHT)



MISSION

LINEAGE

649 Bombardment Squadron (Light) constituted, 14 Jul 1943

Activated, 1 Aug 1943

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

STATIONS

Will Rogers Field, OK, 1 Aug 1943

Florence AAFld, SC, 25 Aug 1943-1 May 1944

ASSIGNMENTS

411 Bombardment Group, 1 Aug 1943-1 May 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-20, 1943-1944

A-20G

A-20J

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a yellow orange disc, border light turquoise blue, a caricatured gray and white kangaroo, leaping over blue green trees and green grass in base, wearing dark red boxing gloves, light red aviator's helmet, white goggles, and carrying in the pouch two caricatured baby kangaroos, wearing light red aviator's helmets and white goggles, one to dexter grasping a "stick" in the left hand, and holding aloft in the right hand a light turquoise blue aerial bomb, small kangaroo to sinister holding and aiming a black aerial machine gun. (Approved, 15 Feb 1944)

MOTTO**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Replacement training, Sep 1943-May 1944.

6 December 1943 USAAF Douglas A-20G-20-DO Havoc, 42-86782, of the 649th Bomb Squadron, 411th Bomb Group (Light), out of Florence Army Airfield, South Carolina, crashed near Woodruff, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, three miles E of Switzer. Pilot 2nd Lt. Hampton P. Worrell, 26, gunners Sgt. Harry G. Barnes, 19, and Sgt. John D. Hickman, 21, all killed.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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