

3rd AIR DIVISION (BOMBARDMENT)



LINEAGE

Authorized on the inactive list as 3rd Wing, 24 Mar 1923
Redesignated 3rd Attack Wing, 1929
Activated, 15 Jun 1932
Redesignated 3rd Wing, 1935
Redesignated 3rd Bombardment Wing, 1940
Inactivated, 5 Sep 1941
Activated, 7 Jun 1942
Redesignated 98th Combat Bombardment Wing (Medium), Nov 1943
Redesignated 98th Bombardment Wing (Medium), Jun 1945
Inactivated, Europe, 27 Nov 1945
Redesignated 3rd Bombardment Wing (Light) and allotted to the reserve
Activated, 20 Dec 1946
Redesignated 3rd Air Division (Bombardment), Apr 1948
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

STATIONS

Ft Crockett, TX, 15 Jun 1932
Barksdale Field, LA, 27 Feb 1935
MacDill Field, FL, 2 Oct 1940-5 Sep 1941
Detrick Field, MD, 7 Jun-Aug 1942
Elveden Hall, England, 12 Sep 1942
Marks Hall, England, 12 Jun 1943
Earls Colne, England, Nov 1943
Beaulieu, England, 18 Jul 19 Aug 1944
Lessay, France, 23 Aug 1944
Chartres, France, 24 Sep 1944
Laon/Athies, France, 3 Oct 1944
Havrincourt, France, 1 Feb 1945
Venlo, Holland, 3 May 1945
Tirlemont, Belgium, Jul 1945

Kitzingen, Germany, Aug 1945
Namur, Belgium, Oct-Nov 1945
Bedford AAFld, MA, 20 Dec 1946-27 Jun 1949

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth Air Force
Ninth Air Force

COMMANDERS

Cpt Charles A. Chauncey, 15 Jun 1932
LTC Horace M. Hickam, 29 Jun 1932
Cpt Alfred Lindeberg, 5 Nov 1934
Cpt Angier H. Foster, 26 Feb 1935
BG Gerald C. Brant, 2 Mar 1935
Col Robert E. M. Goolrick, 15 Mar 1937
BG Frederick L. Martin, 1 Apr 1937
BG Clarence L. Tinker, Dec 1940
BG Follett Bradley, Jul 41-5 Sep 1941
Maj John P Carson, 7 Jun 1942
Maj William A Turner, 14 Jul 1942
Maj Thomas B Scott, 29 Jul 1942
Maj Jack E Caldwell, 29 Aug 1942
Col Charles T Phillips, 15 Sep 1942
BG Haywood S Hansell Jr, 6 Dec 1942
BG Frederick L Anderson, 27 Feb 1943
BG Francis M Brady, 27 Apr 1943
Col Samuel E Anderson, 12 Jul 1943
Col Carl R Storrie, Nov 1943
Col Millard Lewis, 21 Jan 1944
BG Harold L Mace, 2 Aug 1944-1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

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

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

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OPERATIONS

Became one of the original wings of GHQAF. Moved to the European theater, Aug-Sep 1942, and entered combat in May 1943. Continued combat operations until Apr 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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