

16th BOMBARDMENT OPERATIONAL TRAINING WING, VERY HEAVY

MISSION

LINEAGE

16th Bombardment Wing constituted, 19 Oct 1940

Activated, 18 Dec 1940

Inactivated, 1 Sep 1941

Activated, 23 Jun 1942

Redesignated 16th Bombardment Training Wing, Jan 1943

Redesignated 16th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, Apr 1943

Redesignated 16th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, Very Heavy, May 1945

Inactivated, 9 Apr 1946

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 18 Dec 1940

Bowman Field, KY, Mar-1 Sep 1941

Wendover Field, UT, 23 Jun 1942

Biggs Field, TX, Nov 1942

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 Jun 1943

Biggs Field, TX, Oct 1943

Colorado Springs, CO, Dec 1945-9 Apr 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force

COMMANDERS

BG Junius W. Jones, Apr-1 Sep 1941

Col Ernest H. Lawson, 23 Jun 1942

BG Robert B. Williams, 4 Apr 1943

Col Walter R. Agee, May 1943

BG Newton Longfellow, 11 Oct 1943

Col Claude E. Duncan, 25 Nov 1945-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

None

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Wing did not have sufficient personnel for effective training and operations. Began training heavy bombardment groups and personnel in Jun 1942; later changed to very heavy bombardment training, which lasted until operations ceased late in 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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