

27th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)

LINEAGE

27th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Inactivated, 20 Mar 1946

STATIONS

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941

New Orleans, LA, 25 May 1941

Muroc, CA, 25 Dec 1941

March Field, CA, 7 Feb 1942-28 Sep 1943

Mokuleia Field, TH, 20 Oct 1943

Nanumea, 10 Nov 1943 (operated from Abemama beginning 26 Feb 1944)

Kwajalein, 15 Mar 1944

Saipan, 4 Aug 1944

Kahuku, TH, 17 Mar 1945

Wheeler Field, TH, 23 May 1945

Kahuku, TH, 25 Sep 1945-m Mar 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

30th Bombardment Group, 15 Jan 1941-20 Mar 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1941

A-29, 1941-1942

B-24, 1943-1946

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Central Pacific
Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a disc white, bordure light green, a heraldic thunderbolt in proper colors.
(Approved
3 Sep 1942)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Jan 1942-c. Jul 1943; replacement training, Jun 1942-Jul 1943; combat in Central and Western Pacific, 14 Nov 1943-19 Feb 1945

By late 1943 and early 1944, B-24s of both the 11th and 30th Bomb Groups had an aircraft number painted on either side of the nose in yellow, the number being the last three digits of the serial. Also, the B-24s of both groups began carrying squadron symbols on their outer vertical tails. In the 11th Group, these were a triangle, three horizontal stripes and three vertical stripes, in white on the OD finished aircraft then being operated. In the 30th Group, squadron tail symbols were a vertical bar, a disk and an inverted triangle, in white. For a time the 27th and 38th Squadrons repeated their symbols on the upper right wing of some of their aircraft, also in white.

When NMF B-24s began to arrive, the markings were continued by both groups but were painted in black. The 30th Group upper wing markings, were discontinued. In July 1944, the 30th Group's 819th BS went into action for the first time, its NMF B-24s having a horizontal black band across the outer tails as the squadron symbol. In September 1944, the 11th Group's 42nd BS rejoined its parent group for combat, its NMF B-24s having a black square on their outer tails as the squadron symbol.

430305	B-24D	42-40242	27BS	30BG	March Field, CA	KCRLoC	Frum, Marvin J	8 Mi NW San Bernardino, CA
430902	B-24E	41-29043	27BS	30BG	March Field, CA	CREF	Wilcox, Harry A	2 Mi S Tonopah AB
431119	B-24J	42-72980	27BS	30BG		KLAC	Orr, Robert R	Nanomea
450709	B-24M	44-42164	27BS	30BG		DTC	Yockey, Wilbur D	
451218	B-24M	44-42148	27BS	30BG		LAC	Cartt, Robert E	Wheeler Fld
460115	B-24M	44-42101	27BS	30BG	Kahuku AAB	TAC	Snellings, Hugh A	Kahuku AAB
420103	A-29	41-23307	27BS	30BG	New Orleans AAF, LA	LAC	Lavell, Walter W	Muroc Bombing Range, CA
420428	B-24D	41-1100	27BS	30BG	March Field, Riverside, CA	LACSF	Scott, John W	March Field, Riverside, CA
421128	BT-15	41-10340	27BS	30BG	March Field, Riverside, CA	FLEF	Johnson, Grove C	Panarama Ranch, Van Nuys, CA
421229	B-24D	41-1100	27BS	30BG	March Field, Riverside, CA	KEFSSP	Johnson, Robert E	Ludlow, CA
410826	A-24	41-15778	27BS		Savannah AAB, GA	TOA	Hambaugh, Robert F	Herbert Smart Airport, Macon, GA

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources