

417th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (MEDIUM)



MISSION

LINEAGE

27th Reconnaissance Squadron (Long-Range) constituted, 16 Sep 1939

Activated, 16 Sep 1939

Redesignated 27th Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy), 20 Nov 1940

Redesignated 417th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942

Redesignated 417th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 7 May 1942

Disbanded, 20 Jun 1944

STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 16 Sep-17 Nov 1939

Borinquen Field, PR, 21 Nov 1939 (detachment operated from Camaguey, Cuba, 13 Apr 1942-Aug 1943)

Vernam Field, Jamaica, 24 Sep 1942

Losey Field, PR, 29 May 1943-24 Mar 1944

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, Apr-20 Jun 1944

ASSIGNMENTS

Puerto Rican Department, 16 Sep 1939

25th Bombardment Group, attached Nov 1940, assigned 25 Feb-20 Jun 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18, 1939-1944

B-25, 1943-1944

B-18B

B-25G

COMMANDERS

Maj Delmar H. Dunton, 16 Sep 1939

Maj George W. McGregor, Oct 1940

Maj Ivan M. Palmer, 25 Apr 1941

1Lt Norman L. Ballard, 2 Nov 1941-Jan 1942

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

On a white disc, bordure black, a caricatured stork in flight, yellow wings, beak, and feet, wearing a blue jacket and cap, trimmed white, holding a large black bomb fired proper in the feet, and carrying a red aerial bomb suspended from the beak by a blue cloth. (Approved, 13 Jan 1943)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols in the Caribbean.

Ground elements departed from the port of Newport News on the U.S.A.T. Chateau Thierry on 17 November 1939 en route to Puerto Rico. Arrived 21 November 1939 at Borinquen Field, PR. The squadron was assigned to the Puerto Rican Department on arrival. Air elements departed Langley Field on 27 November and arrived at Borinquen Field on 5 December 1939. Attached to the 25th Bombardment Group in November 1940.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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