

454th FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

454th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) constituted, 19 Jun 1942
Activated, 4 Aug 1942
Inactivated, 12 Dec 1945
Redesignated 454th Bombardment Squadron, Light, 10 May 1949
Activated in the reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 17 Mar 1951
Redesignated 454th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 9 May 1955
Activated, 8 Aug 1955
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1957
454th Flying Training Squadron

STATIONS

Columbia AAB, SC, 4 Aug 1942
MacDill Field, FL, 21 Aug 1942
Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, SC, 2 Nov 1942-25 Apr 1943
Horham, England, 12 May 1943
Earls Colne, England, 14 Jun 1943
Beaulieu, England, 21 Jul 1944
Lessay, France, 26 Aug 1944

Chartres, France, 21 Sep 1944
Laon/Athies, France, 13 Oct 1944
Valenciennes, France, 9 Feb 1945
Innsbruck, Austria, c. 15 May 1945
Nesselwang, Germany, 9 Jul 1945
Schongau, Germany, Jul 1945
Clastres, France, Oct-Dec 1945
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 11-12 Dec 1945
Tinker AFB, OK, 27 Jun 1949-17 Mar 1951
Bunker Hill AFB, IN, 8 Aug 1955-1 Sep 1957
Mather AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1973

ASSIGNMENTS

323rd Bombardment Group, 4 Aug 1942-12 Dec 1945
323rd Bombardment Group, 27 Jun 1949-17 Mar 1951
323rd Fighter-Bomber Group, 8 Aug 1955-1 Sep 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1942-1945
B-26B
B-26C
B-26G
F-86, 1956
F-100, 1956-1957
F-100A
F-100D

COMMANDERS

Maj William N. Dillard, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Belgium and Germany, 24-27 Dec 1944

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454th Bombardment Squadron, Medium



On a medium sky blue shield a caricatured tiger in natural colors, body bright orange, stomach and face golden yellow, nose red, facial outlines and stripes black; wearing black vest with red buttons, red bow tie and white spats; in his right paw a brown cigar with red tip and white smoke rising from it and in his left paw a yellow bamboo cane. (Approved, 6 Dec 1956)

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SET TO GO

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OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 16 Jul 1943-25 Apr 1945. Disarmament of German Air Force, May-Sep 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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