

3 AIR DIVISION (BOMBARDMENT)



MISSION

LINEAGE

3 Wing authorized on the inactive list, 24 Mar 1923

Redesignated 3 Attack Wing, 1929

Activated, 15 Jun 1932

Redesignated 3 Wing, 1935

Redesignated 3 Bombardment Wing, 1940

Inactivated, 5 Sep 1941

Activated, 7 Jun 1942

Redesignated 98 Combat Bombardment Wing (Medium), Nov 1943

Redesignated 98 Bombardment Wing (Medium), Jun 1945

Inactivated, 27 Nov 1945

Redesignated 3 Bombardment Wing (Light) and allotted to the reserve and activated, 20 Dec 1946

Redesignated 3 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

Capt Charles A. Chauncey, 15 Jun 1932
Lt Col Horace M. Hickam, 29 Jun 1932
Capt Alfred Lindeberg, 5 Nov 1934
Capt Angier H. Foster, 26 Feb 1935
Brig Gen Gerald C. Brant, 2 Mar 1935
Col Robert E. M. Goolrick, 15 Mar 1937
Brig Gen Frederick L. Martin, 1 Apr 1937
Brig Gen Clarence L. Tinker, Dec 1940
Brig Gen 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
Brig Gen Haywood S Hansel1 Jr, 6 Dec 1942
Brig Gen Frederick L Anderson, 27 Feb 1943
Brig Gen 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
Brig Gen 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

EMBLEM

MOTTO

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.

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Sources

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