

# **41 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (MEDIUM)**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

41 Bombardment Group (Medium) constituted, 20 Nov 1940

Activated, 15 Jan 1941

Inactivated, Jan 1946

## **STATIONS**

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941

Tucson, AZ, 20 May 1941

Muroc, CA, 10 Dec 1941

Hammer Field, CA, Feb 1942-29 Sep 1943

Hickam Field, TH, 16 Oct 1943

Tarawa, 17 Dec 1943

Makin, 24 Apr 1944

Wheeler Field, TH, 14 Oct 1944

Okinawa, 7 Jun 1945

Manila, Dec 1945-27 Jan 1946

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-18

A-29

B-25

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt Lawrence H Douthit, 15 Jan 1941

Lt Col Archibald Y Smith, 2 Jun 1941

Lt Col Charles B Dougher, 1942

Col Murray A. Bywater, 18 Aug 1943-Nov 1945

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Air Offensive, Japan

Eastern Mandates

Western Pacific

Ryukyus

China Offensive

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Patrolled the west coast during 1942 and 1943. Completed final training and moved to Tarawa in the Central Pacific in Dec 1943. Attacked enemy installations, airfields, and shipping in the Marshalls in preparation for the invasion by US forces, and after Feb 1944 staged through captured fields on Eniwetok to attack shipping in the Caroline Islands. In Apr 1944 moved to Makin where its missions were directed primarily against shipping and bypassed islands in the Marshalls and Carolines. Returned to Hawaii in Oct 1944 for training with rockets and new B-25's. Bombed airfields, railways, and harbor facilities on Kyushu until Aug 1945. Also flew some missions against airfields in China.

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#### Sources

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