

322 AIR EXPEDITONARY GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

322 Bombardment Group (Medium) constituted, 19 Jun 1942

Activated, 17 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 15 Dec 1945

Redesignated 322 Bombardment Group (Light); allotted to the reserve and activated, 9 Aug 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 322 Fighter-Day Group and activated, 1 Jul 1954

Inactivated on 18 Nov 1957

Redesignated 322 Tactical Airlift Group 31 Jul 1985

Redesignated 322 Air Expeditionary Group, and converted to provisional status, 21 Mar 2003

Activated, 1 Jul 2004

Inactivated, 24 Jul 2004

Activated, 20 Jan 2006

Inactivated, 9 Apr 2006

Activated, 21 Jul 2007

Inactivated, 17 Aug 2007

STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 17 Jul 1942

Drane Field, FL, 22 Sep-Nov 1942

Rougham, England, 1 Dec 1942

Great Saling, England, Jan 1943

Beauvais/Tille, France, Sep 1944

Le Culot, Belgium, Mar 1945

Fritzlar, Germany, Jun-Sep 1945

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 14-15 Dec 1945
Reading AAFld, PA, 9 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949
Foster AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1954
Hoedspruit, South Africa, 1 Jul-24 Jul 2004
Aviano AB, It, 20 Jan-9 Apr 2006
Bulboaca, Moldova, 21 Jul-17 Aug 2007

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Wendover AFB, UT, 3 Jan-4 Feb 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

III Bomber Command, 17 Jul 1942
VIII Bomber Command, 15 Nov 1942
3 Bombardment Wing, 1 Dec 1942
IX Bomber Command, 16 Oct 1943
99 Combat Bombardment Wing, 17 Nov 1943
IX Air Force Service Command, 8 Jun 1945
1587 Quartermaster Battalion, 1 Oct 1945
Detachment B, 9 Base Air Depot Area, 12 Nov 1945
United States Air Forces in Europe, 24-28 Nov 1945
Unkn, 29 Nov-15 Dec 1945
Eleventh Air Force, 9 Aug 1947
12 Bombardment Wing (later, 12 Air Division), 17 Oct 1947-27 Jun 1949
Ninth Air Force, 1 Jul 1954-18 Nov 1957
United States Air Forces in Europe to activate or inactivate at any time after 21 Mar 2003
United States Air Forces in Europe (attached to Third Air Force), 1 Jul-24 Jul 2004
16 Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force, 20 Jan-9 Apr 2006
United States Air Forces in Europe (attached to 48 Fighter Wing), 21 Jul-17 Aug 2007

ATTACHMENTS

IX Bomber Command [later, 9 Air Division] 16 Nov 1943-1 Apr 1944 and 23-28 Sep 1944
IX Air Force Service Command, 29 May-8 Jun 1945
1 Air Disarmament Wing, Provisional, 29 May-1 Oct 1945
450 Fighter-Day Wing, 1 Jul 1954-18 Nov 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-26, 1942
AT-6
AT-7
AT-11, 1947-1949
F-86, 1954-1955
F-100, 1955-1957

COMMANDERS

None (not manned), 17 Jul-9 Aug 1942
Lt Col Jacob J. Brogger, 10 Aug 1942
Col Robert R. Selway Jr., 21 Oct 1942
Lt Col John F. Batjer, 22 Feb 1943
Maj Ervin H. Berry, 4 Mar 1943
Lt Col Robert M. Stillman, 17 Mar 1943
Lt Col Cecil C. MacFarland, 17 May 1943
Col Glenn C. Nye, 19 May 1943
Lt Col Grover C. Brown, 29 Nov 1943
Col Glenn C. Nye, 14 Jan 1944
Col John S. Samuel, 31 Jul 1944
Maj John L. Egan, 12 Jul 1945
Unkn, Oct-15 Dec 1945
Col Edgar S. Davis, 9 Aug 1947-1949
Col Carlos M. Talbott, 1 Jul 1954
Lt Col James C. Stewart, 19 Jul 1957
Col Albert S. Kelly, 29 Jul-18 Nov 1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

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
ETO, 14 May 1943-24 Jul 1944

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(Approved, 9 Jan 1943)

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OPERATIONS

Trained in B-26 and moved to England in Nov-Dec 1942. Served in Combat in ETO 14 May 1943-24 Apr 1945, first under Eighth Air Force until Oct 1943, then under Ninth Air Force. Operated from England, France, and Belgium. Principle targets included enemy airfields, power stations, shipyards, construction works, and marshalling yards, Jul 1943-Feb 1944; railroad and highway bridges, oil tanks, and missile sites (in preparation for Normandy invasion), Mar-Jun 1944; coastal defenses and gun batteries, Jun 1944; fuel and ammunition dumps, bridges, and road junctions, Jul-Sep 1944; bridges and road junctions, railroad bridges, Dec 1944-Jan 1945; and communications, marshalling yards, bridges, and fuel dumps, Feb-Apr 1945. Defended villages and ordnance depots, Oct-Dec 1944 (during the Battle of the Bulge). Moved to Germany in Jun 1945 to inventory and disassemble German Air Force equipment and facilities, completing the task by late Sep 1945. Moved to France in Oct 1945 and returned to US in Nov-Dec 1945 for inactivation.

First Mission: 14 May 1943

Last Mission: 8 Oct 1943

Total Missions 34

Aircraft missing in action: 12

Enemy aircraft claims: 6 destroyed

Activated in the organized reserve 1947-1949. Deployed tactical forces to points in US, Europe, and the Far East to engage in tactical exercises 1954-1957.

In early 1956, all aircraft of the 322 Group commenced a Modernization Program that incorporated air refueling capability with the 452nd Squadron being the first to complete the program. With their new capability, the 322 pioneered air refueled deployments to Europe during Exercise MOBILE BAKER in September of 1956, to the Western Pacific and to Panama during 1956 and 1957.

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