

304th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)



MISSION

LINEAGE

304th Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted 28 Jan 1942

Activated, 15 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 30 Dec 1942

STATIONS

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 15 Jul 1942

Geiger Field, WA, 15 Sep 1942

Ephrata, WA, 1 Oct 1942

Langley Field, VA, 29 Oct-30 Dec 1942

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force

AAF Antisubmarine Command

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17

B-18

B-24

B-34

A-20

COMMANDERS

Col Ford J. Lauer, 24 Sep 1942

LTC Dale O. Smith, 29 Oct 1942

Maj Francis H. Matthews, Nov-Dec 1942

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, seme of drop bombs or. (Approved, 7 Nov 1942)

MOTTO

AQUILA NON CAPTAT MUSCAS—The Eagle Does Not Catch Flies

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Received personnel in Sep and began training on the west coast. Later, operated fly patrols along the east coast. Also trained crews for duty overseas.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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