

4 AAF BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

4 AAF Bombing and Gunnery Range Squadron activated, Dec 1942

STATIONS

Langley AAF, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 4th AAF Bombing and Gunnery Range Squadron was activated in December 1942 and stationed on the island to care for the targets and to give gunnery instruction. Mulberry and Plum Tree Islands had pyramidal land targets. The former also had a demolition bombing area and several types of power turrets and flexible guns for training in aerial gunnery. Mulberry

Island had a submerging "submarine" target for training by the antisubmarine and sea search attack units.

The State of Virginia authorized Langley to bomb in certain marshy areas on the Eastern Shore. As the war progressed the bombing ranges on Mulberry and Plum Tree Islands received progressively less use and were virtually abandoned by late 1944 as Langley lost most of its tactical units. Antisubmarine and sea search units made more use of training areas on the Eastern Shore and over the Atlantic.

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