

V BOMBER COMMAND

MISSION

LINEAGE

V Bomber Command constituted, 28 Oct 1941
Activated, 14 Nov 1941
Inactivated, 31 May 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

Clark Field, Luzon, 14 Nov 1941
Darwin, Australia, Dec 1941
Java, Jan-Mar 1942
Townsville, Australia, 5 Sep 1942
Port Moresby, New Guinea, Dec 1942
Nadzab, New Guinea, 21 Feb 1944
Owi, Schouten Islands, 15 Aug 1944
Leyte, Nov 1944
Mindoro, Jan 1945
Clark Field, Luzon, Mar 1945
Okinawa, Aug 1945
Murayama, Japan, Oct 1945
Irumagawa, Japan, 15 Jan-31 May 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Fifth Air Force

COMMANDERS

Col Eugene L Eubank, 14 Nov 1941-unkn
Brig Gen Kenneth N Walker, 5 Sep 1942
Brig Gen Howard K Ramey, Jan 1943
Brig Gen Roger M Ramey, 19 Apr 1943
Col John H Davies, Oct 1943

Brig Gen Jarred V Crabb, 27 Feb 1944-31 May 1946

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Philippine Islands
East Indies
Air Offensive, Japan
China Defensive
Papua
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
Southern Philippines
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Philippine Islands, 8-22 Dec 1941
Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941-10 May 1942
Papua, [Sep] 1942-23 Jan 1943

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

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OPERATIONS

Participated in the defense of the Philippines in Dec 1941. Late in Dec the remaining bombers and some men were evacuated to Australia, and in Jan 1942 they were moved to Java to help delay the Japanese advance in the Netherlands Indies. The command ceased to function in Mar 1942 (the AAF bombardment organizations in the Southwest Pacific being under the control of American-British-Dutch-Australian Command and later Allied Air Forces). Headquarters was remanned in Sep 1942 and shortly afterward it assumed control of AAF bombardment groups in Australia and New Guinea. The command served in combat with Fifth AF until the end of the war. After the war the command became part of the occupation force for Japan.

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