



15th Air Force Heavy Bomber Units

The following table shows Heavy Bomber units of the 15th Air Force and their nearest city or cross road locations. Commanding officers are shown as of April 30, 1945

Note: Operational dates show time commands became combat active in the MTO Mediterranean Theater of Operations until they were inactivated. Hostilities ended in May 1945. Combat flying ended in the month of April 1945. Some units remained in Europe after VE day to fly mercy and supply missions.

15th Air Force
CO Maj/Gen Nathan F
Twining.HQ Bari
VC Brig/Gen William E Hall

5th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen Charles W
Lawrence—HQ Foggia 11/43 to
11/45

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates,
 and, Location

2nd BG	B-17	12/43 to 2/46
Amendola		
97th BG	B-17	11/43 to 10/45
Amendola		
99th BG	B-17	11/43 to 10/45
Tortorella		
301st	B-17	11/43 to 10/45
Lucera		
463rd	B-17	3/44 to 9/45

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Celone	
483rd	B-17 3/44 to 5/45
Sterparone	

47th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen Hugo P Rush HQ
Manduria

Group, Equipment Operational Dates,
 and,Location

98th BG *	B-24	11/43 to 11/45
Lecce		
376th *	B-24	11/43 to 11/45
San Pancrazio		
449th	B-24	12/43 to 5/45
Grottaglie		
450th	B-24	12/43 to 5/45
Manduria		

49th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen William L Lee HQ
Castelluccia

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates,
 and, Location

451st BG	B-24	1/44 to 9/45
Castelluccia		
461st BG	B-24	2/44 to 8/45
Torretta		
484th BG	B-24	4/44 to 7/45
Torretta		

55th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen George R
Acheson HQ Spinazzola

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates,
 and,Location

460th BG	B-24	2/44 to 9/45
Spinazzola		
S464th BG	B-24	3/44 to 5/45
Pantanella		
465th BG	B-24	4/44 to 7/45
Pantanella		
485th BG	B-24	4/44 to 5/45
Venosa		

304th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen Fay R
Upthegrove HQ Cerignola

Group, Equipment Operational Dates,
 and, Location

454th BG	B-24	1/44 to 10/45
San Giovanni		
455th BG	B-24	1/44 to 9/45
San Giovanni		
456th BG	B-24	1/44 to 10/45
Stornara		
459th BG	B-24	2/44 to 8/45
Giulia		

*98th & 376th BGs redeployed
 4/19/45

15th Air Force Fighter Units

306th Fighter Wing
CO Brig/Gen Yantis H Taylor
HQ Fano

Group, Equipment Operational Dates,
 and, Location

1st FG	P-38	12/43 to 10/45
Lesina		
14th FG	P-38	11/43 to 9/45
Triolo		
31st FG	P-51	4/44 to 11/45
Mondolfo		
52nd FG	P-51	5/44 to 11/45
Piagiolino		
82nd FG	P-38	11/43 to 9/45
Vincenzo		
325th FG	P-47/P-51*12/43	to 10/45
Mondolfo		
332th FG	P-47/P-51*5/44	to 10/45
Ramitelli		

* P-47s replaced by P-51s in May 1944