

## 831 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, HEAVY



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

516 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 13 Oct 1942

Activated, 18 Oct 1942

Redesignated 11 Antisubmarine Squadron (Heavy), 29 Nov 1942

Redesignated 11 Antisubmarine Squadron (Medium), 3 Mar 1943

Redesignated 11 Antisubmarine Squadron (Heavy), 20 Apr 1943

Redesignated 831 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Oct 1943

Inactivated, 20 Aug 1945

#### STATIONS

Ft Dix, NJ, 18 Oct 1942

Gowen Field, ID, 1 Oct 1943

Fairmont AAFld, NE, 9 Dec 1943-11 Mar 1944

Venosa, Italy, 30 Apr 1944-9 May 1945

Sioux Falls AAFM, SD, 30 May 1945

Sioux City AAB, IA, 24 Jul-20 Aug 1945

#### ASSIGNMENTS

377 Bombardment Group, 18 Oct 1942

25 Antisubmarine Wing, c. 9 Dec 1942

485 Bombardment Group, 1 Oct 1943-20 Aug 1945

#### WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-47, 1942-1943

O-52, 1942-1943

B-25, 1943

B-24, 1943-1945

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt Daniel Sjodin

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Air Offensive, Europe

Rome Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Vienna, Austria, 26 Jun 1944

## **EMBLEM**



11 Antisubmarine Squadron emblem: On a blue disc, three dwarfs attired red, green, and red respectively, carrying a large yellow aerial bomb, nose orange, fesswise, across a white cloud formation. (Approved, 9 Feb 1943)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols, 18 Oct 1942-c. 31 Aug 1943; combat in MTO and ETO, 10 May 1944-25 Apr 1945.

On the night of April 20, 1944 a convoy of ships was attacked by JU-88 torpedo bombers in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of Algiers. Three ships were sunk, including the liberty ship SS Paul Hamilton. This ship carried 154 officers and men from the 485th Bomb Group, most of them from the 831st Squadron. The Hamilton exploded and sank within 30 seconds and all personnel aboard were lost. It would later become recognized as one of the greatest Liberty Ship disasters of WWII. The other 485th ground personnel, on various other ships in the convoy, made it safely to Italy and made their way to their new home at Venosa.

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