

## 856 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

856 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 14 Sep 1943  
Activated, 1 Oct 1943  
Redesignated 856 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy  
Redesignated 856 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 5 Aug 1945  
Inactivated, 17 Oct 1945

### STATIONS

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 1 Oct 1943-1 Jan 1944  
North Pickenham, England, 1 Jan 1944  
Harrington, England, 10 Aug 1944-4 Aug 1945  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 14 Aug 1945  
Kirtland Field, NM, 17 Aug-17 Oct 1945

### ASSIGNMENTS

492 Bombardment Group, 1 Oct 1943-17 Oct 1945

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945  
C-47, 1944-1945  
A-26, 1945  
Mosquito XVI, 1945

### COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

Rhineland

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Germany and German Occupied Territory, 20 Mar-25 Apr 1945

French Croix de Guerre with Palm

#### **EMBLEM**

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 11 May-4 Aug 1944; Carpetbagger missions, 10 Aug 1944-25 Apr 1945.

The purpose of the Carpetbagger project was to deliver supplies to resistance groups in enemy occupied countries; to deliver personnel to the field and occasionally to bring back personnel from the field.

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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