

871 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

871 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy constituted, 19 Nov 1943

Activated, 20 Nov 1943

Inactivated, 7 Mar 1946

STATIONS

El Paso Mun Aprt, TX, 20 Nov 1943

Clovis AAFld, NM, 1 Dec 1943

Pratt AAFld, KS, 13 Apr-18 Jul 1944

Isley Field, Saipan, 17 Sep 1944-1 Nov 1945

Camp Stoneman, CA, 14 Nov 1945

March Field, CA, 26 Nov 1945

MacDill Field, FL, 5 Jan-7 Mar 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

497 Bombardment Group, 20 Nov 1943-7 Mar 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1944

B-29, 1944-1946

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan

Eastern Mandates

Western Pacific

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Japan, 27 Jan 1945

Japan, 26 Jul-22 Aug 1945

EMBLEM

Over and through a light pastel green disc, wide border orange, an ancient warrior of giant stature, standing affronte, feet apart, left hand resting on hip, attired in battle dress of gold mail, and wearing a winged gold helmet and metallic gloves, having a broad sword of metal, proper, strapped about the waist by green sword belt, holding a white fire bomb in the right mailed hand; all in front of three lavender and purple mountain peaks in base, and casting a dark green line shadow on background. (Approved, 5 Aug 1944)

MOTTO**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Combat in Western Pacific, 2 Nov 1944-14 Aug 1945

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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