

## 461 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

461 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 1 Jul 1942  
Activated, 6 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944  
Redesignated 461 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 4 Aug 1944  
Activated, 18 Aug 1944  
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1946

### STATIONS

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 6 Jul 1942  
Casper AAFld, WY, 15 Sep 1942-1 Apr 1944  
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 18 Aug 1944  
Pratt AAFld, KS, 12 Dec 1944-29 Jun 1945  
Kadena, Okinawa, 13 Aug 1945-30 Jun 1946

### ASSIGNMENTS

331 Bombardment Group, 6 Jul 1942-1 Apr 1944  
346 Bombardment Group, 18 Aug 1944-30 Jun 1946

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1942-1943  
B-24, 1943-1944  
B-17, 1945  
B-29, 1945-1946

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

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

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

On a light blue disc, a caricatured tan elephant seated on a white cloud formation, wearing sombrero, boots, and pistol case red, goggles white, hurling red aerial bombs through an open ring in the clouds with right forepaw and reaching for reserve supply resting on cloud base with left forepaw, twirling red revolver in trunk. (Approved, 13 Jan 1943)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Replacement training, 1942-1944.

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