

# **346<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY**

## **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

346<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted, 3 Sep 1942

Activated, 7 Sep 1942

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944

Redesignated 346<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Very Heavy and activated, 18 Aug 1944

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1946

### **STATIONS**

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 7 Sep 1942

Smoky Hill AB, KS, 3 Oct 1942

Dyersburg AAFld, TN, 26 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 18 Aug 1944

Pratt AAFld, KS, 18 Jan-29 Jun 1945

Kadena, Okinawa, 7 Aug 1945-30 Jun 1946

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Second Air Force

Eighth Air Force

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17

B-24

B-29

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Budd J. Peaslee, 6 Oct 1942  
LTC Samuel C. Mitchell, 20 Dec 1942-1943  
LTC John D. Moorman, Mar 1943  
Col Samuel C. Gurney, Jr., Oct 1943-1 Apr 1944  
Maj James A. Gibb, Jr., 21 Aug 1944  
LTC Charles E. Dewey, 23 Aug 1944  
Col William M. Canterbury, 13 Sep 1944  
Col Ben I. Funk, 3 Jan 1945  
Col Joseph F. Carroll, 30 Nov 1945-30 Jun 1946

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

American Theater  
Asiatic-Pacific Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Served first as an operational training and later as a replacement training unit

Moved to the Pacific theater, Jun-Aug 1945, and assigned to Eighth AF. The war ended before the group could begin combat operations. After the war the group participated in several show-of-force missions over Japan and for a time ferried Allied prisoners of war from Okinawa to the Philippine Islands.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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#### Sources

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