

## 485<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, VERY HEAVY



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

73<sup>rd</sup> Aero Squadron organized, 14 Aug 1917  
Redesignated 485<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 1 Feb 1918  
Demobilized, 20 May 1919

485<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron constituted and allotted to the reserve, 31 Mar 1924

Activated, date unkn [personnel assigned, Sep 1925]

485<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 485<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 1936.  
Consolidated organization designated 485<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

485<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy constituted, 28 Feb 1944  
Activated, 11 Mar 1944

485<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 485<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron,  
Very Heavy, 21 Apr 1944. Consolidated organization designated 485<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron,

Very Heavy

Inactivated, 10 May 1944

Activated, 1 Jun 1944

Inactivated, 10 Jun 1946

### **STATIONS**

Kelly Field, TX, 14 Aug 1917

Camp Morrison, VA, 21 Dec 1917-4 Mar 1918

Romorantin, France, 25 Mar 1918 (detachment operated from St Nazaire to 3 Apr 1918; unit from Gievres, 17 May-9 Jun 1918; detachment from Chatenay-sur-Seine from 11 Sep 1918)

Chatenay-sur-Seine, France, 21 Sep 1918

Bordeaux, France, 1 Feb 1919-unkn

Mitchel Field, NY, 2-20 May 1919

Dayton, OH, 1925-31 May 1942

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 11 Mar 1944

Harvard AAFld, NE, 12 Mar-10 May 1944

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 1 Jun 1944

Harvard AAFld, NE, 23 Aug 1944-1 Mar 1945

Northwest Field, Guam, 14 Apr 1945-10 Jun 1946

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Unkn, 14 Aug 1917-Mar 1918

Air Service Production Center No. 2, Mar 1918

Air Service Spares Depot, Sep 1918-Jan 1919

Unkn, Jan-20 May 1919

Fifth Corps Area, 1925-31 May 1942

505<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 11 Mar-10 May 1944

501<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1944-10 Jun 1946

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-29, 1944-1946

### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

Theater of Operations

##### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan

Eastern Mandates

Western Pacific

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Japan, 6-13 Jul 1945

### **EMBLEM**

On a grayed, dark blue green disc, flecked with gray clouds in base and three, yellow, five-point stars at chief, sinister fess, and base points, within a black border, a caricatured, vari-colored bird in reverse flight, wearing a radio headset and peering into a radar 'scope while adjusting dials on set with right foot, and holding a red, blue and yellow aerial bomb in the claws of the left foot, all emitting speed lines toward dexter. (Approved, 26 Jun 1945)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Constructed and maintained facilities (in Zone of Advance after Sep 1918), Mar-Dec 1918.  
Combat in Western Pacific, 23 Jun-14 Aug 1945.

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 31 March 1924, assigned to the 348th Bombardment Group (GHQR), and allotted to the Fifth Corps Area. Initiated in September 1925 at Dayton, OH. Consolidated on 5 December 1936 with the 485th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized in August 1917 at Kelly Field, TX, as the 73rd Aero Squadron; redesignated as the 485th Aero Squadron [Construction] in February 1918; demobilized in May 1919 at Mitchel Field, NY; reconstituted on 5 December 1936). Inactivated by June 1937 at Dayton by relief of personnel.

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