

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

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

505<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Very Heavy constituted, 28 Feb 1944  
Activated, 11 Mar 1944  
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1946

## **STATIONS**

Dalhart AAFld, TX, 11 Mar 1944  
Harvard AAFld, NE, 1 Apr-6 Nov 1944  
North Field, Tinian, 19 Dec 1944-5 Mar 1946  
Clark Field, Luzon, 14 Mar-30 Jun 1946

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17  
B-29

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj George D. Roberts, 15 Apr 1944  
Col Robert A. Ping, 3 May 1944  
LTC Charles M. Eisenhart, 1 Jul 1945  
Col John P. Kenny, Sep 1945-1946

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan  
Eastern Mandates

Western Pacific

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Ota, Japan, 10 Feb 1945

Japan, 17 Jun-1 Jul 1945

### **EMBLEM**

None

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Entered combat in Feb 1945 with strikes on Iwo Jima and the Truk Islands. Then began daylight missions against Japan, operating at high altitude to bomb strategic objectives. Received a DUC for a strike against the Nakajima aircraft factory at Ota in Feb 1945. Conducted incendiary raids on area targets in Japan, carrying out these missions at night and at low altitude. Bombed in support of the Allied assault on Okinawa in Apr 1945. Engaged in mining operations against Japanese shipping, receiving second DUC for mining the Shimonoseki Strait and harbors of the Inland Sea, Jun-Jul 1945. After V-J Day, dropped supplies to Allied prisoners, participated in show-of-force missions, and flew over Japan to evaluate bombardment damage.