

56 BOMBARDIER TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

56 School Squadron

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STATIONS

Barksdale Field, Louisiana

Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico

ASSIGNMENTS

323 Bombardier Training Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-18

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 56 Bombardier Training Squadron was transferred from Barksdale Field, La., to Kirtland a few days after Pearl Harbor. The men are not likely to forget the winter of 1941-42. They performed every job in the book-fatigue details, guard details, setting up an engineering and a bombardier school. Since Kirtland was a new station all tasks were difficult to perform particularly as there were only two squadrons here. The 56th is particularly proud of its engineers who have provided superior maintenance for its planes. Such is the excellence of this service that the outfit has never lost a plane, nor had an accident caused by mechanical failure. During the 1942 season the 56th Squadron nine won the Mid- Rio Grande Semi-Pro Baseball League Trophy, and the outfit has another top-notch team this season.

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