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486TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
340TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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ACTIVATION

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20 August 1942, as the 486th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), at Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina.

ASSIGNMENTS

3 June 1943, attached to NATAF for operational control. (Sect. I, par. e, G.O. 104, Hq. NAAF, 7 June 1943).

June 1943, attached Tactical Bomber Force for operational control.

22 August 1943, assigned to XII Air Force from IX Air Force. (G.O. 73, Hq. IX AF, 16 August 1943).

22 August 1943, assigned to NATAF. (G.O. 164, Hq. NAAF, 21 August 1943).

1 September 1943, American units assigned to NATAF revert to control of XII Air Support Command. This does not affect the attachment to Tactical Bomber Force for operational control. (G.O. 166, Hq. NAAF, 26 August 1943).

November 1943, assigned to the 57th Bombardment Wing (Medium).

1 January 1944, relieved from assignment to the XII Air Support Command and assigned to XII Bomber Command. (G.O. 1, Hq. XII AF, 3 January 1944).

COMMANDING OFFICERS.

1st Lt. Louis E. Keller, 15 September 1942 as per Special Order No. 31, 15 September 1942, to 22 September 1943 when relieved from command by Special Order No. 94, Hq. 340th Bomb Gp., 22 September 1943.

Major Robert M. Hackney, 22 September 1943 as per Special Order No. 94, Hq. 340th Bomb Gp., 22 Sept. 1943, to 1 January 1944 when relieved from command by Special Order No. 1, Hq. 340th Bomb Gp., 1 January 1944.

Major Louis E. Keller, 1 January 1944 as per Special Order No. 1, 1 Jan. 1944, Hq. 340th Bomb Gp., to 22 February 1944 when relieved from command by Special Order No. 31, Hq. 340th Bomb Gp., 22 Feb. 1944.

Major Robert M. Hackney, 22 February 1944 as per Special Order No. 31, Hq. 340th Bomb Gp., 22 Feb. 1944 to date.

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Stations

1943, 12 April to 28 April: First truck echelon enroute from Kabrit to Sfax.  
 15 May to 28 May : Second truck echelon enroute from Kabrit to Sfax.  
 24 May to 1 June : Sea echelon enroute from Kabrit to Sfax.  
 2 June and 5 June : Squadron enroute from Sfax to Hergla.  
 27 July to 3 August : Ground echelon enroute from Hergla to Comiso  
 5 August : Flight echelon moves from Hergla to Comiso.  
 9 August to 13 August: Rear echelon enroute from Hergla to Comiso  
 27 August : Squadron moves from Comiso to Catania Main.  
 16 October: Air echelon moves from Catania to San Pancrazio.  
 17 October to 5 Nov. : Ground echelon enroute from Catania to San Pancrazio.  
 18 November: "A" echelon moves from San Pancrazio to Foggia # 3  
 19 November: "B" echelon moves from San Pancrazio to Foggia # 3  
 25 November: Flight echelon moves from San Pancrazio to Foggia # 3  
 28 Decembef: Ground echelon moves from Foggia # 3 to Pompeii.  
 1944, 3 January : Flight echelon moves from Foggia # 3 to Pompeii.  
 22 March : Squadron moves from Pompeii to Gaudio.  
 25 March : Salvage party moves from Pompeii to Gaudio.  
 12 April to 15 April: Ground echelon moves from Gaudio to Alesan.  
 19 April: : Air Echelon moves from Gaudio to Alesan.

Strength

	O-W/O	E/M	Total
1943, 1 June:	59	277	336
30 June:	56	276	332
1 July:	56	279	335
31 July:	59	274	333
1 Aug :	59	274	333
31 Aug :	59	266	325
1 Sept:	60	266	326
30 Sept:	69	275	344
1 Oct :	69	275	344
31 Oct :	73	285	358
1 Nov :	73	285	358
30 Nov :	63	281	344
1 Dec :	63	283	346
31 Dec :	69	280	349
1944, 1 Jan :	60	275	335
31 Jan :	65	275	340

<u>Strength</u>	(cont'd)	O-W/O	E/M	Total
1944,	1 Feb :	65	275	340
	29 Feb :	57	290	347
	1 March:	57	290	347
	31 March:	66	303	369