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Outline History - 486th Bombardment Squadron, 340th Bombardment Group (M)

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A. Original Unit

(See previous outline history)

B. Changes in Organization

Effective January 1, 1944, the 57th Bomb Wing and 12 ASC were removed from the chain of command, and the 12th Bomber Command was substituted. The chain of command now is 486th Bomb Sq, 340th Bomb Gp, 12th Bomber Command, 12th AAF, NATOUSA. In operational matters, a Mediterranean Allied Air Command has been instituted. The 486th Squadron continues to be a tactical unit of the Tactical Bomber Force and Tactical Air Force of the Mediterranean Command.

C. Stations

On January 3, 1944, the Squadron Air Echelon, on detached service at Foggia Satellite No. 3, Italy, since December 28th, 1943, joined the Ground Echelon at Pompeii L/G, Italy.

D. Strength

1. At beginning of period: 61 officers and 291 enlisted men
2. At end of period: 66 officers and 294 enlisted men

E. Marches (Diary)

See Diary of the 486th Bomb Sq for month of January, 1944

F. Campaigns

The 486th Bomb Sq continued to participate actively in the bombing of targets on the mainland of Italy. The Squadron aided other medium bombardment units in isolating Rome and the Anzio beach-head area from supplies by destroying German lines of communication.

G. Battles (Missions)

- January 14, 1944 - Target: Pontecorvo Bridge, Italy (9 planes)
- January 15, 1944 - Target: Marshalling yards, Foligno, Italy (6 planes)
- January 16, 1944 - Marshalling yards, Terni, Italy (6 planes)
- January 18, 1944 - Railroad viaduct, Terni, Italy (6 planes)
- January 19, 1944 - Airdrome at Rieti, Italy (6 planes)
- January 20, 1944 - R/R bridge east of Carsoli, Italy, January 20 (6 planes)
- January 21, 1944 - 1st mission: M/Y at Foligno, Italy (6 planes)
2nd mission: M/Y at Avezzano, Italy (6 planes)
- January 22, 1944 - 1st mission: Rd Junction, Segni-Colleferro, Italy (6 planes)
2nd mission: Nickelling mission, Arce, Italy (1 plane)
- January 23, 1944 - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Target: Road West of Valmontone, Italy (6 planes)
- January 24, 1944 - Weather Rocce, Sardinia (1 planes)
- January 25, 1944 - Target: Rd jet Artena, Italy (6 planes)
- January 27, 1944 - 1st mission: R/R jet Colleferro, Italy (6 planes)
2nd mission: M/Y at Orte, Italy (6 planes)
- January 28, 1944 - M/Y at Orte, Italy (6 planes)
- January 29, 1944 - (Alternate): San Benedetto M/Y & Bridge (6 planes)
- January 30, 1944 - Road junction at Frascati, Italy (6 planes)

H. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements

In the month of January, 1944, Major Louis E. Keller, Commanding Officer 486th Bomb Sq, participated in the following combat mission with Squadron formations:
January 14, 1944 - Target: Pontecorvo, Italy, Bridge
Major Keller's plane was hit by flak on this mission, and the entire crew baled-out safely. This was Major Keller's third time to bale out.

I. Losses in Action:

1. Mission: January 14, 1944 - Target: Pontecorvo Bridge
Names of Casualties: 2nd Lt R. D. Clem, Pilot; 2nd Lt W. R. Ganz, Co-pilot; 2nd Lt E. G. Spray, Bombardier; S/Sgt W. G. Nelson, Radio operator; S/Sgt S. L. King, Gunner; S/Sgt W. H. Nelson, Tail Gunner.

S-2 report: "Ship 6-H was seen to go down over target. Ship was burning and one wing was seen to come off."

Present classification: All the above men are Missing in Action.

2. Mission: January 11, 1944 - Practice mission, Pompeii landing Ground, Italy.
Names of casualties: 1st Lt George A. Smith, Pilot; 2nd Lt James L. Black, co-pilot; 2nd Lt Frank T. Saunders, Jr, bombardier; S/Sgt Dean Bryant, radio operator; S/Sgt Roland O. Lowder, Gunner.

Present Classification: All Killed in Action when ship crashed and burned.

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I. Losses in Action (Cont'd)

3. Mission: January 14, 1944 - Target: Pontecorvo Bridge, Italy

Names of Casualties: T/Sgt T. J. Moran, Radio Operator

Present Classification: Missing In Action

When the ship he was in was hit and apparently disabled, T/Sgt Moran immediately bailed out in the target area. The ship was brought home safely, with the rest of the crew aboard.

3. Former and Present Members who have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

The following is a complete roster of men assigned to the 486th Squadron as of January 31, 1944, showing awards. This does not include men who were formerly with this Squadron but have subsequently returned to the United States. Their names will appear elsewhere:

Blakely, Karl T.	F/O	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 2 IX FC 25 June 43
		1st OLC	Par 6 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		2nd OLC	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 3 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		4th OLC	Par 4 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		5th OLC (S)	Par 13 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
Chambers, Alvin L.	1st Lt	6th OLC	Par 8 GO 45 XII ASC 15 Nov 43
		Air Medal	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 3 GO 45 XII ASC 15 Nov 43
		3rd OLC	Par 3 GO 45 XII ASC 15 Nov 43
Click, Carol W.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 45 XII ASC 15 Nov 43
		Air Medal	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
Coleman, Harry S.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		Air Medal	Par 4 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
Dozier, Nelson L.	Captain	Air Medal	Par 4 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 3 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
Gibson, Delbert L.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 46 XII ASC 16 Nov 43
Glade, Duane L.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 46 XII ASC 16 Nov 43
Howard, Robert S.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 1 GO 46 XII ASC 16 Nov 43
McCormick, James J., Jr	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Merryman, Marvin Jr	1st Lt	1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 3 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 4 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		4th OLC	Par 2 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		Air Medal	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
O'Toole, Martin F.	2nd Lt	1st OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 50 XII ASC 24 Nov 43
		Air Medal	Par 2 GO 43 XII ASC 18 Nov 43
Pwelson, Joseph D.	F/O	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 2 IX FC 25 June 43
		Air Medal	Par 7 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
Silvey, Walter E.	Captain	1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		4th OLC	Par 4 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		5th OLC (S)	Par 11 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		Air Medal	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
Stein, Sidney	2nd Lt	1st OLC	Par 1 GO 48 XII ASC 19 Nov 43
		Air Medal	Par 1 GO 48 XII ASC 19 Nov 43

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Stemple, Ira D.	Capt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 2 IX FC 25 June 43
		1st OLC	Par 3 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 4 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
Stotler, Robert E.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 48 XII ASC 19 Nov 43
		Purple Heart	Par 1 Ltr 210.5 Hq 340 BG 26 Oct 43
Swope, Richard G.	1st Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 1 GO 48 XII ASC 19 Nov 43
Wathen, Charles B.	Captain	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
Williams, Andrew C.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 1 GO 48 XII ASC 19 Nov 43
Allen, Donald B.	T/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 3 GO 45 XII ASC 15 Nov 43
Binner, William HC	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 3 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Canoj, Earl G.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
Cole, Nathaniel S.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 50 XII ASC 24 Nov 43
Easton, Francis L.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 50 XII ASC 24 Nov 43
Guthridge, Dellavan E.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 2 IX FC 25 June 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Holman, Ralph L.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 47 XII ASC 18 Nov 43
Hunt, Fred C.	T/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 50 XII ASC 24 Nov 43
Kamber, Charles J.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Kruckles, Daniel B.	Pvt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Longworth, Donald R.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 3 GO 47 XII ASC 18 Nov 43
		2nd OLC	Par 3 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		3rd OLC	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		4th OLC	Par 5 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
McMahon, Thomas J.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 8 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 8 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 8 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 8 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		4th OLC	Par 8 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Melott, Herbert R.	Sgt	5th OLC (S)	Par 7 GO 47 XII ASC 18 Nov 43
		Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 9 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Pasek, Edwin S.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 9 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 9 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 9 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		4th OLC	Par 3 GO 47 XII ASC 18 Nov 43
Posey, John W.	Pvt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Pridgeon, Alfred J.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 37 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
Quinn, Daniel E.	Sgt	Air Medal P	Par 1 GO 37 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
Skertic, Joseph R.	T/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 2 IX FC 25 June 43
		1st OLC	Par 5 GO 50 XII ASC 24 Nov 43

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Strunk, John R.	T/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 37 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 50 XII ASC 24 Nov 43
Szkiany, Charles (NMI)	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
		T/Sgt	Par 1 GO 50 XII ASC 24 Nov 43
Todd, Samuel G.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 4 GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Varnadore, Clarence S.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XI ¹ ASC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 1 GO 48 XII ASC 19 Nov 43
Villard, Harold F.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XI ¹ ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 40 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Walters, Henry G.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	Par 5 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC 23 Oct 43
Wright, Densil K.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 2 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
Wood, Forrest (NMI)	T/Sgt	Air Medal	Par 1 GO 35 XII ASC 4 Oct 43
		1st OLC	Par 1 GO 39 XII ASC Oct 23 43
Kiler, Louis E.	Major	Air Medal	GO 2 IX FC 25 June 43
		1st OLC	GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		2nd OLC	GO 33 XII ASC 13 September 43
		3rd OLC	GO 35 XII ASC 4 October 43
		4th OLC	GO 50 XII ASC 24 November 43
Hackney, Robert M.	Major	Air Medal	GO 4 IX FC 25 July 43
		1st OLC	GO 34 XII ASC 17 September 43
		2nd OLC	GO 35 XII ASC 4 October 43
		3rd OLC	GO 40 XII ASC 26 Oct 43
Clark, Clair J.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
		1st OLC	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	GO 48 XII ASC 25 Nov 43
Farry, Albert B.	1st Lt	Air Medal	GO 30 NASAF 9 July 43
		1st OLC	GO 40 NASAF 17 Aug 43
		2nd OLC	GO 25 XII BC 3 Oct 43
		3rd OLC	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
		4th OLC	GO 49 XI I BC 31 Oct 43
		5th OLC (S)	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
Kneum, Walter A.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	GO 49 XII BC 19 Nov 43
		1st OLC	GO 35 NASAF 6 Aug 43
		2nd OLC	GO 40 NASAF 17 Aug 43
		3rd OLC	GO 25 XII BC 3 Oct 43
		4th OLC	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
Stosber, Leslie R.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
		1st OLC	GO 40 NASAF 17 Aug 43
		2nd OLC	GO 12 XII BC
		3rd OLC	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
Tipton, William L.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
		1st Lt OLC	GO 49 XI ¹ BC 31 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
West, Fielding F.	2nd Lt	Air Medal	GO 45 XII FC 19 Nov 43
		1st OLC	GO 45 XII FC 19 Nov 43
		2nd OLC	GO 20 NASAF 9 July 43
		3rd OLC	GO 35 NASAF 6 July 43
		4th OLC	GO 35 NASAF 6 Aug 43
		5th OLC (S)	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
6th OLC	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43		
		5th OLC (S)	GO 45 XII FC 19 Nov 43
		6th OLC	GO 45 XII FC 19 Nov 43

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Fitt, Walter F.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	GO 35 NASAF 6 Aug 43
		1st OLC	GO 40 NASAF 17 Aug 43
		2nd OLC	GO 4 XII BC 2 Sept 43
		3rd OLC	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
		4th OLC	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
		5th OLC (S)	GO 45 XII FC 19 Nov 43
Kelsey, Merrill D.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
		1st OLC	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	GO 45 XII FC 19 Nov 43
Benard, George E.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	GO 20 NASAF 9 July 43
		1st OLC	GO 35 NASAF 6 Aug 43
		2nd OLC	GO 40 NASAF 17 Aug 43
		3rd OLC	GO 4 XII BC 2 Sept 43
		4th OLC	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
		5th OLC (S)	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
Schoen, Everett G.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	GO 25 XII BC 3 Oct 43
		1st OLC	GO 41 XII BC 23 Oct 43
		2nd OLC	GO 49 XII BC 31 Oct 43
Housken, Wayne J.	Sgt	Air Medal	GO 8 47th Wing 9 Nov 43
		1st OLC	GO 8 47th Wing 9 Nov 43
Brown, Clifton L.	S/Sgt	Air Medal	GO 20 NASAF 9 July 43
		6th OLC	GO 48 XII FC 25 Nov 43
		(No record of 1st five clusters)	

The following Officers and EM have been awarded the following awards of which the 486th Squadron has no record:

2nd Lt Hallahan, Thomas J., Air Medal and four clusters.
 2nd Lt Phelps, Thomas H., Air Medal and three clusters
 S/Sgt M. C. Zeller, Air Medal and four clusters
 Sgt R. S. Ladd, Air Medal and one cluster
 Pvt J. E. Morris, Air Medal and one cluster
 S/Sgt Brown, Clifton L., four bronze and one silver cluster.

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