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A. Original Unit

1. Designation: 487th Bomb Sq (M) (per par 1, GO No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)
2. Date of Organization: August 20, 1942 (per par 1, GO No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)
3. Place of organization: Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina (per par 1, GO No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)
4. Authority for organization: PAC Ltr WD AG 320.2 (8-8-42) MR-M-AF, August 10, 1942, Subject: "Constitution, Activation, and Reassignment of Army Air Forces Units," and Par 1, GO No. 239, Hq 3d AF, Tampa, Florida (per par 1, GO No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)
5. Sources from which personnel obtained: 309th Bomb Gp (OTU) and personnel placement pools of 3rd Bomber Command, 3rd Air Force, Tampa, Florida.

B. Changes in Organization.

1. Activated as unit of 3rd Bomber Command, III Air Force, Tampa, Florida (per par 1, GO No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)
2. Transferred to 9th U.S.A.A.F. per War Department Secret Moving Orders, dated December 6, 1942, as amended, first elements arriving that station March 10, 1943, to be assigned to Desert Air Task Force to support the British 8th Army as part of Tactical Bomber Force.
3. Per General Orders No. 73, Hq 9th U. S. A. A. F., dated 16 August 1943, transferred to Twelfth U.S. Air Force, and assigned to Tactical Bomber Force.

C. Strength

1. At beginning of period (activation): None. First officers and men assigned September 11, 1942, per SO #2, Hq 340th Bomb Gp, that date.
4. At end of period (31 August 1943): Full T/O strength

D. Stations

1. Activated with majority of personnel at Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina. First personnel assigned per Special Orders No. 2, Hq 340th Bomb Gp, dated September 11, 1942.
2. Departed AAB, Columbia, South Carolina, <sup>November 10</sup>~~October 29~~, 1942. *aws*
3. Arrived AAB, Walterboro, South Carolina, <sup>November 10</sup>~~October 29~~, 1942. *aws*
4. Ground echelon and air echelon departed AAB, Walterboro, South Carolina, via rail January 29, 1943. Air echelon per SO No. 29, Hq Columbia AAB, Columbia, South Carolina, dated January 29, 1943. Ground echelon per SO No. 27, par 1, AAB, Columbia, South Carolina, dated January 27, 1943.
5. Flight echelon arrived Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, Michigan, Feb 2, 1943.
6. Ground echelon arrived Camp Stoneman, California, February 4, 1943.
7. Ground echelon departed Camp Stoneman, California, via steamship February 15, 1943, per War Dept Secret Moving Orders, dd Dec 6, 1942.



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8. Flight echelon departed Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, Michigan, February 18, 1943, via B-25 combat aircraft, per War Dept Secret Moving Orders, dated December 6, 1942, as amended.
9. Flight echelon arrived Kabrit, Egypt, March 10-29, 1943.
10. Ground echelon arrived Kabrit, Egypt, March 29, 1943.
11. Flight echelon plus key men of ground echelon departed Kabrit, Egypt, via aircraft, April 8 to April 30th, 1943. VOCC
12. Flight echelon plus key men of ground echelon arrived Medenine Main L/G, Tunisia, April 11 to April 16, 1943.
13. Majority ground echelon departed Kabrit via motor convoy, April 12, 1943.
14. Flight echelon plus key personnel of ground echelon departed Medenine Main L/G, Tunisia, April 17, 1943. VOCC
15. Flight echelon plus key men of ground echelon arrived SFAX EL MAOU L/G, Tunisia, April 25, 1943.  
17 <sup>cu</sup> 5.
17. Rear elements ground personnel leave Kabrit, Egypt, via motor convoy and steamship May 18, 1943.
18. Rear elements ground personnel arrive Sfax el Maou L/G, Tunisia, June 1, 1943.
19. "A" party ferried via combat aircraft from Sfax el Maou L/G, Tunisia, to Hergla North L/G, Tunisia, June 3, 1943. VOCC
20. "B" party departed Sfax el Maou L/G, Tunisia, via motor vonvoy and arrived Hergla North L/G, Tunisia, June 5, 1943. VOCC
21. Majority ground echelon departed Hergla North L/G, Tunisia, July 27, 1943, via motor convoy and Landing Ship, Tank. VOCC
22. ~~Majority~~ Majority ground echelon arrived Comiso A/D, Sicily, August 3, 1943.
23. Air echelon departed Hergla North L/G, Tunisia, via aircraft and arrived Comiso A/D, Sicily, August 5, 1943. VOCC
24. Rear party ground echelon departed Hergla North L/G, Tunisia via motor convoy and Landing Ship, Tank, August 9, 1943. VOCC
25. Rear party arrived Comiso A/D, August 13, 1943.
26. Majority ground echelon left Comiso A/D, Sicily via motor convoy and arrived Catania A/D, Sicily, August 27, 1943.
28. Flight echelon left Comiso A/D, Sicily, via aircraft and arrived Catania A/D, Sicily, August 28, 1943.

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E. Marches (see Diary, 487th Bombardment Squadron)

F. Campaigns:

1. Name of: Tunisian Campaign

Period of participation: March, 1943, to the capitulation of Axis Forces in North Africa

Purpose: to give direct tactical support to the British 8th Army by bombing troop concentrations, installations, and avenues of retreat, thus aiding directly in the destruction of Axis military forces in North Africa.

Authority ordering: 9th U. S. Air Force orders.

2. Name of: Campaign against Italian Islands in the Mediterranean (Pantelleria and Sicily)

Period of participation: May, 1943, to capitulation of both islands.

Purpose: To destroy defense installations on the Island of Pantelleria. To prepare the way for and to give tactical support to forces invading Sicily, and to block the enemy's retreat and destroy his armies.

Authority ordering: 9th U.S. Air Force orders.

3. Campaign against the mainland of Italy

Period of participation: The first and only mission flown against the mainland of Italy in this period, ending August 31, 1943, was flown on August 30, 1943, and consisted a bombing attack on the town of Marina di Catanzaro.

Purpose: to reduce the enemy's capabilities for defending himself when the invasion of his stronghold should begin.

Authority ordering: 12th U.S. Air Force orders.

G. Battles (Missions)

April 12, 1943 - 1st Lt James L. Flack and 1st Lt James S. Johnson rode as co-pilots in planes of the 33rd Squadron (12th Bomb Gp), participating in a 12th-540th bombing mission, to become the first men of the 487th to see combat.

April 19, 1943 - 1st Lt James L. Flack and entire crew participated in a combat mission with planes of the 12th and 540th Groups.

April 23, 1943 - 1st Lt James L. Flack and crew and 1st Lt James S. Johnson and crew participated in a 12th-540th bombing raid on Soliman A/D, Tunisia. Lt. Johnson's plane and crew were lost.

April 25, 1943: Major Cyrus K. Whittington, Commanding Officer 487th Squadron, rode as pilot in a 489th Squadron ship, with 489th crew. His ship collided with another over the field. All crew personnel were killed.

May 4, 1943: Combat crews and partial combat crews of the 487th Squadron participated with personnel and planes of the 489th Squadron in a 36-ship raid on Zaguan, Tunisia.

May 6, 1943 - Mission No. 1: One plane and 2 crews of the 487th Squadron participated in a 36-ship bombing mission against supply dumps and troop concentrations at Furna and Massicault, Tunisia. Several pilots also rode as copilots with the 489th Squadron. Captain Donald J. Marcan, commanding

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- officer 487th Squadron, rode in a ship which was shot down in flames.
- Mission No. 2: One crew, with 489th pilot, participated in a raid on St. Cyprien, Tunisia. One 487th pilot rode as co-pilot in a 489th ship.
- May 8, 1943 - Four crews participated in a raid on Pantelleria L/G.
- May 9, 1943 - Five ships and 5 crews participated in a raid on Pantelleria L/G.
- May 10, 1943 - Mission No. 1: Three crews participated in a raid on Pantelleria L/G/ Second mission: Five crews participated in a raid on Pantelleria harbor.
- May 11, 1943 - Three crews participated in raid on gun emplacements at Djebel El Krera, Tunisia.
- May 12, 1943 - Three crews and planes participated in a raid on gun emplacements and troops North of Enfidaville, Tunisia.
- May 30, 1943 - Troop concentrations on Pantelleria. (6 planes)
- June 6, 1943 - Gun installations on Pantelleria (6 planes)
- June 7, 1943 - Airfield at Pantelleria (6 planes)
- June 8, 1943 - Gun emplacements, Pantelleria (6 planes)
- June 10, 1943 - Gun emplacements, Pantelleria (6 planes)
- June 11, 1943 - Gun emplacements, Pantelleria (7 planes)
- July 3, 1943 - Comiso A/D, Sicily (9 planes)
- July 4, 1943 - Comiso A/D, Sicily (6 planes)
- July 5, 1943 - First Mission: Sciacco A/D, Sicily (3 planes)  
Second mission: Comiso A/D, Sicily (9 planes)
- July 6, 1943 - Comiso A/D, Sicily (15 planes)
- July 7, 1943 - Comiso A/D, Sicily (12 planes)
- July 8, 1943 - Comiso A/D, Sicily (13 planes)
- July 11, 1943 - Trapani/Milo A/D, Sicily (11 planes)
- July 13, 1943 - Town of Termini/Imerese, Sicily (night) (9 planes)
- July 14, 1943 - Town of Paterno (12 planes)
- July 15, 1943 - Town of Paterno (12 planes)
- July 16, 1943 - Town of Valguarnera (12 planes)
- July 17, 1943 - Town of Catania (night) (9 planes)
- July 19, 1943 - Town of Randazzo, Sicily (12 planes)
- August 1, 1943 - Roads near Bronte, Sicily (12 planes)

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- August 2, 1943 - Town of Randazzo, Sicily (12 planes)
- August 3, 1943 - Gun emplacements South of Agrano, Sicily (12 planes)
- August 4, 1943 - Southern exits of Bronte, Sicily (6 planes)
- August 6, 1943 - 1st mission: Troops South of Agrano (11 planes)  
 2nd mission: Motor Transport N. of Biancavilla (1 plane)  
 3rd mission: Town of Randazzo (8 planes)
- August 7, 1943: 1st mission: Town of Randazzo (12 planes)  
 2nd mission: Town of Randazzo (1 plane)
- August 8, 1943: 1st mission: Town of Randazzo (12 planes)  
 2nd mission: Town of Randazzo (1 plane)
- August 9, 1943: Road Junction near Divieto, Sicily (12 planes)
- August 10, 1943: 1st mission: Town of Randazzo (1 plane)  
 2nd mission: Town of Randazzo (3 planes)
- August 11, 1943 - 1st mission: Town of Randazzo (12 planes)  
 2nd mission: Town of Randazzo (1 plane)
- August 12, 1943 - 1st mission: Town of Novara, Sicily (12 planes)  
 2nd mission: Roads at Patti, Sicily (1 plane)
- August 13, 1943:- 1st mission: Town of Falcone, Sicily (1 plane)  
 2nd mission: Beaches South of Messina (4 planes)
- August 14, 1943: Enemy concentrations at Gesso, Sicily (11 planes)
- August 15, 1943 - Gun emplacements South of Divieto (12 planes)
- August 16, 1943 - Beaches North of Messina near Torre di Faro (12 ships)
- August 30, 1943:- Town of Marina di Catanzaro, Italy (12 planes)

#### H. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements

##### 1. Major Cyrus A. Whittington

On Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943, at Sfax el Maou L/C, Tunisia, Major Cyrus A. Whittington, commanding officer of the 487th Bomb Sq, rode as pilot in a Mitchell Bomber (B-25) of the 489th Bomb Sq. The others of the crew were members of the 489th Bomb Sq. At this time the 487th Bomb Sq was new to combat and this mission was Major Whittington's third in combat, all flown with other Squadrons. On take-off, Major Whittington's plane and another of the 489th Squadron collided, with full bomb load, most of which exploded. The entire personnel of both planes, including Major Whittington, were killed. All bodies were recovered and buried with military honors in the cemetery in the city of Sfax, Tunisia. Memorial Day honors (May 30th, 1943) were paid to these and other dead of the 340th Group.

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Major Whittington was regarded as a superlative commander.

Captain Donald J. Marcan, a veteran pilot of the 12th Bomb Group who had a short while before been transferred to the 487th Squadron as operations officer, was chosen to succeed Major Whittington as Commanding Officer. On May 6th, 1943, Captain Marcan rode as co-pilot in a 487th ship piloted by Colonel William C. Mills, Commanding Officer of the 340th Bomb Gp. Take-off was at 0615 hours from Stax el Maou L/C, Tunisia, and the target was supply dumps and troop concentrations at Furna and Massicault, Tunisia. As Colonel Mills' ship came off the target, it received a direct hit from the intense anti-aircraft fire. It was seen to go down in flames. To date, little official news has been received regarding the tragedy, but it is definite that Captain Marcan bailed out successfully, although one of his hands was either badly injured or wholly severed, probably by contact with a propeller. He was taken by the Germans and placed in a hospital near Tunis, where he was left when the Axis forces retreated to Cap Bon. He has never returned to the Squadron.

Although Captain Marcan was with the 487th Bomb Sq for only a short time, his friendliness and his very evident interest in the Squadron were building for him the foundations of a deep regard for him among officers and men as a commanding officer.

Major Charles E. Murray was chosen to succeed Captain Marcan as Commanding Officer of the 487th Squadron. During his tenure of approximately two months, after which he was elevated to the position of 340th Bomb Group Executive Officer, Major Murray flew the following missions as Commanding Officer of the 487th Squadron:

June 8, 1943: Target - Gun positions on the island of Pantelleria  
 July 6, 1943: Target - Comiso A/D, Sicily

He has flown other missions with the Squadron since assuming his duties with 340th Group Headquarters.

Major Murray was the first American pilot in the Middle East. He has been overseas more than two years. Major Murray's extraordinary technical familiarity with bombing planes undoubtedly contributed much to the Squadron's paramount maintenance record.

Succeeding Major Murray as Commanding Officer, Captain Lewis F. Parsons has participated in the following combat missions of the 487th Bomb Squadron:

May 8, 1943: Co-pilot in 489th plane flown against Pantelleria Island.  
 May 11, 1943: Target: Gun emplacements at Djebel El Krera, Tunisia  
 June 6, 1943: Target - Gun Positions, Pantelleria Island  
 July 5, 1943: Target - Sciacca A/D, Sicily  
 July 7, 1943: Target - Comiso A/D, Sicily  
 July 13, 1943: Target - Town of Termini/Imereze, Sicily  
 July 15, 1943: Target - Town of Paterno, Sicily  
 August 1, 1943: Target - Roads at Bronte, Sicily  
 August 2, 1943: Target - Gun Positions South of Agrano, Sicily  
 August 4, 1943: Southern exits of town of Bronte, Sicily  
 August 9, 1943: Roads near Divieto, Sicily  
 August 12, 1943: Town of Novara, Sicily  
 August 30, 1943: Town of Marina di Catanzaro, Italy

#### I. Losses in Action

Mission: Ferrying Squadron planes to overseas station  
 Date: February 18, 1943

Names of casualties: 1st Lt Frances X. Tehan, pilot; P/O Robert Lytle, co-pilot; 1st Lt Robert Crowell, navigator; M/Sgt Jess Brazell, aerial engineer; T/Sgt James Highbanks, radio operator; S/Sgt Russell Hinchman, gunner; M/Sgt Richard Hanson, passenger.

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(cont'd) Present classification: ~~Missing in Action~~ <sup>cut</sup>

Mission: Ferrying Squadron planes to overseas station

Date: February 26, 1943

Names of Casualties: F/O Lester Long, pilot; F/O Edwin Welcome, co-pilot; 1st Lt Jo Davidson, navigator; S/Sgt John Roth, aerial engineer; T/Sgt George Cummings, radio operator; S/Sgt Athel Pate, gunner; T/Sgt Carleton Budd, passenger.

Present classification: ~~Missing in Action~~ <sup>cut</sup> KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Mission: Bombing Soliman A/D, Tunisia

Date: April 23, 1943

Names of Casualties: 1st Lt James S. Johnson, pilot; 1st Lt William B. Hille, co-pilot; 1st Lt Joseph F. Schooley, bombardier; T/Sgt George B. French; S/Sgt Spencer Bomberger

Present classification: Missing in Action

Mission: Bombing Soliman A/D, Tunisia

Date: April 25, 1943

Names of Casualties: Major Cyrus A. Whittington

Present classification: Killed in Action

Mission: Bombing supply dumps and troop concentrations at Furma and Massicault, Tunisia

Date: May 6, 1943

Names of casualties: S/Sgt Russell E. McGuire, radioman

Present classification: Missing in Action

In this ship, T/Sgt Gordon W. Warren bailed out, was hospitalized, is reported to have been evacuated to the United States. Captain Donald J. Marcan bailed out, was captured and hospitalized by the enemy, was freed by allied occupation of Tunis, and has been evacuated to the United States.

Mission: Bombing Troop Concentrations on the Island of Pantelleria

Date: May 30, 1943

Names of Casualties: T/Sgt Ted Bernstein, radio gunner

Present classification: Killed in action

On this mission 1st Lt Edward J. Cunningham, bombardier, was seriously injured, was hospitalized in Tunisia, and subsequently was evacuated to the United States. 1st Lt Ray I. Sherbourne and 1st Lt Charles P. MacCabe were treated for shock and minor injuries and were returned shortly, with S/Sgt Roland S. Berry, gunner, to the Squadron.

Mission: Bombing Town of Termini/Imerese, Sicily

Date: July 13, 1943

Names of Casualties: 2nd Lt Elmer L. Baran, pilot; 2nd Lt Warren H. Lewis, co-pilot; 1st Lt Stanley P. Matthews, bombardier; S/Sgt Ira Wade, gunner; T/Sgt John W. Fox, radio operator

Present classification: Killed in Action

Mission: Bombing Town of Paterno, Sicily

Date: July 15, 1943

Names of Casualties: Sgt Lyttleton E. Chance

This plane was hit by flak and made a belly-landing in friendly territory. Sgt Chance was killed in the landing. All other crew members returned safely to the Squadron within a few days.

Present classification: Sgt Chance is classified as Killed in Action.

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Mission: Bombing retreating enemy troops on beaches at Northeastern tip of Sicily, near Torre Di Faro

Date: August 13, 1943

Names of Casualties: Captain James L. Flack, pilot; 1st Lt Jonathan Leete, co-pilot; 1st Lt Sidney C. Ormsbee, bombardier; S/Sgt Eugene F. Hobart, gunner

Present classification: Missing in Action

On this mission S/Sgt Robert L. Goulding, radioman, successfully bailed out and returned to his organization.

J. Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in ActionPresent Members:

Lambert, Marshall E.	Captain	O-662953
Air Medal 5-15-43	GO #2, par #2, 9th Fight. Comd.	6-25-43
1st B. Cluster	7-11-43 GO #4, Par. 6, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Parsons, Lewis F.	Captain	O-401038
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO #4, Par. #1, Hq. 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Rodgers, Bobby M.	Captain	O-725640
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO #4, Par. 1, Hq. 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Schreiner, Henry J.	Captain	O-1899567
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO #4, Par #5, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Brown, William T.	1st Lt	O-665896
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO #4, Par 1, Hq. 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Cunningham, Edward J.	1st Lt	O-731032
Soldiers Medal 6-27-43	GO #5, Par 2, 9th Air Force	7-22-43
Purple Heart Awarded		
Emslie, William A.	1st Lt	O-730889
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO #4, Par 5, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Fonda, Willard C.	1st Lt	O-663031
Silver Star 7-24-43	Awarded GO 84, IX A. F.	9-743
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO #4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Garrett, Claude L. Jr.	1st Lt	O-664562
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO #4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Hague, Harold H.	1st Lt	O-792397
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO #4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Henderson, Horace L.	1st Lt	O-730907
Air Medal 5-31-43	GO #2, Par #2, Hq 9th F. C.	6-25-43
Hollis, John T., Jr.	1st Lt	O-730312
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO #4, Par 1, Hq. 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Howle, Benjamin S.	1st Lt	O-730315
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO #4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Ipera, Orlando (NMI)	1st Lt	O-663672
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4 Par 5 IX F. C.	7-25-43
Loysen, A lton J.	1st Lt	O-790972
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
McCabe, Charles P.	1st Lt	O-792406
Soldiers Medal 7-10-43	GO 65, Par 2, 9th A.F.	7-22-43
Purple Heart 9-5-43	Awarded Ltr Hq 340 Bomb Gp	9-9-43
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Peterson, Robert N.	O-662295	1st Lt
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Robert J.	1st Lt	O-664714
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Ray I.	1st Lt	O-726692
	Par 2, IX AF	7-22-43
	Awarded Ltr 340 Bomb Gp	9-9-43
	1st Lt	O-791873
	GO 4, Par 1, Hq IX FC	7-25-43

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Farnock, Arthur E.	1st Lt	0-664704
Air Medal 5-15-43	GO 2, Par 2, Hq IX F. C.	6-25-43
1st Cluster 7-12-43	GO 2, Par 6, Hq IX F. C.	7-25-43
White, John W.	1st Lt	0-730780
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, Hq 9th F. C.	7-25-43
Wilkerson, Harold H.	1st Lt	0-663111
Air Medal 5-15-43	GO 2, Par 2, IX F. C.	6-25-43
Willhite, Homer H.	1st Lt	0-661907
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Wrede, Henry F. Jr.	1st Lt	0-729592
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Anderson, Harley H.	2nd Lt	0-1704114
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Bell, Kenneth L.	2nd Lt	0-1704103
Air Medal 5-31-43	GO 2, Par 2, IX F. C.	6-25-43
1st Cluster 7-11-43	GO 4, Par 6, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Black, John C.	2nd Lt	0-733136
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Gerutti, Robert L.	2nd Lt	0-665260
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Cox, Lee R.	2nd Lt	0-735531
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Gavin, Edward F.	2nd Lt	0-733178
Distinguished Flying Cross	7-24-43 GO 84, IX A. F.	9-7-43
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Hover, Arthur C.	2nd Lt	0-730913
Distinguished Flying Cross	GO 84, IX A. F.	9-7-43
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 5, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Mayer, Robert A.	2nd Lt	0-733209
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 5, IX F. C.	7-25-43
O'Neill, James F.	2nd Lt	0-795458
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Rosenberg, Maurice Z.	2nd Lt	0-794052
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Simenitzky, John (NMI)	2nd Lt	0-1704117
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Wolkoff, Eugene M.	2nd Lt	0-732605
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 5, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Griffiths, Melvin W.	Flight Officer	T-1866597
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Over, Jeremiah R.	Flight Officer	T-223036
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Sterling, Harold M.	Flight Officer	T-190872
Air Medal 9-15-43	GO 35, XII ASC 10-4-43	
Katherman, Ivin L, Jr.	M/Sgt	3848376
Legion of Merit	7-20-43	
Lynch, Marion M.	M/Sgt	R-1489397
Legion of Merit	7-20-43	
Berninger, Robert S.	T/Sgt	56053745
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 5, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Campbell, Dennis (NMI)	T/Sgt	15112154
Air Medal 7-12-43	GO 4, Par 1, Hq IX F. C.	7-25-43
Driscoll, Paul E.	T/Sgt	31205176
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-25-43
Furey, Robert D.	T/Sgt	12080593
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1, IX F. C.	7-24-43
Goulding, Robert L.	T/Sgt	14059266
Air Medal 5-15-43	GO 2, Par 2, IX F. C.	6-25-43
Grillo, Dominic (NMI)	T/Sgt	20111983
Air Medal 7-10-43	GO 4, Par 1 IX F. C.	7-25-43
Kinsinger, Edgar L.	T/Sgt	35143466
Air Medal 5-31-43	GO 2 Par 2 IX F. C.	6-25-43
1st Cluster 7-11-43	GO 4, Par 6, IX F. C.	7-25-43

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Longman, Harold S.	T/Sgt	32404361
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO #4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Mancini, Leo F.	T/Sgt	12035626
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Pinion, William J.	T/Sgt	35007923
Distinguished Flying Cross 7-24-43 GO 84, 9th A.F.	9-7-43	
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Wynne, Joseph P.	T/Sgt	11051198
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
1st Cluster 7-11-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F. C.	7-25-43	
Berry, Roland S.	S/Sgt	14129195
Soldiers Medal 6-27-43 GO 65, par 2, 9th A.F.	7-22-43	
Bilodeau, Raymond J.	S/Sgt	31120339
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F. C.	7-25-43	
Birkley, Herbert I.	S/Sgt	35460038
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F. C.	7-25-43	
1st Cluster 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Crane, Nathan J.	S/Sgt	16045114
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Dillingham, Henry E.	S/Sgt	6384911
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Durie, William E.	S/Sgt	34198777
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Dzialo, Stanley (NMI)	S/Sgt	6138169
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, par 5, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Hall, Frederick L.	S/Sgt	16064848
Air Medal 5-31-43 GO 2, par 2, 9th F.C.	6-25-43	
1st Cluster 7-12-43 GO 4, par 6, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Hickman, Spencer O.	S/Sgt	15102988
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Jones, Harold L.	S/Sgt	18074219
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Kachelriess, John D.	S/Sgt	32409613
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Morgan, Jackson V.	S/Sgt	31136213
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, par 5, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
Zona, Martin F.	S/Sgt	35311548
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F. C.	7-25-43	
Reilly, Edward J.	Sgt	32222001
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C.	7-25-43	
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- Hq, 340th Bomb Gp (M)
- 486th Bomb Sq (M)
- 487th Bomb Sq (M)
- 488th Bomb Sq (M)
- 489th Bomb Sq (M)

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By order of Colonel COLLAR:

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Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
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/s/ Robert L. Webb  
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1. Pursuant to the authority contained in War Department Instructions, and in accordance with the agreement between Lieutenant General SPAATZ and Major General BRERETON, the following organizations are relieved from assignment with the Ninth US Air Force effective 22 August 1943, and transferred, at their present locations, to the Twelfth US Air Force:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
* * * * *	* * * * *
487th Squadron	Comiso, Sicily
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4. Organizational equipment, files and records, pertaining to the organizations, will be retained by them upon transfer.

By command of Major General BRERETON:

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1. PAC Secret radio SPTADTM - 609,  
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Airport, Walterboro, South Carolina, to  
to arrive thereat February 4, 1943.

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By order of Colonel COLLAR:

BURDETTE CUSTER  
Captain, Air Corps,  
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