497 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

AUGUST 1942

P.R.C.
A. ACTIVITY

1. Designation: 497th Bomb Sq (A) (per par 1, CG No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)

2. Date of Organization: August 20, 1942 (per par 1, CG No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)

3. Place of Organization: Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina (per par 1, CG No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)

4. Authority for organization: PAG ltr WD AG 3201.2 (3-8-42) WM-AP, August 10, 1942, Subject: "Conscription, Activation, and Reassignment of Army Air Forces Units," and Par 1, CG No. 228, Hq 5d AF, Tampa, Florida (per par 1, CG No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)

5. Source from which personnel obtained: 338th Bomb Sq (Otu) and personnel placement pool of 3rd Bomb Comd and, 3rd Air Force, Tampa, Florida.

B. Changes in Organization

1. Activated as unit of 3rd Bomb Commd, III Air Force, Tampa, Florida (per par 1, CG No. 19, Hq CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina, August 20, 1942)

2. Transferred to 9th U.S.A.F. per War Department Secret Moving Orders, dated December 6, 1942, as amended, first elements arriving at station March 10, 1943, to be assigned to 3rd Air Force and support the British 9th Army as part of Tactical Bomb Force.


C. Strength

1. At beginning of period (activation): None. First officers and men assigned September 11, 1942, per CO. 72, Hq 349th Bomb Sq, that date.

2. 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 349th Bomb Sq, dated September 11, 1942.

2. Departed AAB, Columbia, South Carolina, October 25, 1942.

3. Arrived AAB, Walterboro, South Carolina, October 29, 1942.


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 steamerhip February 13, 1943, per War Dept Secret Moving Orders, oc Dec 6, 1942.


11. Flight echelon plus key men of ground echelon departed Kabrit, Egypt, via aircraft, April 8 to April 10th, 1943. VOGO

12. Flight echelon plus key men of ground echelon arrived Medenine Main L/G, Tunisia, April 11 to April 16, 1943.


14. Flight echelon plus key personnel of ground echelon departed Medenine Main L/G, Tunisia, April 17, 1943. VOGO

15. Flight echelon plus key men of ground echelon arrived Sfax el Macou L/G, Tunisia, April 25, 1943.

16. Rear elements ground personnel leave Kabrit, Egypt, via motor convoy and steamship May 18, 1943.

17. Rear elements ground personnel arrive Sfax el Macou L/G, Tunisia, June 1, 1943.

18. "A" party ferried via combat aircraft from Sfax el Macou L/G, Tunisia, to Sfax North L/G, Tunisia, June 5, 1943. VOGO

19. "B" party departed Sfax el Macou L/G, Tunisia, via motor convoy and arrived Sfax North L/G, Tunisia, June 6, 1943. VOGO


22. Air echelon departed Sfax North L/G, Tunisia, via aircraft and arrived Comiso A/D, Sicily, August 5, 1943. VOGO

23. Rear party ground echelon departed Sfax North L/G, Tunisia via motor convoy and Landing Ship, Tank, August 9, 1943. VOGO


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 airfields.

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

5. 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, 1944, was flown on August 20, 1945, and constituted a bombing attack on the town of Latina 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, 1945 - 1st Lt James L. Flack and 1st Lt James E. Johnson rode as co-pilots in place of the 83rd Squadron (12th Bomb Gp), participating in a 12th-36th bombing mission, to become the first men of the 487th to see combat.

April 13, 1945 - 1st Lt James L. Flack and entire crew participated in a combat mission with planes of the 12th and 24th Groups.

April 25, 1945 - 1st Lt James L. Flack and crew and 1st Lt James E. Johnson and crew participated in a 12th-36th bombing raid on Sollum A/B, Tunisia. Lt. Johnson's plane and crew were lost.

April 28, 1945 - Major Cyrus H. Whitington, Commanding Officer 487th Squadron, rode as pilot in a 439th Squadron single with 449th crew. His ship collided with another over the field. All crew personnel were killed.

May 4, 1945 - Combat crew and partial combat crews of the 487th Squadron participated with personnel and planes of the 439th Squadron in a 32-ship raid on Reggana, Tunisia.

May 5, 1945 - Mission No. 1: One plane and 2 crews of the 487th Squadron participated in a 32-ship bombing mission against supply dumps and troop concentrations at Fene and Massicault, Tunisia. Several pilots also rode as co-pilots with the 499th Squadron at Reggana, Tunisia.
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Officer 467th Squadron, rode in a ship which was shot down in flames.

Mission No. 2: One crew, with 467th pilot, participated in a raid on St. Cyrrien, Tunisia. One 467th pilot rode as co-pilot in a 469th ship.

May 8, 1943 - Four crews participated in a raid on Pantelleria I/G.

May 9, 1943 - Five ships and 6 crews participated in a raid on Pantelleria I/G.


May 11, 1943 - Three crews participated in raid on gun emplacements at Djebel M'kara, 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 (3 planes)

June 9, 1943 - Gun emplacements, Pantelleria (6 planes)

June 10, 1943 - Gun emplacements, Pantelleria (7 planes)

July 2, 1943 - Corio A/D, Sicily (9 planes)

July 4, 1943 - Corio A/D, Sicily (6 planes)

July 5, 1943 - First Mission: Sciacco A/B, Sicily (8 planes)

Second mission: Corio A/D, Sicily (9 planes)

July 6, 1943 - Corio A/B, Sicily (12 planes)

July 7, 1943 - Corio A/D, Sicily (12 planes)

July 8, 1943 - Corio A/D, Sicily (15 planes)

July 11, 1943 - Trapani/Aero A/D, Sicily (11 planes)

July 12, 1943 - Town of Termini/Lercara, Sicily (night) (9 planes)

July 14, 1943 - Town of Paterno (12 planes)

July 16, 1943 - Town of Paterno (12 planes)

July 18, 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 (8 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 (3 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 Birriaco, Sicily (12 planes)
August 10, 1943 - 1st mission: Town of Randazzo (1 plane)
2nd mission: Town of Randazzo (5 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 15, 1943 - 1st mission: Town of Falcone, Sicily (1 plane)
2nd mission: Beaches South of Messina (4 planes)
August 16, 1943 - Enemy concentrations at Cessen, Sicily (11 planes)
August 18, 1943 - Gun emplacements South of Birriaco (12 planes)
August 20, 1943 - Beaches North of Messina near Torre di Faro (12 ships)
August 30, 1943 - Town of Marina di Catanzaro, Italy (12 planes)

II. Commanding Officers in Important Operations
1. Major Cyrus H. Whittington

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 1943, at Elas al Amsil I/G, Tunisia, Major Cyrus H. Whittington, commanding officer of the 457th Bomb Sq, made as pilot in a Mitchell Bomber (P-42) of the 490th Bomb Sq. The others of the crew were members of the 490th Bomb Sq. At this time the 457th 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 490th 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 Elas, Tunisia. Memorial Day honors (May 30th, 1943) were paid to these and other deaths of the 340th Group.
Major Whittington was regarded as a superlative commander.

Captain Donald J. Moran, a veteran pilot of the 49th Bomb Group who had a
short while before been transferred to the 69th Squadron as operations officer, was
sought to succeed Major Whittington as Commanding Officer. On May 8th, 1943,
Captain Moran rode as co-pilot in a 49th ship piloted by Colonel William O. Hille,
Commanding Officer of the 540th Bomb Group. Take-off was at 0215 hours from base at
Muro L'Ag, Tunisia, and the target was supply dumps and troop concentrations at
Turma and Massicault, Tunisia. As Colonel Hille's ship came off the target, it re-
ceived 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 Moran bailed out successfully, although one of his
hands was either badly injured or wholly severed, probably by contact with a
propeller. He was taken to the Germans and placed in a hospital near Tunis, where he
came left when the Axis forces retreated to Cape Bon. He has never returned to the
Squadron.

Although Captain Moran was with the 49th 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 his many officers and men as a commanding
officer.

Major Charles F. Murray was chosen to succeed Captain Moran as Commanding
Officer of the 69th Squadron, during his tenure of approximately two months, after
which he was elevated to the position of 54th Bomb Group Executive Officer. Major Murray
was the following missions as Commanding Officer of the 69th Squadron:

June 8, 1943: Target - Gun positions on the island of Pantelleria
July 5, 1943: Target - Coarse A/B, Sicily

He has flown other missions with the Squadron since assuming his duties with
54th Group Headquarters.

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

Successing Major Murray as Commanding Officer, Captain Louis F. Barone has
participated in the following combat missions of the 69th Bomb Squadron:

May 8, 1943: Co-pilot in 49th ship flown against Pantelleria Island.
May 11, 1943: Target - Gun emplacements at Bizel El Kef, Tunisia
June 6, 1943: Target - Gun Positions, Pantelleria Island
July 8, 1943: Target - Sciecco A/B, Sicily
July 9, 1943: Target - Coarse A/B, Sicily
July 12, 1943: Target - Town of Termini/Erice, Sicily
August 1, 1943: Target - Roads at Bronte, Sicily
August 5, 1943: Target - Gun Positions, South of Adrano, Sicily
August 6, 1943: Southern coast of town of Bronte, Sicily
August 9, 1943: Roads near Enneti, Sicily
August 12, 1943: Town of Novara, Sicily
August 15, 1943: Town of Marina di Catanzaro, Italy

I. Losses in Action

Mission: Firing Squadron planes to overseas station
Date: February 19, 1943
Names of casualties: Lt. Frank X. Tenan, pilot; S/Sgt Robert Lytle, copilot; Lt. Robert Howell, naviga-
tor; S/Sgt. Jesse Brazil, aerial engineer; S/Sgt James Hughes, radio operator; S/Sgt Russell Blkman, gunner; S/Sgt Richard
Hammond, armorer.
Mission: Fanning Squadron planes to overseas station.
Date: February 28, 1943
Names of Casualties: T/0 Lester Long, pilot; T/0 Kevin Welch, co-pilot; 1st Lt Jo Devlin, navigator; S/Sgt John Borth, aerial engineer; T/Sgt George Cummings, radio operator; S/Sgt Atlee Pate, gunner; T/Sgt Carleton Bish, passenger.
Present classification: Missing in Action KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Mission: Bombing Salimian A/B, Tunisia
Date: April 25, 1943
Names of Casualties: 1st Lt James L. Johnson, pilot; 1st Lt William G. Bille, co-pilot; 1st Lt Joseph P. Schooley, bombardier; T/Sgt George B. French; S/Sgt Spencer Bonner
Present classification: Missing in Action

Mission: Bombing Salimian A/B, 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 Fumia and Waiscaul, Tunisia
Date: May 6, 1943
Names of Casualties: S/Sgt Russell H. McGuire, radioman
Present classification: Missing in Action

In this ship, S/Sgt Gordon W. Varian bailed out, was hospitalized, is reported to have been evacuated to the United States. Captain Donald J. Varian 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 Lieut Edward J. Cunningham, bombardier, was seriously injured, was hospitalized in Tunis, and subsequently was evacuated to the United States. Lieut Ray L. Sherbourne and Lieut Charles P. MacCabe were treated for shock and minor injuries and were returned shortly, with S/Sgt Roland S. Perry, gunner, to the Squadron.

Mission: Bombing Town of Terrani/Decres, Sicily
Date: July 15, 1943
Names of Casualties: 1st Lt Kloss L. Baren, pilot; 1st 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: S/Sgt Lytton E. Chance
This plane was hit by flak and made a belly-landing in friendly territory. S/Sgt Chance was killed in the landing. All other crew members returned safely to the squadron within a few days.
Present classification: S/Sgt Chance is classifed as Killed in Action.
### J. Former and Present Occupations. Air Force Qualified Personnel In Action 

**Present Military:**

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**Purple Heart Awarded:**

- Lambert, Marshall F.
- Lister, Clayton B.
- Puckett, Carl F.
- Rodgers, Bobby M.
- Schriver, Henry J.
- Cunningham, Edward J.
- Brown, William T.
- Solders, Edgar T.
- Pamplin, William J.
- Poire, Orlando (MIT)
- Fowles, John F.
- Lovett, Robert N.
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Lanock, Arthur R.
Int. Lt. 0-176726
Air Medal 5-15-43 CO 3, Par E, H, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Lt. Cluster 7-12-43 GO 4, Par E, H, IX. IX. 6-25-43
White, John E.
Int. Lt. C-176726
Air Medal 5-13-43 GO 4, Par E, H, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Hedden, Harold L.
Int. Lt. 0-163112
Air Medal 5-16-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Lindt, Howard H.
Int. Lt. 0-176907
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Brette, Henry J. Jr.
Int. Lt. C-176907
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Anderson, Harley H.
Ann Lt. 0-1701132
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Hall, Montel L.
End Lt. 0-1701133
Air Medal 5-31-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Lt. Cluster 7-11-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Black, John O.
and Lt. 0-755126
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Carucci, Robert L.
End Lt. 0-755124
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Cox, Lee H.
Ann Lt. 0-1701131
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Cavin, Edward F.
and Lt. 0-755117
Martin, Maury Flying Cross 7-24-43 CO 84, IX. IX. 9-7-43
Air Medal 7-12-43 CO 84, IX. IX. 9-7-43
Hove, Arthur C.
End Lt. 0-755115
Distinguished Flying Cross CO 84, IX. IX. 9-7-43
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Mayer, Robert A.
Ann Lt. 0-755113
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
O'Neill, James E.
End Lt. 0-755112
Air Medal 7-13-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Roseberg, Maurice S.
and Lt. 0-755109
Air Medal 7-13-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Semenitskiy, John (RU)
Ann Lt. 0-1701117
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Wolffaith, Eugene L.
End Lt. 0-755108
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Graffiths, Albert W.
Flight Officer 0-195597
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Over, Jeremiah M.
Flight Officer 7-22-43
Sterling, Harold M.
Flight Officer 7-19-43
Logan, John M.
Flight Officer 7-10-43 CO 84, XII A/F 10-4-43
Kathman, Ivan J.
F/Sgt. S846587
Legion of Merit 7-20-43
Lynch, Marion M.
F/Sgt. 8-1469327
Legion of Merit 7-20-43
Borming, Robert E.
T/Sgt. 8-303732
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Campbell, Dennis (RU)
T/Sgt. 15121154
Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Briscoe, Paul E.
T/Sgt. 7-22-43
Air Medal 7-10-43 CO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Purzy, Robert B.
F/Sgt. 12036133
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Goulding, Robert L.
T/Sgt. 14058236
Air Medal 5-13-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Grillo, Dominic (RU)
T/Sgt. 8011133
Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Kinzinger, Edgar L.
T/Sgt. 5252169
Air Medal 5-13-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
Lt. Cluster 7-11-43 GO 4, Par E, IX. IX. 6-25-43
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Longman, Harold S.  T/Sgt  32404363
   Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 44, par 1, 9th F.C. 7-25-43
MacNeil, Leo F.  T/Sgt  12035666
   Air Medal 7-10-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C. 7-25-43
Pinion, William J.  T/Sgt  35007923
   Distinguished Flying Cross 7-21-43 GO 84, 9th A.F. 9-7-43
   Air Medal 7-12-43 GO 4, par 1, 9th F.C. 7-25-43
Rymo, Joseph F.  T/Sgt  11051198
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   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 69, 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 L.  S/Sgt  35460038
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Crane, Nathan J.  S/Sgt  16045114
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Dillingham, Henry B.  S/Sgt  6381911
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Durie, William S.  S/Sgt  24198777
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Dzialo, Stanley (MIL)  S/Sgt  6138169
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Hall, Frederick L.  S/Sgt  16064848
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Hickman, Spencer G.  S/Sgt  15102988
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Jones, Harold L.  S/Sgt  18074219
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Karcheliess, John D.  S/Sgt  32409613
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Korgan, Jackson W.  S/Sgt  31136123
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Zona, Martin F.  S/Sgt  35311548
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Reilly, Edward L.  Sgt  32222001
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1. PAC ltr WD AG 320.2 (8-8-42) MR-4-M-4, August 10, 1942, Subject: "Constitution, Activation and Reassignment of Army Air Forces Units", and Par l, GO #239, Hq 3d AF, Tampa, Florida, c.s., the following units are activated at this station:

- 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:

/s/ William G. Murphy
WILLIAM G. MURPHY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

OFFICIAL:

(SEAL)

/s/ Robert L. Webb
ROBERT L. WEBB
Major, Air Corps,
Base Adjutant.

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/s/ Clifford W. Swearingen
CLIFFORD W. SWEARINGEN,
1st Lt, AC,
GENERAL ORDERS

NUMBER......73

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:

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<td>487th Squadron</td>
<td>Comiso, Sicily</td>
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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:

V H STRAUGHM
Brig Gen USA
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OFFICIAL:

/s/ C M Seebach
C M SEEBACH
Col A G D
Adj Gen

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January 27, 1943

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 27

1. PAC Secret radio SPTADTM - 609, by rail fr Army
   the 340th Bomb Gp,
   Airport, Walterboro, South Carolina, to
   to arrive thereat February 4, 1943.

   This is a permanent Change of Station.

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   By order of Colonel COLLAR:

OFFICIAL:

(SEAL)

/s/ Burdette Custer

BURDETTE CUSTER
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Base Adj

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