

# War Diary of the 488<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron August 1944

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**The War Diary for August 1944 is missing from the Army Records.**

**Men mentioned in the August 1944 History with the exception of flight crew manifests:**

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b. Changes in organization.

Capt. John E. Rapp made Operations Officer

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Howard C. McElroy made Flight Commander

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Mauno A. Lindholm made Mess Officer

I. Losses in action: officers and men

1. Avignon rail bridge, France

Killed

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Burrhus, James C., Jr

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Yellon, Alvin H.

Wounded

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Coe, Bennie H., Jr.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Koerner, Frederick C.

Missing

S/Sgt. Wheeler, James F

Sgt. Reynolds, James D

2. Avignon rail bridge, France

Wounded

Sgt. Frankel, Carl, NMI

Missing

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Moon, Earl C.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Borden, Charles S.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Wohlstein, Frederick F., Jr.

S/Sgt. Luederman, H.F.

Cpl. Dyson, James H.

3. Cittadella rail bridge, Italy

Wounded

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Koerner, Frederick C.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Householder, Archy S.

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William F. Fey  
William F. Moeller  
Bill Tarter  
James V. Jones  
Mack W. Gardner  
John F. Turnbull

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Eugene D. Jordan

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Byron D. King  
John D. Kroening  
Frank A. Pfeffer  
Robert L. Saunders  
Charles S. Squires  
Paul Sims  
Ellis M. Holtz  
Edwin J. Kirk  
Norman S. Rosenthal  
Le Roy E. Priepke  
Walter F. Ziegler  
David R. Patterson

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Newland D. Heir  
Vincent Fortuna  
Jess H. Gifford  
Robert L. Gilliam, Jr.  
Richard Y. Grahm  
Frederick C. Greenig  
Gerald D. Gronley  
Walter E. Gustafson  
Arthur M. Hagan  
Remer L. Harding

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James E. Spillane

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Hubert L. Lacey  
August A. Gmachl  
William T. Bonnine  
Wayne E. Pond  
James A. Burger  
Sam Slimowitz

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Charles S. Borden  
George J. Hellyar  
Edward E. Bardnell  
James F. Wheeler  
John M. Williams  
Alvin H. Yellon  
Bennie H. Coe, Jr.  
Lawrence W. Kahl  
James H. Dyson  
Erskine L. Headley

[Many of these same events are also recounted in the War Diary of the 340<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group HQ Squadron, though from a different perspective. The HQ diary can be found here:

[http://57thbombwing.com/340th\\_History/340thGroupHistory.php](http://57thbombwing.com/340th_History/340thGroupHistory.php)

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