

History of the 488th Bomb Squadron April 1945

I. Losses in action: officers and men

(a) Killed

Byron D. King
James A Burger

j. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action

Dick E. Adams
William W. Banks
Kenneth R. Garanson
Robert L. Gilliam
Gerald D. Gronley
Arthur M. Hagan
James S. Levering
Joseph A. Robillard
Arthur J. Bertagna
Eugene W. Carey
John S. Pike

Special Orders:

P 8

Frank L. Danner
William E. Pearman
David C. Cruise Jr.
Layton H. Christensen
Isadore R. Rosen
Eugene V. White
Beryl Grubaugh
Harold Shoup
Charles M. Werden
Fred R. Grove, Jr.
Wilbur L. Kehr
Frank C. Weber
Frank S. Moore
Gene C. Huffman
Gilbert L. Powell
Clarence L. Fraker
Richard J. Elting
Francis C. Wilson

Walter I. Nelson
Raymond O. Strothman
Mark F. Nelson
Albert J. Lenze Jr.
Alfred M. Berr
Horace D. Rhodes
Charles S. Woodruff
Porter R. Rawls
Marvin P. Wright
William M. Thomson, Jr.
Aldine Wooten
Ross W. Weaver

P 9

Vernon F. Bridge
Joseph R. Anderson
Kenneth C. Rowe
Albert S. Magruder
Gerbert K. Mannion
Peter W. Whaley
James N. Payne
Joseph Blass, Jr.
Jules N. Weshinsky
Dell Hightower
George A. Price
Willie B. Wilson

P 10

George W. Mourer
Hugh Hitchcock
Wally W. Jones

P 11

Thomas J. Foster
Orwein E. Olesen
Cecil R. Warren
Lawson E. Weathers

P 12

Leo P. Fitzpatrick
Samuel Gelernter

Gerald R. Weaks
Julian L. Klein
Morton S. Reimer
Edward L. Zimmerman, Jr.
Albert G. Witscher
Kenneth A. Rich
Kenneth E. Serapin
Robert L. Ehlen
Thayer K. Rayburn
Robert W. Busk
Albert L. Thompson, Jr.
Lyle E. Wolter
John D. Huggins
Robert R. Rudegerair
Hary D. Hone
Frank A. Daughn
Clarence M. Book
Robert W. Schwarzkopf
Francis A. Kelly
William H. Robinette
William M. Slee
John F. Kennell, Jr.
James E. Weiss, Jr.
Wallace W. Shropshire, Jr.
Donald C. Krogh
Joseph M. Knotts

Squadron Order:

Robert C. Bachtell is appointed operations officer, Howard C. McElroy relieved

Howard C. McElroy is appointed assistant operations officer.

Dean W. Lewis is appointed flight commander, John M. Williams relieved.

William T. Bonine is appointed bombing officer, Robert R. Burger, Jr. relieved

James M. Tayloe is appointed personal affairs officer

Photograph captions

P 25

Steinach N. R.R. Bridge

P 26

San Ambrogio R.R. Bridge

P 33

Rovereto R.R. Bridge

P 36

Bassano West Road Bridge

P 39

Ferry Stage & Pontoon Bridge

P 41

North Ferry Stage #6

P 46

South Ferry Stage #7

P 49

South Ferry Stage #5

P 52

Ferry Terminal

P 57

Matrei North Rail Bridge

P 60

Volargne R.R. Fill

P 64

Ora main & Diversion Bridges

P 67

Pradera Troop Concentration

P 71

Matrei North & South R.R. Bridges

P 76

San Giacomo C.P.

P 84

Praduro Reserve Area 3

P 88

Argenta North Troop Area

P 93

Argenta Troop Area

P 96

Ala Rail Bridge

P 100

Bastia Troop Area – Argenta Reserve Area

P 104

Massa Lombarda Communications Center

P 110

Imola Gun Positions

P 113

La Spezia Gun Positions

P 117

La Spezia – Ship

P 119

La Spezia Gun Positions

P 122

Bondeno R.R. Bridge

P 125

San Michele North R.R. Bridge

P 133

Steinach Rail Bridge & Tunnel Mouth

P 136

Perca Rail Bridge

P 139

San Ambrogio R.R. Bridge

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

http://57thbombwing.com/340th_History/340thGroupHistory.php

Transcription by Dan Setzer, son of Sgt. Hymie Setzer, 340th BG HQ Squadron. July 12, 2015]