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Headquarters 340th Bomb Gp (M)
APO 650, % PM,
New York, New York

489th Bomb Sq (M),
OUTLINE HISTORY
May 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, Through Channels.
Attention-Historian.

1. Outline History of the 489th Bombardment Squadron (M) for the period of 1 May to 31 May, 1945.

a. Present designation.
(1) 489th Bombardment Squadron(M)

b. Changes in organization.
(1) None.

c. Strength for month of May.
(1) At beginning
(a) 109 officers.
(b) 367 enlisted men.
(2) At end
(a) 101 officers
(b) 318 enlisted men

d. Station.
(1) Rimini A/D, Italy
(a) Arrived : 4 April 1945
(b) Departed :

e. Movements of unit or echelon.
(1) None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian
(2) From September 1943 to 6 May 1945.

h. Operations.
(1) None.

i. Losses in action
(1) None.

j. Losses not in line of duty.
(1) None.

k. Decorations and awards.
(1) Air Medal.
(a) Abadie, Marcel Q., Sgt.
(b) Baker, Fulton C., Sgt.
(c) Brown, Thomas G., Sgt.
(d) Chaikin, Sydney, Sgt.
(e) Curry, Gordon A., 2nd Lt.
(f) Edelen, Paul H., Sgt.
(g) Gillespie, James F., Sgt.

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(1) Air Medal.
- (h) Hansing, Adrian c., Cpl.
- (i) Herby, Robert M., Sgt.
- (j) Karpik, Richard H., F/O
- (k) Laughery, Robert B., 2nd Lt.
- (l) Mark, Arthur, Sgt.
- (m) Marsh, George W., 2nd Lt.
- (n) Martin, William E., Cpl.
- (o) McIntyre, Thomas A., Sgt.
- (p) Nassy, Ernest L., Sgt.
- (q) Navarette, Charles J., Sgt.
- (r) Nelson, Thomas S., Sgt.
- (s) Niemiec, Edward A., Sgt.
- (t) Nowotny, Edward J., F/O.
- (u) O'Brien, Philip W., 2nd Lt.
- (v) Parris, Rudolph B., Sgt.
- (w) Patton, William M., F/O.
- (x) Phelps, Jack D., F/o.
- (y) Pickett, Earl J., 2nd Lt.
- (z) Pitts, Jr., Wallace S., F/O.

- (a) Pokluda, Jr., Frank J., 2nd Lt.
- (b) Riley, Jr., William P., 2nd Lt.
- (c) Sanders, Newman, S/Sgt.
- (d) Scott, Kern L., Sgt.
- (e) Snider, Russell B., 2nd Lt.
- (f) Talamo, Louis E., Sgt.
- (g) Taylor, Charles J., Sgt.
- (h) Teague, Wallace E., Cpl.
- (i) Verelli, Rocco A., Sgt.
- (j) Wood, Robert G., Cpl.
- (k) Wright, Duane E., Cpl.
- (l) Zehnacker, William J., Cpl.

(2) 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
- (a) Chamberlain, Don M., S/Sgt.
- (b) Chavarria, Edgar, 2nd Lt.
- (c) Curry, Gordon A., 2nd Lt.
- (d) Dunst, Benjamin, S/Sgt.
- (e) Du Puis, Clyde A., S/Sgt.
- (f) Erlandson, Robert W., 2nd Lt.
- (g) Figzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.
- (h) Frohner, Charles E., Sgt.
- (i) Gillespie, Howard M., 1st Lt.
- (j) Hansing, Adrian C., Cpl.
- (k) Harvey, James C., 1st Lt.
- (l) Hennum, Leroy R., 1st Lt.
- (m) Jaggers, Theodore E., Cpl.
- (n) Kampert, Robert K., 1st Lt.
- (o) Karpik, Richard H., XXX F/O.
- (p) Laughery, Robert B., 2nd Lt.

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(2) 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
(q) Maggio, Albert A., S/Sgt.
(r) Mark, Arthur, Sgt.
(s) Marsh, George W., 2nd Lt.
(t) McIntyre, Thomas A., Sgt.
(u) McMahon, Raymond J., S/Sgt.
(v) Moberly, William L., 2nd Lt.
(w) Muncy, Claude H., S/Sgt.
(x) Nassy, Ernest L., Sgt.
(y) Navarette, Charles J., Sgt.
(z) Nelson, Thomas S., Sgt.

(a) Nick, Michael G., Sgt.
(b) Nowotny, Edward J., F/O.
(c) O'Brien, Philip W., 2nd Lt.
(d) Parris, Rudolph B., Sgt.
(e) Patton, William M., F/O.
(f) Pender, Thomas F., S/Sgt.
(g) Phelps, Jack D., F/O.
(h) Pokluda, Jr., Frank J., 2nd Lt.
(i) Pulliam, Gordon R., Sgt.
(j) Reed, Donald.C., S/Sgt.
(k) Rice, Burr E., 1st Lt.
(l) Riley, Jr., William P., 2nd Lt.
(m) Rohla, Theodore R., 1st Lt.
(n) Sanders, Newman, S/Sgt.
(o) Scott, Kern L., Sgt.
(p) Snider, Russell, B., 2nd Lt.
(q) Starr, Eugene M., F/O.
(r) Stephan, William G., Jr., F/O.
(s) Stewart,Jr., William N., Sgt.
(t) Talamo, Louis E., Sgt.
(u) Tarjan, Rupin B., 1st Lt.
(v) Uschuk, George, S/Sgt.

(3) 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster
(a) Brumm, Robert E., 1st Lt.
(b) Carlson, Donald A., S/Sgt.
(c) Chamberlain, Don M., S/Sgt.
(d) Chavarria, Edgar, 2nd Lt.
(e) Cole, Irving A., S/Sgt.
(f) Collins, Delmas E., S/Sgt.
(g) Craver, Francis L., 1st Lt.
(h) Curry, Gordon A., 2nd Lt.
(i) D'Agostino, Philip J., S/Sgt.
(j) Di Domenico, Nello J., S/Sgt.
(k) Dunst, Benjamin, S/Sgt.
(l) Du Puis, Clyde A., S/Sgt.
(m) Dykes, O.(I.O.) C., Sgt.
(n) Edwards, Joseph D., S/Sgt.
(o) Felts, James E., S/Sgt.
(p) Fitzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.
(q) Frohner, Charles E., Sgt.

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(3) 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster

(r) Gillespie, Howard M., 1st Lt.
(s) Hanson, Frank L., F/O.
(t) Harvey, James C., 1st Lt.
(u) Hennum, Leroy R., 1st Lt.
(v) Kampert, Robert K., 1st Lt.
(w) Karpik, Richard H., F/O.
(x) Lee, Don O., 1st Lt.
(y) Lessard, Robert J., S/Sgt.
(z) Levitan, Murray M., 1st Lt.

(a) Maggio, Albert A., S/Sgt.
(b) Marsh, George W., 2nd Lt.
(c) Maurer, Otho D., S/Sgt.
(d) McKeever, James Frederick, 2nd Lt.
(e) McMahon, Raymond J., S/Sgt.
(f) Moberly, William L., 2nd Lt.
(g) Muncy, Claude H., S/Sgt.
(h) Navarette, Charles J., Sgt.
(i) Nelson, Thomas S., Sgt.
(j) Nick, Michael G., Sgt.
(k) Nowotny, Edward J., F/O.
(l) O'Brien, Philip W., 2nd Lt.
(m) Palmer, William F., 1st Lt.
(n) Patton, William M., F/O.
(o) Pender, Thomas F., S/Sgt.
(p) Phelps, Jack D., F/O.
(q) Pickett, Earl J., 2nd Lt.
(r) Pokluda, Jr., Frank J., 2nd Lt.
(s) Pulliam, Gordon R., Sgt.
(t) Reed, Donald C., S/Sgt.
(u) Rice, Burr E., 1st Lt.
(v) Rohla, Theodore R., 1st Lt.
(w) Salkin, Norman, S/Sgt.
(x) Sanders, Newman, S/Sgt.
(y) Schnick, Raymond G., S/Sgt.
(z) Starr, Eugene M., F/O.

(a) Steele, William H., 1st Lt.
(b) Stephan, William G., Jr., F/O.
(c) Talamo, Louis E., Sgt.
(d) Tarjan, Rupin R., 1st Lt.
(e) Uschuk, George, S/Sgt.
(f) Ustruck, Russell L., S/Sgt.
(g) Woods, Kenneth R., 2nd Lt.

(4) 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster

(a) Baker, George L., S/Sgt.
(b) Brumm, Robert E., 1st Lt.
(c) Carlson, Donald A., S/Sgt.
(d) Cole, Irving A., S/Sgt.
(e) Craver, Francis L., 1st Lt.
(f) Curry, William T., S/Sgt.
(g) D'Agostino, Philip J., S/Sgt.
(h) Deike, Marvel L., 2nd Lt.

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(4) 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster
(i) De Mitis, Dominic A., S/Sgt.
(j) Di Domenico, Nello J., S/Sgt.
(k) Dykes, O.(I.O.) C., S/Sgt.
(l) Felts, James E., S/Sgt.
(m) Fitzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.
(n) Gillespie, Howard M., 1st Lt.
(o) Hanson, Frank L., F/O.
(p) Harvey, James C., 1st Lt.
(q) Hauquitz, Jr., Clarence C., 1st Lt.
(r) Hennum, Leroy R., 1st Lt.
(s) Howerton, Glenn F., 1st Lt.
(t) Hughes, Roy E., 1st Lt.
(u) Karpik, Richard H., F/O.
(v) Kimber, Arthur C., 1st Lt.
(w) Lee, Don O., 1st Lt.
(x) Lessard, Robert J., S/Sgt.
(y) Levitan, Murray M., 1st Lt.
(z) Maurer, Otho D., S/Sgt.

(a) McKeever, James Frederick, 2nd Lt.
(b) Moore, George T., T/Sgt.
(c) Morgan, Donald Q., 2nd Lt.
(d) Morton, Oscar M., T/Sgt.
(e) Olsen, Ralph A., 1st Lt.
(f) Palmer, William F., 1st Lt.
(g) Patton, William M., F/O.
(h) Pender, Thomas F., S/Sgt.
(i) Rice, Burr E., 1st Lt.
(j) Rives, Millard E., S/Sgt.
(k) Ross, John, S/Sgt.
(l) Salkin, Norman, S/Sgt.
(m) Sawyer, Walter S.,Jr., 2nd Lt.
(n) Schaefer, Edwin F., 1st Lt.
(o) Schnick, Raymond G., S/Sgt.
(p) Sharp, John W., S/Sgt.
(q) Smith, Joseph W., 1st Lt.
(r) Starr, Eugene M., F/O.
(s) Steele, William H., 1st Lt.
(t) Stephan, William G., Jr., F/O.
(u) Ustruck, Russell L., S/Sgt.
(v) Walter, Frank A., 2nd Lt.
(w) Woods, Kenneth R., 2nd Lt.

(5) 4th Oak Leaf Cluster
(a) Ashwood, Edward A., 1st Lt.
(b) Bauer, George J., Capt.
(c) Billings, Willie C., 1st Lt.
(d) Caldwell, Howard S., 1st Lt.
(e) Chapman, Perry C., 1st Lt.
(f) Craver, Francis L., 1st Lt.
(g) Deike, Marvel L., 2nd Lt.
(h) Di Domenico, Nello J., S/Sgt.
(i) Fitzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.

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(5) 4th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (j) Gillespie, Howard M., 1st Lt.
- (k) Grant, Jr., Henry B., 2nd Lt.
- (l) Hanson, Frank L., F/O.
- (m) Harvey, James C., 1st Lt.
- (n) Hauquitz, Jr., Clarence C., 1st Lt.
- (o) Hennum, Leroy R., 1st Lt.
- (p) Houston, Jack M., 1st Lt.
- (q) Howerton, Glenn F., 1st Lt.
- (r) Huber, Jr., Charles R., 1st Lt.
- (s) Hughes, Roy E., 1st Lt.
- (t) Kamer, Jr., Frank Z., 1st Lt.
- (u) Kimber, Arthur C., 1st Lt.
- (v) Lee, Don O., 1st Lt.
- (w) Levitan, Murray M., 1st Lt.
- (x) Lundgren, Selmer C., S/Sgt.
- (y) Major, Hubh B., S/Sgt.
- (z) Manns, Francis, 1st Lt.

- (a) Maxwell, Delbert R., S/Sgt.
- (b) McKeever, James Frederick, 2nd Lt.
- (c) Morgan, Donald Q., 2nd Lt.
- (d) Olsen, Ralph A., 1st Lt.
- (e) Palmer, William F., 1st Lt.
- (f) Pearce, John C., S/Sgt.
- (g) Porter, Donald G., 2nd Lt.
- (h) Riegert, Jr., George J., 2nd Lt.
- (i) Rolek, Matthew H., 2nd Lt.
- (j) Sawyer, Walter S., Jr., 2nd Lt.
- (k) Schaefer, Edwin F., 1st Lt.
- (l) Schoonover, Orville G., 1st Lt.
- (m) Sharp, John W., S/Sgt.
- (n) Skandera, Michael, 2nd Lt.
- (o) Squires, Louis E., S/Sgt.
- (p) Steele, William H., 1st Lt.
- (q) Walter, Frank A., 2nd Lt.
- (r) Woods, Kenneth R., 2nd Lt.

(6) 5th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (a) Ashwood, Edward A., 1st Lt.
- (b) Chapman, Perry C., 1st Lt.
- (c) Counselman, Howard E., 2nd Lt.
- (d) Deike, Marvel L., 2nd Lt.
- (e) Drenner, Robert Hunter, 1st Lt.
- (f) Fitzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.
- (g) Hauquitz, Jr., Clarence C., 1st Lt.
- (h) Horner, Earl R., 1st Lt.
- (i) Houston, Jack M., 1st Lt.
- (j) Huber, Jr., Charles R., 1st Lt.
- (k) Hughes, Roy E., 1st Lt.
- (l) Jones, Wesley M., 1st Lt.
- (m) Kimber, Arthur C., 1st Lt.
- (n) Lidy, Roman M., S/Sgt.
- (o) Major, Hugh B., S/Sgt.
- (p) Manns, Francis, 1st Lt.
- (q) Miller, Raymond O., 1st Lt.
- (r) Pearce, John C., S/Sgt.
- (s) Porter, Donald G., 2nd Lt.

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(6) 5th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (t) Riegert, Jr., George J., 2nd Lt.
- (u) Rolek, Matthew H., 2nd Lt.
- (v) Sawyer, Walter S., 2nd Lt.
- (w) Schaefer, Edwin F., 1st Lt.
- (x) Schoonover, Orville G., 1st Lt.
- (y) Stoner, Robert W., 1st Lt.
- (z) Strausburger, Alvin, 1st Lt.

- (a) Thomson, John M., T/Sgt.
- (b) Yates, Christopher L., 1st Lt.

(7) 6th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (a) Ashwood, Edwin A., 1st Lt.
- (b) Chapman, Perry C., 1st Lt.
- (c) Coyle, James A., 1st Lt.
- (d) Drenner, Robert Hunter, 1st Lt.
- (e) Fitzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.
- (f) Jones, Wesley M., 1st Lt.,
- (g) Lauria, Alphonse,S., T/Sgt.
- (h) Martin, Charles L., 1st Lt.
- (i) Miller, Raymond O., 1st Lt.
- (j) Pearce, John C., S/Sgt.
- (k) Schaefer, Edwin F., 1st Lt.
- (l) Schoonover, Orville G., 1st Lt.
- (m) Strasburger, Alvin, 1st Lt.
- (n) Yates, Christopher L., 1st Lt.

(8) 7th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (a) Caruk, Peter, 2nd Lt.
- (b) Chambers, Leven T., 1st Lt.
- (c) Chapman, Perry C., 1st Lt.
- (d) Drenner, Robert Hunter, 1st Lt.
- (e) Fitzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.
- (f) Jones, Wesley M., 1st Lt.
- (g) Martin, Charles L., 1st Lt.
- (h) Strasburger, Alvin, 1st Lt.

(9) 8th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (a) Chambers, Leven T., 1st Lt.
- (b) Fitzgerald, Raymond L., 1st Lt.
- (c) Hostetler, John C., Capt.
- (d) Keljik, Ver, Capt.
- (e) Martin, Charles L., 1st Lt.
- (f) Salop, Abraham, 1st Lt.
- (g) Strasburger, Alvin, 1st Lt.

(10) 9th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (a) Keljik, Ver, Capt.
- (b) Neafus, Paul B., Major.

(11) 11th Oak Leaf Cluster
- (a) Boyle, Joseph G., Jr., 1st Lt.

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(12) Purple Heart
(a) Cary, Byron R., 1st Lt,
(b) Lynch, Harold G., 1st Lt.
(c) Niemiec, Edward A., Sgt.

(13) Soldiers Medal
(a) Suskind, Philip, S/Sgt.

(14) Distinguished Flying Cross
(a) Hutton, Harley A., T/Sgt.

(15) Silver Star
(a) Lynch, Harold G., 1st Lt.

1. Number of Photographs being submitted.
(1) None.

2. Inclosed are War Diary, 489th Bombardment Squadron (M) for the period 1 May to 31 May 1945.

Leonard Kaufmann Jr.
LEONARD KAUFMANN, JR.
Major, Air Corps
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WAR DIARY

489th Bombardment Squadron (M) Rimini Airdrome, Italy

Month of April 1945

DAY	EVENTS

1 - Hitler is dead!! This sensational news Is welcome; but there is doubt in the minds of manywhether there is any veracity to the announcement. It is reported that he died at his battlepost in the Reich Chancellory this afternoon. He is said to have appointed Grand Admiral Donez as his successor.

With each passing day morale is rising to unprecedented heights, for everyone is sure that V-E Day will soon be here.

Weather again kept our planes grounded. Although there are probably no more Italian targets, we still can bomb a few places in Austria.

2-6 - It appears that this squadron will fly no more missions. Early each day we are put on a stand-by status, only to have it changed to a stand-down later on in the day.

7 - The war is over. Germany sometime today surrendered unconditionally. It has already been announced that tomorrow will be celebrated as V-E Day.

For most of us anticipation of the event was greater than the event itself. Now that it has come, there is an empty feeling. It is over, so what?

8 - Today, V-E Day, has been a quiet one for most of us over here. Many of us have been down to the beach to enjoy the water and the sunshine. Work was strictly forbidden. It seems that there ought to be something dramatic to fit the occasion. After such long anticipation, there has been a tremendous let-down. Germany has been defeated. Now what? One would like to celebrate, to shout for joy. But somehow few of us can bring ourselves around to that.

At 3:00 o'clock this afternoon Prime Minister Winston Churchill broadcast a victory message to the world. Short and concise and full of meaning, it will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the great speeches of this epic period.

9 - Now that the war is over, Operations and Intelligence are to a certain extent out of business. Operations is putting airplanes into the air for "Blue Death" missions. There are morning flights and afternoon flights.

10 - Preparations are being made to put into effect an educational program. Captain Olsen will be the officer in charge, and Sergeant Bill West will assist him. While we are awaiting movement either to the U.S.A. or to another theatre, we shall be subjected to a regular routine. From all indications we shall be here for some considerable time.

The weather is fine. Many of the squadron personnel are taking advantage of the excellent beach by spending a great deal of their time there. No one could reasonably ask for a better beach than this one.

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WAR DIARY
489th Bombardment Squadron (M)
Month of May 1945

DAY	EVENTS

11 - Another day has gone the way of all days. Time does not seem to be passing as quickly as it used to. Perhaps this is due to the fact that we are impatient for action. If we are going to go back to the States, then we would like to go there immediately; if we are going to the other theatre, then we would prefer being on the move at once.

12 - More men are leaving for the U.S.A. very soon. There now are comparatively few original men in the squadron.

The educational program is about ready to be put into effect. Captain Olsen and Sergeant West have spent considerable time and effort on the project, which should be of great benefit to the men. Here is an opportunity to acquire knowledge on Government time and expense.

13 - This Sunday is the first one after V-E Day. In England and in America people are reverently giving thanks that half of our war-time job is over. And, of course, they are not forgetting to pray for the men who have so gallantly died on the battlefronts that this victory might be possible.

14-17 - Operations and Intelligence have moved to "The Character's College of Intricate Knowledge," which is located in a large house facing the beach. From our Intelligence Office can be seen the blue Adriatic, which at the present moment is dotted with the colored sails of fishing boats. A persistent sea-breeze coming in from off the water has made has made this a pleasantly cool day.

In this same building will be held the school classes. Today is registration day, and the soldier-students are filing in to sign up for the courses in which they are interested.

There may be something good in the air. By the 18th of this month all surplus clothing and equipment must be turned in to Supply. This may be indicative of an impending move - perhaps to the States.

18 - Colonel Jones paid us a visit. Just recently released as a prisoner of war, he chose to return to the Group long enough to pay us his best wishes before returning to the States.

19 - The first classes were held today. A complete schedule has been worked out whereby there will flying in the morning, classes and training films in the afternoon. Sometime during the day there will be military training.

Rumors, rumors, rumors - they are rampant. We are going home soon; we are leaving on such and such a date; etc., etc. There is something in the air, and eventually we shall move, but at the present time all this that we hear is nothing more than cheap talk.

20 - There has been nothing unusual about today. It was very ordinary as days over here go.

It seems rather strange to listen to radio newscasts and not to hear about fighting in Europe.

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DAY | EVENTS

21-24 - The daily routine continues on along a set pattern. During the course of a day, there are a number of things that are accomplished: flying, training films, school, drill formations. All indications are that the next move the Group makes will be to Naples. There we shall probably remain for about a month, being processed during that time for a return to the States. Just as soon as we depart from here, I fell sure that Army life will become very uncomfortable

25 - It is now Major Paul B. Neafus, Operations Officer. He was fortunate that his promotion got through. A number of men, officers and enlisted alike, were not so fortunate, for all ratings were frozen as of the 22nd of this month.

26-31 - The weather continues to be fair and mild. The days, except for two or three, have not been uncomfortably hot. The nights are on the chill side. Many of the men have acquired a good sun tan as a result of spending considerable time on the beach.

During this period S-2 burned all target and tactical charts as well as all maps. All of us have been waiting a long time for this - at last it came. S-2 is practically "out of business."

Walter F. Greve Jr.
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