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UNIT: 489th " Sqdn.

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

489th Bomb Sq (M)
OUTLINE HISTORY
June 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

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

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

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

b. Changes in organization.
(1) None.

c. Strength for month of June.
(1) At beginning
(a) 91 officers.
(b) 297 enlisted men.
(2) At end
(a) 65 officers.
(b) 179 enlisted men.

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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) None - Germans in Italy Unconditionally Surrendered.

g. Operations.
(1) None

h. Losses in action
(1) None

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

j. Decorations and awards.
(1) Distinguished Flying Cross.
(a) Gayle C Gearhart, 1st Lt
(b) James P Westra, 2nd Lt
(c) George J Cauer, Capt
(d) Howard S Caldwell, 1st Lt
(e) Byron R Cary, 1st Lt
(f) Perry C Chapman, 1st Lt
(g) James A Coyle, 1st Lt
(h) Robert H Drenner, 1st Lt
(i) Raymond L Fitzgerald, 1st Lt
(j) Earl R Horner, 1st Lt
(k) Jack M Houston, 1st Lt

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(1) Distinguished Flying Cross.
- (l) Charles R Huber, 1st Lt
- (m) Wesley M Jones, 1st Lt
- (n) Francis Manns, 1st Lt
- (o) Raymond C Miller, 1st Lt
- (p) Orville Schoonover, 1st Lt
- (q) James E Stheele, 1st Lt
- (r) Alvin Strasburger, 1st Lt
- (s) Christopher L Yates, 1st Lt
- (t) Peter Caruk, 1st Lt
- (u) Howard E Counselman, 2nd Lt
- (v) Matthew H Rolek, 2nd Lt
- (w) Philip Suskind, T Sgt

(2) 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.
- (a) Ver Kelkik, Capt
- (b) Paul B Neafus, Capt
- (c) Howard S Caldwell, 1st Lt
- (d) Gayle C Gearhart, 1st Lt
- (e) James P Westra, 2nd Lt
- (f) Byron R Cary, 1st Lt
- (g) Perry C Chapman, 1st Lt
- (h) Raymond L Fitzgerald, 1st Lt

(3) Distinguished Service Cross.
- (a) Alvin Strasburger, 1st Lt

(4) Bronze Star.
- (a) Frank C Tenente, S Sgt

(5) Silver Star.
- (a) Lawrence E Griffin, S Sgt
- (b) Henry W Harris, 1st Lt
- (c) James F Matchette, 1st Lt

(6) Soldiers Medal.
- (a) John Ross

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

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

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WAR DIARY

489th Bombardment Squadron (M) Rimini Airdrome, Italy

Month of June 1945

DAY EVENTS

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1 - Another Pay Day has passed: Another month put in overseas by the 489th Bomb Sqdn.
2 -5 - Rumors are very prevalent these days. Each section head has taken definite steps to get its house in order for the possibility of a move.
5-10 - The Intelligence and Education Section is doing an outstanding piece of work here in this outfit. Attendance is at a new high with plenty of the men gaining auaster knowledge of the subjects they have chosen.
10-15 - Operations is in the process of training crews to Ferry surplus A/C back to the states. These crews leave the Sqdn area at the late of 101-2 every 301-4 days.
15-20 - The Sqdn has now gotten notice that they may leave any time. The men who are to fly are busily lendying there A/C for the long trip home. The crews are intensely training for the job they will do enroute home.
20-31- Rumor has it that shortly after the first of July the Sqdn will be on the move. The high point men of the Ground Echelon are leaving. The low point men of both the ground and air echelon are being shipped out, reportedly for Redeployment.

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

489th Bomb Sq (M)
OUTLINE HISTORY
July 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

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

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

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

b. Changes in organization.

(1) None.

c. Strength for month of July.
(1) At beginning.
(a) 65 officers.
(b) 179 enlisted men.

(2) At end.
(a) 17 officers.
(b) 201 enlisted men.

d. Station.
(1) Rimini A/D Italy.
(a) Arrived : 4 April 1945.
(b) Departed : 3 July 1945.

e. Movements of unit or echelon.
(1) Sixteen Crews flew the Sqdn A/C to Naples on 1st leg of trip to U.S.
(2) Ground Echelon Left -- July by convoy for Debarkation from Naples.

f. Campaigns.
(1) None.

g. Operations.
(1) None.

h. Losses in Action.
(1) None.

i. Losses not in Line of Duty.
(1) None.

j. Decorations.
(1) None.

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WAR DIARY

489th Bombardment Squadron (M) Rimini Airdrome, Italy

Month of July 1945

DAY	EVENTS

1- Our Sqdn leaves in 3 days on the first leg of return trip to the states.
3- Tomorrow the 16 ships left in the Sqdn will leave.
4- All of the Group A/C have now left Rimini A/D.
5- For the Eager Flight Echelon was a 2 day proccessing lay over at Pomigliano A/D, Naples.
6- Arrived Tunis - El-Aouina A/D.
7- Arrived Marrakech, French Morrocco.
9- Arrived Dakar, French West Africa.
11- Arrived Roberts Field, Liberia.
12 -Arrived Ascension Isle.
13- Arrived Natal, Brazil.
14- Arrived Belem, Brazil.
15- Arrived Trinidad British Columbia.
16- Arrived Borrenquin, Puerto Rico.
19- Arrived Savannah, Ga.
20- Arrived Charleston N. C. - All of Flight Echelon ordered to 30 day TDY at home and return to Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.
28- Ground Echelon embarked at Naples.

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Seymour Johnson Field
North Carolina

489th Bomb Sq (M)
OUTLINE HISTORY
August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

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

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

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

b. Changes in Organization.
(1) None.

c. Strength for month of Aug.
(1) At beginning
(a) 17 officers.
(b) 201 enlistedmen
(2) At end
(a) 24 officers.
(b) 24 enlisted men.

d. Station.
(1) Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.

e. Movements of unit or Echelon.
(1) Returnees Furloughed.

f. Campaigns.
(1) None.

g. Operations.
(1) None.

h. Losses in Action.
(1) None.

i. Losses not in Line of Duty.
(1) None.

j. Decorations.
(1) None.

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WAR DIARY

489th Bombardment Squadron (M) Seymour Johnson Fld, N. C.

Month of Aug 1945

DAY	EVENTS
1-31	All Officers and Enlisted Men are on 30 day leave - to report back this station.
7-	Ground echelon debarked at Hampton Roads.

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Seymour Johnson Field
North Carolina

489th Bomb Sq (M)
OUTLINE HISTORY
Sept 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

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

1. Outline History of the 489th Bombardment Squadron (M) for the period of 1 Sept to 31 Sept 45.

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

b. Changes in organization.
(1) None.

c. Strength for month of Sept.
(1) At beginning
(a) 24 officers.
(b) 24 enlisted men.
(2) At end.
(a) 19 officers.
(b) 48 enlisted men.

d. Station.
(1) Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina.

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

f. Campaigns.
(1) None.

G. Operations.
(1) None.

h. Losses in action.
(1) None.

i. Losses not in Line of Duty.
(1) None.

j. Decorations.
(1) None.

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WAR DIARY

489th Bombardment Squadron (M) Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.

Month of Sept 1945

DAY	EVENTS
1-30	Remnants of the Sqdn, thos of us not being discharged are processed. Group to move to Columbia AAB for deactivation.

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Headquarters 340th Bomb Gp (M)
Columbia Army Air Base
Columbia, S. C.

489th Bomb Sq (M)
OUTLINE HISTORY
October 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

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

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

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

b. Changes in organization.
(1) deactivation.

c. Strength for month of October 1945.
(1) At beginning.
(a) 19 officers
(b) 48 enlisted men.
(2) At end.
(a) 3 officers.
(b) 39 enlisted men.

d. Station.
(1) CAAB, Columbia, S. C.
(a) Arrived 1 Oct 1945.
(b) Departed Oct 1945 deactivated.

e. Movements of unit or echelon.
(1) TR and TPA from Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.

f. Campaigns.
(1) none.

g. Operations.
(1) None.

h. Losses not in Line of Duty.
(1) None.

i. Decorations.
(1) None.

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WAR DIARY

489th Bombardment Squadron (M) CAAB, Columbia, South Carolina

Month of October 1945.

DAY	EVENT
1-	Sqdn is clearing up and closing out all of its records.
10-	All men have been transferred out but Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and 3 clerks.

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