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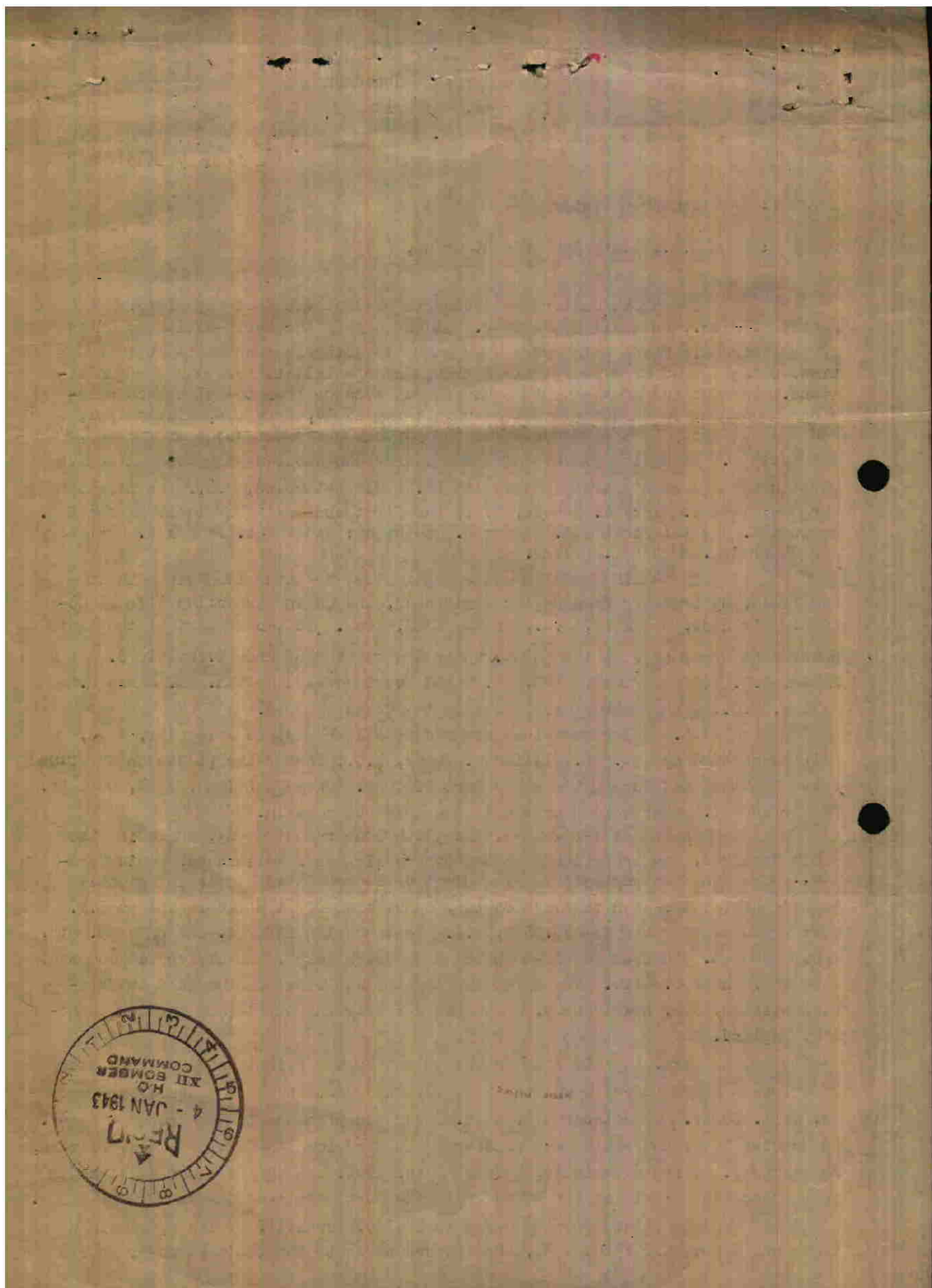


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Bournemouth, on the English Channel. From this point it was flown in C-47 transports to Casablanca, French Morocco, arriving the following day with no losses. The second priority left Hurn on November 18th and landed at Tafaroui Field near Oran, joining the first priority at Casablanca November 20th. The third priority left England by boat, subsequently arriving at Oran and waiting for orders to join the first two.

Meanwhile the bulk of the squadron's personnel had been divided into two parts at Walterboro, called the Ground Echelon and the Rear Detachment. The Ground Echelon moved from Walterboro to Greenville, South Carolina, under command of 2nd Lt. Richard T. Lindeberg, A.C., remaining there until October 17th. It then proceeded to Ft. Dix, remaining there for final equipping until November 1st. There it boarded the USS MONTICELLO, a former Italian liner, and sailed for Casablanca, arriving November 18th.

The Rear Detachment likewise moved to Greenville, thence to Ft. Dix and sailed for Casablanca about November 24th. Before it arrived at Casablanca, the 428th Detachment had left that point for Fedala, as guards for a gasoline dump near the city. The Detachment, consisting of the Air and Ground Echelons, moved by train to Telergma, Algeria, a distance of 1,100 miles, in five days from December 16th to 21st, inclusive, under command of Capt. Kent Sagendorph, intelligence officer. At Telergma it met five airplanes of its squadron, commanded by Lts. Marsh, Helsabeck, Canham, Beatty and Thompson. These airplanes had been pressed into detached service by the XII Bomber Command and had executed seven operational missions at the time of the Detachment's arrival.

The Detachment, with these five aircraft, immediately went into Squadron Operation with the other airplanes of the 310th Group, even though the Squadron Commander, Maj. William M. Bower, had not arrived. During this phase of operations, the entire Detachment, operating as a squadron, was under the command of 1st Lt. C. J. Helsabeck.

On January 1st, 1943, the 428th Squadron accompanied the 310th Bombardment Group to a new field located six miles from Telergma, from which point it continued operations against the enemy.

  
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