

419TH BOMB SQ. (H), AAF  
301st Bomb Group (H), AAF

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| 1   | The following personnel are leaving the Squadron today enroute to the States: Lts. Crimp, English, French; T/Sgt. Wonderling; S/Sgts. Monson, Stanley, Varner, L.A. and Wong Gem.<br>1st Lt. Wagg received his promotion to Captain and 2nd Lt. French to First Lieutenant.  |
| 2   | The following personnel left for rest camp: T/Sgt. Loyd, S/Sgts. Burstein, Powell, Hoover; M/Sgts. Meyer and White.  |
| 3   | The following personnel were awarded the Purple Heart: Lts. Cocker-sole and Bidelsbach; T/Sgts. Bauer, Martsching and Schwaller.   |
| 5   | The following personnel left enroute to the States: Capt. Wagg, Lts. Cockersole, Cheney, Derrick, McPherson, Riess; T/Sgts. Bauer, Birbeck, Martsching, Bianca; S/Sgts. Ward and Graham.<br>Six planes of the 419th Squadron participated in a mission to Spezia Shipping with the other Squadrons of the 301st Bomb Group. The bomb load of 2 - 2000 lbs. of each plane was dropped from an altitude of 23,500 feet with satisfactory results. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak was encountered but no enemy fighters. One plane returned early, #5456, due to D 5 valve defected. Capt. Thomas led the Squadron; Lt. Shaw, navigator and Lt. Kuncel, bombardier. Lt. Bridges completed his fiftieth mission.   |
| 8   | Six planes of the 419th Bomb Sq. participated in a mission to bomb the Pantelleria Gun Positions with other Squadrons of the 301st Bomb Group. The bomb load of 6 - 1000 lb. each plane was dropped from an altitude of 17,000 feet with unsatisfactory results. Very light flak was encountered and no enemy fighters. Lt. David led the Squadron; Lt. Wilson, navigator; Lt. Kuncel, bombardier.<br>2nd Lt. Berenson, T/Sgt. Robertson completed there fiftieth missions. Lt. Arnett; T/Sgts. Fisher and Weatherston completed over 250 hours.<br>The following new crew was assigned to Squadron this date: Lt. Parro, pilot; Lt. Burt, co-pilot; Lt. Haskett, navigator; Lt. Kaufman, bombardier; S/Sgts. Todtenbier and Nowak; Sgts. Sharf, Simons, Snyder and Cummings, S. |
| 9   | Seven planes of the 419th Bomb Squadron participated in a mission with the other Squadrons of the 301st Group to bomb the Pantelleria Gun Positions. The bomb load of 6 - 1000 lbs. to each plane was dropped from an altitude of 17,500 feet with satisfactory results. Very slight flak was encountered and no enemy fighters. Capt. DuVal led Group; Lt. Wilson, navigator and Lt. Kuncel, bombardier.  |

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