

WW II HISTORY

**527th Fighter-Bomber Squadron
86th Fighter-Bomber Group
February, 1942 - October, 1945**

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OUTLINE HISTORY

527 FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON, 86 FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP AAF

PERIOD - 10 FEBRUARY 1942 - 30 ~~SEPTEMBER 1943~~

NOVEMBER, 1945

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SHEET NO. 1. OUTLINE HISTORY 527TH FTR. BOMBER SQ., 86TH FTR. BOMBER GP.

DATE FEB. 10, 1942 - SEPT. 30, 1943. PREPARED BY: DONALD L. WHITNEY,
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
527 FTR. BOMBER SQ.

A. ORIGINAL UNIT:

- (1) DESIGNATION - 311TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 86TH BOMB. GP. (L).
- (2) DATE OF ORGANIZATION - 10 FEBRUARY 1942.
- (3) PLACE OF ORGANIZATION - ACTIVATED AT WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
- (4) AUTHORITY - GENERAL ORDER NO. 5, HQ. THIRD AIR FORCE, TAMPA FLA.
- (5) PERSONNEL - ORIGINAL PERSONNEL OBTAINED FROM 57TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 48TH BOMB. GP. (L), AFCC.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:

- (1) 19 JUNE 1942, PERSONNEL OF ORGANIZATION WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE 311TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 86TH BOMB. GP. (L) AFCC TO THE 388TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 312TH BOMB. GP. (L) AFCC PER PAR. 16, SPECIAL ORDER 149, DATED 19 JUNE 1942, HQ. ARMY AIR BASE, WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLA.
- (2) 4 AUGUST 1942, 126 MEN (ENTIRE STRENGTH) TRANSFERRED FROM 388TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 312TH BOMB. GP. (L) AFCC. TO A/C UNASSIGNED AND DEPARTED FROM WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLA. FOR KEY FIELD AIR BASE, MISS. ARRIVED AT KEY FIELD AIR BASE, MISS. ON 7 AUGUST 1942.
- (3) 7 AUGUST 1942, 126 E.M. ASSIGNED AND JOINED ORGANIZATION FROM A/C UNASSIGNED. 29 E.M. FROM HUNTER FIELD, SAVANNAH, GA. ASSIGNED AND JOINED ORGANIZATION. 14 E.M. (ORDNANCE DEPT.) ATTACHED AND JOINED ORGANIZATION FROM TSS ABERDEEN, MD.
- (4) 11 AUGUST 1942, ALL PERSONNEL OF ORGANIZATION TRANSFERRED FROM 388TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 312TH BOMB. GP. (L) AFCC TO 312TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 86TH BOMB. GP. (L) AAF, PER PAR. 6 SPECIAL ORDER 188, HQ. WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLA.
- (5) 1 SEPTEMBER 1942, NEW TABLE OF ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED SQUADRON. ORGANIZATION CHANGED FROM LIGHT BOMB. SQ. TO DIVE BOMB. SQ. AND AUTHORIZED A-31'S AND A-24'S.
- (6) 1 JUNE 1943, FIGHTER TABLE OF ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED SQUADRON, SUPERCEDING DIVE BOMB. TABLE OF ORGANIZATION.
- (7) 11 SEPTEMBER 1943, DESIGNATION OF ORGANIZATION CHANGED FROM 312TH BOMB. SQ. (L), 86TH BOMB. GP. (L) TO 527TH FIGHTER BOMB. SQ., 86TH FIGHTER BOMB. GP. PER PAR. 2, GENERAL ORDER 49, HQ. 12TH AIR FORCE, DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1943.

C. STRENGTH OF ORGANIZATION.

- (1) AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD - STRENGTH ON 10 FEBRUARY 1942 - 1 OFFICER ASSIGNED, 32 E.M. ASSIGNED. (SEE PAR. 1 & 2, SPECIAL ORDER 16, HQ. SECOND AIR SUPPORT COMMAND, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1942 - ATTACHED)
- (2) MONTHLY STRENGTH:
 - 29 FEBRUARY 1942 - 1 OFFICER ATTACHED, 32 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 MARCH 1942 - 1 OFFICER ATTACHED, 33 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 30 APRIL 1942 - 1 OFFICER ATTACHED, 32 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 MAY 1942 - 1 OFFICER ATTACHED, 39 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 30 JUNE 1942 - 1 OFFICER ATTACHED, 93 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 JULY 1942 - 2 OFFICERS ATTACHED, 96 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 AUGUST 1942 - 11 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 190 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1942 - 20 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 258 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 OCTOBER 1942 - 28 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 277 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 30 NOVEMBER 1942 - 25 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 273 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 DECEMBER 1942 - 33 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 268 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 JANUARY 1943 - 32 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 253 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 28 FEBRUARY 1943 - 33 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 256 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 MARCH 1943 - 32 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 256 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 30 APRIL 1943 - 32 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 254 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 MAY 1943 - 31 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 254 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 30 JUNE 1943 - 49 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 253 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 JULY 1943 - 49 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 247 E.M. ASSIGNED.
 - 31 AUGUST 1943 - 49 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 241 E.M. ASSIGNED.
- (3) AT END OF PERIOD - STRENGTH ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1943 - 45 OFFICERS ASSIGNED, 241 E.M. ASSIGNED.

D. STATIONS (PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY) OF UNIT OR PARTS THEREOF.

- (1) WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. - 10 FEBRUARY 1942 TO 4 AUGUST 1942.
- (2) ENROUTE TO KEY FIELD, MERIDIAN, MISS. FROM WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. VIA TRAIN - 4 AUGUST 1942 TO 7 AUGUST 1942.
- (3) KEY FIELD, MERIDIAN, MISS. - 7 AUGUST 1942 TO 19 MARCH 1943.
 - (A) DS TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (ATTACHED 309TH BOMB SQ. (L)) FLIGHT ECHELON, 10 OFFICERS, 9 ENLISTED MEN - 14 DECEMBER TO 21 DECEMBER 1942.
 - (B) DS HATTIESBURG, MISS. FLIGHT ECHELON, 25 OFFICERS, 57 E.M. - 26 DECEMBER 1942 TO 10 JANUARY 1943.
 - (C) DS SAVANNAH, GA. FLIGHT ECHELON, 8 OFFICERS, 1 E.M. 30 JANUARY 1943 TO 3 FEBRUARY 1943.
 - (D) DS EGLIN FIELD, FLA. FLIGHT ECHELON, 8 OFFICERS, 1 E.M. 3 FEBRUARY 1943 TO 6 FEBRUARY 1943.

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- (4) ENROUTE TO CAMP KILMER, N.J. FROM KEY FIELD, MERIDIAN, MISS. VIA RAIL - 19 MARCH 1943 TO 21 MARCH 1943.
- (5) CAMP KILMER, N.J. - 21 MARCH 1943 TO 27 APRIL 1943.
- (6) ENROUTE TO NEW YORK CITY P. OF E. FROM CAMP KILMER, N.J. VIA RAIL - 27 APRIL 1943.
- (7) ENROUTE TO MERS-EL-KABIR, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA FROM NEW YORK CITY P. OF E. VIA ARMY TRANSPORT, "JOHN ERICSSON" 27 APRIL 1943 TO 11 MAY 1943.
- (8) ENROUTE TO LA SENIA AIR BASE, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA FROM MERS-EL-KABIR, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA. VIA MOTOR TRANSPORT 11 MAY 1943.
- (9) LA SENIA AIR BASE, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA - 11 MAY 1943 TO 11 JUNE 1943.
 - (A) DS MADIOUNA, MORROCC, NORTH AFRICA FLIGHT ECHELON, 14 OFFICERS, 15 E.M. - 15 MAY 1943 TO 11 JUNE 1943.
- (10) TAFARAQUI AIR BASE, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA - 11 JUNE 1943 TO 7 JULY 1943.
 - (A) DS N. KORBA L.G., TUNISIA, NORTH AFRICA FLIGHT ECHELON, 33 OFFICERS, 180 E.M. 1 JULY 1943 TO 12 JULY 1943.
- (11) ENROUTE TO N. KORBA L.G., TUNISIA, NORTH AFRICA FROM TAFARAQUI AIR BASE, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA VIA RAIL & MOTOR TRANSPORT - 7 JULY 1943 TO 12 JULY 1943.
- (12) N. KORBA L.G., TUNISIA, NORTH AFRICA - 12 JULY 1943 TO 21 JULY 1943.
 - (A) DS W. GELA L.G., SICILY FLIGHT ECHELON, 40 OFFICERS, 80 E.M. 20 JULY 1943 TO 31 JULY 1943.
- (13) STAGING AREA BIZERTE, TUNISIA, 21 JULY, 1943 TO 27 JULY 1943.
- (14) ENROUTE TO W. GELA L.G., SICILY FROM STAGING AREA BIZERTE, TUNISIA, VIA LST #317 - 27 JULY 1943 TO 31 JULY 1943.
- (15) W. GELA L.G., SICILY - 31 JULY 1943 TO 1 SEPTEMBER 1943.
 - (A) DS BARCELLONA L.G., SICILY, FLIGHT ECHELON, 41 OFFICERS, 92 E.M. - 28 AUGUST 1943 TO 1 SEPTEMBER 1943.
- (16) BARCELLONA L.G., SICILY - 1 SEPTEMBER 1943 TO 9 SEPTEMBER 1943.
- (17) STAGING AREA MILAZZO, SICILY - 9 SEPTEMBER 1943 TO 12 SEPTEMBER 1943.

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(18) ENROUTE TO SELE RIVER AIR FIELD (SALERNO AREA) ITALY FROM STAGING AREA MILAZZO, SICILY VIA LST - 12 SEPTEMBER 1943 TO 13 SEPTEMBER 1943.

(19) SELE RIVER AIR FIELD, ITALY - 13 SEPTEMBER 1943 - TO DATE OF REPORT.

E. CAMPAIGNS.

(1) SICILIAN CAMPAIGN

- (A) FIRST SQUADRON SORTIE IN SICILIAN CAMPAIGN: 3 JULY 1943, 1ST LT. ROBERT J. KIRSCH ACCOMPANIED 27TH BOMB. GP. ON AN 1:50 HOUR MISSION - TARGET PANZER DIVISION, SW SICILY.
- (B) FIRST SQUADRON MISSION: 6 JULY 1943, CAPTS. CASSIDY, HARSH, AND 1ST LT. DUNGAN PARTICIPATED IN JOINT MISSION WITH GROUP - TARGET ARMED RECONNAISSANCE OVER LICATA, SICILY.
- (C) SQUADRON CONTINUED TO FLY MISSIONS OVER ITALY, ASSISTING GROUND TROOPS IN THE INVASION ON 10 JULY 1943, AND GIVING AIR SUPPORT UNTIL THE CAPITULATION OF SICILY ON 17 AUGUST 1943.

(2) ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

- (A) FIRST MISSION TO ITALY: 3 AUGUST 1943, SQUADRON SENT A 12 PLANE MISSION ON A ROAD SWEEP OVER S. ITALY.
- (B) SQUADRON CONTINUED TO FLY MISSIONS OVER ITALY; FURNISHING BLANKET FIGHTER COVER DURING INVASION OF ITALY ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1943 (AMERICAN TROOPS AT SALERNO).
- (C) SQUADRON MOVED TO ITALY ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1943 AND CONTINUED MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF GROUND TROOPS TO DATE OF REPORT.

F. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS.

- (1) CHARLES F. CASSIDY, JR., MAJOR, A.C. COMMANDED SQUADRON FROM DATE OF ENTRY INTO COMBAT ON 3 JULY 1943 TO DATE OF REPORT (30 SEPTEMBER 1943).

G. LOSSES IN ACTION.

(1) SICILIAN CAMPAIGN:

- (A) WOUNDED - WILLIAM L. DOTSON, 1ST LT., A.C. 16 JULY 1943 - WOUNDED AS HE BALED OUT OF PLANE NEAR PANTELLERIA ISLAND.
- (B) MISSING IN ACTION - ALBERT R. FLEISCHMANN, 1ST LT., A.C. 10 JULY 1943 - FAILED TO RETURN FROM MISSION OVER SICILY.

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(2) ITALIAN CAMPAIGN:

- (A) MISSING IN ACTION - JOHN D. HUNTER, 2ND LT., A.C.
10 AUGUST 1942 - FAILED TO RETURN FROM MISSION OVER
SOUTHERN ITALY, LAST SEEN OVER NORTHERN SICILY.
MISSING IN ACTION - DEWEY L. GOSSETT, FLIGHT OFFICER,
A.C. 27 SEPTEMBER 1943 - FAILED TO RETURN FROM PATROL
MISSION OVER SOUTHERN ITALY.

H. MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION.

(1) SICILIAN CAMPAIGN:

- (A) WILLIAM L. DOTSON, 1ST LT., A.C. WOUNDED IN ACTION
16 JULY 1943. AWARDED PURPLE HEART 23 JULY 1943
BY COMMANDING GENERAL, PANTELLERIA ISLAND.

HEADQUARTERS 2d AIR SUPPORT COMMAND
 ARMY AIR BASE, WILL ROGERS FIELD
 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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SPECIAL ORDERS)

February 3, 1942.

No. 18)

1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter Hq. AFCC, Bolling Field, D.C., file : ACC 370.5 dated January 27, 1942, and 1st Ind. thereto, Hq. 2d Air Force dated January 30, 1942, the following-named enlisted men are transferred in grade with rating from the 48th Bomb. Group (L), Will Rogers Field, Okla. to Air Corps unassigned, Will Rogers Field, Okla, are designated cadres as shown below. Attached for administration to the hq & Hq Squadron, 2d Air Support Command, Will Rogers Field, and with the approval of the Commanding Officer of the Air Base, Will Rogers Field, are attached for rations to the 38th Air Base Squadron, Will Rogers Field, Okla.

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RANK	NAME	ASN		DUTY					
M/Sgt.	Fosco, Knute	6526702		Airplane Mechanic					
S/Sgt.	Downs, Gus E., Jr.,	6971032		First Sergeant					
S/Sgt.	Foulan, Rush	6383902	✓	Aircraft Inspector					
S/Sgt.	Bankston, Nelson M.	6364279		Aircraft Mechanic					
Sgt.	Hord, John P.	18009868	✓	Clerk, Administrative					
Corp.	Blacketer, Edward M.	17017052		Clerk, Technical					
Sgt.	AM1cl Mitchell, Vann B.,	18014831	✓	Aircraft Armorer					
Sgt.	Barentine, William F.	17013484		Aircraft Mechanic					
SGt.	Bonenberger, Charles A.	18024164		Clerk, Administrative					
Corp.	Karrant, Jimmie	17018559		Duty Sergeant					
S/Sgt.	Reagan, Otis D.	7002664	✓	Radio Mechanic					
Corp.	Hood, Coleman	6327062		Mess Sergeant					
Sgt.	AM1cl Snodgrass, Jesse E.,	17013710		Acft Instrument Mechanic					
Corp.	AM1cl Spessard, George K.,	17018325		Aircraft Mechanic					
Corp.	Stepanich, Henry M.	17012382		Aircraft Mechanic					
Pvt.	Hopwood, William A.	35024521	✓	Acft Metal Worker					
Cpl.	Yoke, Willard E.,	15019579		Clerk, Administrative					
Pvt.	AM2cl Stiles, Phillip E.	7010205	✓	Aircraft Armorer					
Pvt.	AM2cl Ledford, Daw	14030557	✓	Aircraft Armorer					
Pvt.	1cl. AM2cl Schultz, Albert F.	17010909		Aircraft Mechanic					
Pvt.	1cl. AM2cl Shaughnessy, Wm P.	17017964		Aircraft Mechanic					
Pvt.	1cl. AM2cl Hall, John B.	15066904		Aircraft Mechanic					
Pvt.	AM2cl. Hobough, Billie J.	18004137		Aircraft Mechanic					
Corp.	Straney, Charles W.	15066954		Cook					
Corp.	Moore, Edward	34095578		Cook					
Pvt.	Hall, J.D. (i.o)	18053746		Cook					
Pvt.	Lamb, Luther G.	34055559		Cook					
Pvt.	Henry, Allen B.	18056029		Lineman, Telephone					
Corp.	AM2cl Henderson, Clarence V.	18019763		Radio Operator					
Pvt.	Somers, Ira W.	34117536	✓	Radio Operator					
Corp.	Hipsak, John M. Jr.	6664970		Telephone Operator					
Sgt.	AM1cl Hallenbeck, Gordon L.	17011971	✓	Teletype Operator					

2. Pursuant to authority contained in letter Hq. AFCC, Bolling Field, D.C. file: ACC 370.5 dated January 27, 1942, and 1st Ind. thereto Hq, 2d Air Force, dated January 30, 1942, the following named officers of the 48th Bombardment Group (L) are attached to Hq & Hq Squadron, 2d Air Support Command, and will report to the Commanding Officer, Headquarters, 2d Air Support Command, for assignment and duty.

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Par. 1, SO #18, Hq, 2d ASG, 2-3-42, Continued)

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1st Lieut. RICHARD D. CALLAWAY, O22371, Air Corps.

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By order of Colonel FRIERSON:

F.T. DCDD,
Lieut. Colonel, F.A.,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/F. T. Dodd

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The 527th Fighter Squadron was activated Feb. 10, 1943 at Hill Roberts field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Then it was known as the 312th Bomb. Squadron (L) and was assigned B-24's. Soon the personnel of the 312th were transferred to the 388th Bomb. Squadron and were shipped to Key Field, near Savannah, Miss.

On arriving at Key Field the personnel were transferred to the 312th Bomb. Squadron, 6th Air Group and later the 312th Bomb. Squadron was redesignated the 12th Div. Bomb. Squadron, flying B-24's. With training in these new type aircraft the Group moved to port of embarkation and sailed from New York on April 27, 1943.

On May 11, 1943 the 6th Div. Bomber Group landed in North Africa and were immediately sent to various airfields in Algeria for tactical training, location of supplies, and outfitting equipment. The next base was North Africa Landing Ground where the Squadron flew its first mission on July 9, 1943. That same day the pilot was briefed by Capt. Cassidy, the squadron commander, for the covering of the Sicily invasion. By July 19 they had completed 251 sorties, dropping 70 tons of bombs on Sicilian targets.

The ground echelon had begun to move and once again the Squadron resumed operations at Arcadiane Landing Ground in Sicily. There they covered the Salerno Beachhead and gave close support to the 5th Army in Italy. On Sept. 11, 1943 the 312th Div. Bomb. Squadron was redesignated the 527th Fighter Bomber Squadron and were moved on to the mainland at the Pisa Airfield. The dive bombing and strafing continued and by the end of Sept. the 527th had completed 1363 sorties in helping the 5th Army continue its drive in Italy.

In October another move was necessary to keep in range of the retreating Germans and the Squadron found itself operating out of the base at Poggio Reale, Italy. There the unit concentrated on enemy communications, transportation, and operated with the ground troops giving them close support when necessary. When January, 1944 was over the 527th had piled up 2784 sorties and 4038 hours of combat time.

The unit was moving again in April and operations were carried on from Grosseto Airfield. In May they had their best month thus far, going on 68 missions and 491 sorties even though the pilot strength was at an all time low. The fighter bombers strafed and dive bombed sometimes getting as many as 200 B/T's in one day.

In June the 527th Fighter Bomber Squadron was redesignated the 527th Fighter Squadron and again changing bases. Orbetello Airfield was the next station and later the Squadron moved to Poretta Airfield in Corsica. The operations there consisted of bombing shipping, radar installations, communications and transportation in preparation for the coming invasion of Southern France. On Aug. 15 the Squadron took off at 0455 hours and flew 9 missions for the cover of the invasion. A new record was made when 70 missions and 494 sorties were flown in the month of August.

When the Allies had begun to advance in Southern France the 86th Group having been assigned P-47's in Corsica, moved back to the mainland at Grosseto Airfield, Italy. Then the front had become more or less stationary and the unit concentrated on bridges, railroad cuts, enemy transportation. Here also the fire bombs were used to smother out enemy installations that the Allied ground troops could not get. Later, the Squadron operated from Pisa Airfield and continued the same type missions.

In Feb., 1945 the unit moved up into Tattenville, France. Operations began before the men could find a good place to sleep and for the month of March the 527th flew 761 sorties and 154 combat hours, but lost 12 men and 7 pilots.

Just as the unit had followed the Germans into Italy, so they did in Germany and it was necessary to move to Brunshausen, Germany to keep in range of the targets. For the month of April the unit flew 752 sorties, only 2 short of the previous month. The last mission the 527th High Bombing Squadron flew was on May 4, 1945 and since that first mission in July 1944, 1945 the unit had seen action in three invasions and had won 15 battle stars.

Soon after the war was over the unit was put at work in training of new pilots, but re-employment was constantly cutting one strength until it was necessary to consolidate the 527th High Bombing Squadron into Group 10 and move to Schweinfurt in Germany.



WAR DIARY

527th FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON, 86th FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP AAF

PERIOD - 1 JULY 1943 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1943

(PERTINENT ARTICLES & CLIPPINGS ATTACHED AT END OF EACH MONTHS NARRATIVE)

