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**85TH BOMB. SQUADRON
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**97TH BOMB. SQUADRON
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Mission #1

JULY 4 1943

Pilot: Terry Edmonds
Gunners: McAlister & Karecki
Alt. 7,700 Ship #35
Target: Sciacca Air Drome, Sicily
Time: 1:50

Remarks: Twelve ship formation(A 20's) escorted by 24 P 40's. As we Approached the island, we were greeted by light flak. As we approached the target, flak became heavy, intense, accurate, deadly, and unbearable. Lt. Mitcham, Sgt Montgomery, Sgt. Kelly were hit. The left engine caught fire, but went out. He continued to make his bomb run, dropped his bombs and was last seen going down over the target. We Returned to base. S/Sgt. Hinkle was dead, S/Sgt. Kiss wounded. P 40's engaged about 40 enemy aircraft. All types of fighters hit the water, only to disappear as soon as They hit. It was an exciting Fourth of July. Major Penix lead formation.

Mission #2

July 8 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds
Gunners: McAlister & Karecki
Alt. 9500 Ship #36
Target: Sciacca Air Drome, Sicily
Time 1:45

Remarks: Twelve ship formation, escorted by 36 P 40's. Flak the same. All ships Returned to base. But, oh my! We were badly shot up. Hydraulic system out, both Tires flat. Bomb -bay doors partially opened, left aileron shot. Shook wheels down. Landed at 150 MPH, no flaps. Ship vibrated badly. McAlister put his arms around me to Keep from getting tossed around. Pilot hit in legs by flak. Ship had over 200 holes. Good Old Terra Firma!!! Captain Gilmore lead formation. Sgt. Parentean, Sgt. Endthoff were Killed. The 97th sure took a beating on their mission to Sciacca.



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Mission #3

August 12 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds
Gunner: McAlister & Karecki
Alt 9,000 Ship #49
Target: Barcellona, Sicily
Time: 2:10
Remarks: Twelve ship formation, escorted by 6 Spits. Flak intense, accurate. Second box "Guinea Pig". We encountered flak about 15 minutes before hitting target. 15 minutes after flak positions everywhere. The enemy held the Northeast part of the island. The evasive action was very good. We got off lucky. One burst of "88" just beneath us. Major Penix lead formation. Took off in the afternoon for another mission. Had to come back. Left elevator almost fell off.

Mission #4

August 13 1943 (Friday)

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds
Gunner: McAlister & Karecki
Alt. 9500 Ship #82
Target: Notara, Sicily (Road Junctions)
Time: 1:35
Remarks: No flak, no fighters. Mission fairly successful. A milk run. Twelve ship formation, escorted by 6 Spits. Capt. Gilmore lead formation.
Sicilian Campaign is over August 17 1943.

Our outfit bombed the barges and troops of the German evacuation at St. Agata, on the beach North of Messina. The Squadron now has 112 missions to date. Sgt. Sinclair was killed when the jeep turned over. S/Sgt. Statham, Pvt. Kilouski were hurt. The Purple Death "took its toll. Aug. 19, 1943. We moved to another field, South of Mt. Etna.



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Battle of Italy

Mission #5

August 27 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds
Gunners: Karecki & Lane
Alt. 10,000 Ship #43
Target: Villa(Permanent gun emplacement)
Time: 1:10
Remarks: 6 ship formation, escorted by 4 Spits. No fighters, no flak. Very wide bomb pattern. Enemy is apparently leaving toe of Italy, or is just waiting for the opportunity to knock out a bunch of ships with flak. Capt. Downie lead formation.

Mission #6

August 31 1943

Pilot Terry E. Edmunds
Gunners: Karecki & Smith.A.W.
Alt. 10,600 Ship #27
Target: Cosenza (Railways & roads)
Time: 2:10
Remarks: Entire Group took off. Twelve ship formations. Escort 12 P 40's per Sqdn. As we approached the target, the clouds below kept the target hidden. Bombed a road away from target, then headed for home. Flak bursts below and just behind as we passed to the left of target. It would have been really hot if the day was clear. Major Penix lead formation. 84th was jumped by 8 Me's. P40's shot down 3, gunner shot 1Me. Got a P 40.

Mission #7

September 2 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds
Gunners: Karecki & Lane
Alt. 11,000 Ship #44
Target: Bova
Time 1:20
Remarks: 12 ship formation, escort 4 Spits. Dropped our bombs, returned to field. No flak, no fighters. Capt. Gilmore lead formation. Squadron now has 1,037 sorties.

"Dry Run"

September 2 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds
Gunners: Karecki & Lane
Alt. 10,000 Ship#89
Target: Hdq's, trucks, personell near Reggio



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Remarks: Capt. Downie lead formation. Weather cloudy, bombs were not dropped
Piss Poor! Piss Poor!!!
Time 55
The invasion of Italy has begun. September 3rd at 4:am. The Northern end of the Toe was the initial landing points.

Mission #8

September 3 1943

Pilot : Terry E. Edmunds
Gunners: Karecki & Lane
Alt. 10,000 Ship #69
Target: Scilla(Troops and roads near the town. Permanent gun emplacements)
Time 1:10
Remarks: 11 ship formation, escorted by 4 Spits. Bombed target, returned to base. No flak, no fighters. Capt. Downie lead formation. Almost got hit by frags from Lt. Liddie's ship. He released them going back into formation.
Italy gave her unconditional surrender to the Allies on September 8 1943. The following morning, the Allies invaded the Naples area and Taranto was also taken.
Left Sicily September 27th. We are now at Grottaglie, North of Taranto.
No missions were made from Grottaglie. Left Grottaglie October 16th. We are now at Foggia. The field is about 4 miles from Foggia.
Went as alternate the same afternoon. The Boys were all sweating. The main reason was we haven't pulled a mission for awhile. Fell out of formation, looked at the area, and then landed. This is a rotten field. It's short and rough. Gunner Zitterich 84th lost one crew Oct. 15 1943, 84th lost two crew Oct. 17 1943, 97th lost two crew Oct. 17 1943

Mission #9

October 20 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds
Gunners: Karecki & Zitterich
Alt. 9000 Ship #29
Target: Gun positions near Salvo, Italy
Time 1:25
Remarks: 12 ship formation. 36 ships bombed today. Escort consisted of 4 P 40's. No flak, no fighters. Mission successful. Lt. O'Brien lead formation.



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Mission # 10

October 21 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds

Gunners: Karecki & Rayl

Alt. 8,500 Ship #69

Target: Cassino, Italy(Bivouac area)

Time: 2:00

Remarks: 12 ship formation. Escorted by 6 P 40's. Approached target from sea. About 15 bursts of red, white, and black flak below and behind us. Near target the flak was heavy, intense, and accurate. Dropped our frags and headed back. The first ship's engine was out and the first Boy went to Hell. We ran into heavier flak and two of our box. Scattered. It was a mess, everybody was going his way. They shot at us about ten miles out at sea. It must have been the coastal guns. Capt. Atchison's ship landed at Naples. He also lead the formation. One of the 97th ships landed on one gear. It hit a ship on the ground. Both went into flames. Another rough mission is over. I hope we caught the Krauts with their pants down.

Mission # 11

October 23 1943

Pilot: Terry E. Edmunds

Gunners: Karecki & Leal

Alt. 10,500 Ship #54

Target: Railroad bridge M-8293

Time: 1:50

Remarks: 12 ship dormation. Escort of 8 Spits. Approached target from sea. Flak was heavy but inaccurate. Bomb pattern was good but we missed the target. Capt. Atchison lead the formation.

S/Sgt. Charles M. Mohr, S/Sgt. Swinnick, S/Sgt. John Cole, Capt. Gilmore, Capt. Downie, and Lt. Story, Capt. Russell left the outfit for the Good Old USA 10/31/43
Our stove was a great success- tested and approved 10/31/43



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Mission #12

November 1 1943

Pilot: F/O Smith
Gunners: Karecki & Adkins
Alt. 11,000 Ship #80
Target: Carpeinone h- 2553 (Bivouac area)
Time: 1:25
Remarks: 12 ship formation, escorted by 4 Spits. Flak was heavy and accurate. No fighters. About 50 bursts of heavy flak and beaucoup light flak. Mission was successful. The 97th lost one ship on same target. Capt. O'Brien lead formation.
Went as alternate on 11/3/43
PILOT: Terry E. Edmunds
Karecki & Todd
Time: 1:25
Remarks: Turned back from flight near bomb line for home.

Mission #13

November 3 1943

Pilot: Lt. Bridges
Gunners: Karecki & Nessler
Alt. 10,000 Ship 35
Time 1:15
Remarks: 12 ship formation, escorted by 4 Spits. No fighters, no flak. 1st box dropped bombs. We were the only ones in the 2nd box to drop them. Capt. O'Brien lead formation. Mission was not successful, target was not visible.
Transferred to the 97th Bomb Sqdn. with Leal and Rayl 11/6/43.
Heard that F/O Chesley and Hudson were dead from F/O Crosby 12/10/43 at Foggia.

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Mission #14

December 14 1943

Pilot: Lt. Garnett
Gunners: Tobin & Karecki
Alt. 10,500 Ship #67
Target: Pontecorvo G-7217 (Bridge and roadblock)



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Time 2:00

Remarks: 12 ship formation. Third Sqdn. to bomb. Pattern was good and target was hit. Lt. Vetter lead 2nd box, Lt. Tilton lead the 1st box. Quite a bit of heavy flak. Fairly accurate. Spits escort.

Mission # 15

December 16 1943

Pilot: Lt. Barr

Gunners: Olson & Karecki

Alt. 10,500 Ship # 62

Target: Gun emplacements (G 9231)

Time: 1:35

Remarks: 12 ship formation. Third Sqdn. to hit target. No flak, no fighters. Target was hit long bomb pattern. Right engine cutting out on take-off.

S/Sgt 's Garrison, Argentine, Stallings, and Salsbury left for The Good Old USA

12/16/43

Mission # 16

December 16 1943

Pilot: Lt. Barr

Gunners Olson & Karecki

Alt. Ship # 62

Target: St. Elia (G-8852)

Time 1:45

Remarks: 12 ship formation. Third Sqdn. to bomb. 8 Spits for escort. Bomb pattern wide and long. About 15 bursts of light flak. Lt. Tilton lead the formation. Damn right engine cutting out on takeoff again. Sweat ! Sweat ! Sweat !

F/O bey went down. His gunners McCally and Bondarek bailed out. They still don't know what happened. 12/16/43

Mission #17

December 19 1943

Pilot: Lt. Barr

Gunners Olson & Karecki

Alt. Ship #18

Target: Pontecorvo (bridge)

Time : 1:50

Remarks: 12 Ship formation. Third Sqdn. to bomb again. 4 P 40's escort. Moderate flak, fairly accurate. Don't believe we hit bridge, only the town. Major Young lead formation



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Mission # 18

December 19 1943

Pilot: Lt. Barr

Gunners: Olson & Karecki

Alt. 9,500 Ship # 59

Target: Cassino (road junction)

Time 1:55

Remarks: 12 ship formation, 2nd Sqdn. to bomb. 8 P 40's escort. Heavy, intense, accurate flak. Target was not hit. Flak spread the second box. All in all, glad to get back. Lt. Tilton lead the Squadron. Four holes in our ship.

Saw Wolfe and Milsap in Barletta 12/22/42

Heard that Don Sodini was with Chesley when he crashed. 12/26/43

Mission # 19

December 21 1943

Pilot Lt. Barr

Gunners Olson & Karecki

Alt. 10,000 Ship #81

Target: Colleferro (explosive Factory)

Time 2:05

Remarks: 12 ship formation. Weather was cloudy. Turned back. We were across the bomb line and were given credit for a mission. Major Young lead formation.

Mission #20

December 28 1943

Pilot: Lt. Barr

Gunners: Olson & Karecki

Alt. 10,000 Ship # 18

Target: Ferentino (Railroad Station)

Time 2:15

Remarks: 12 ship formation, 2nd Sqdn. to bomb. Heavy and light flak going inland and off target. Lt. Tilton lead formation.

Mission #21

December 30 1943

Pilot: Lt. Barr

Gunners: Olson & Karecki



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Alt. 10,000 Ship #18

Target : Atina

Time :2:10

Remarks: 12 ship formation. 1st Squadron to bomb. Light flak approaching target. Heavy flak coming off. Major Young lead formation. Don't believe we hit target. We hit the German 44th Inf. Hdq's, Blew it off the map. Information was obtained from German prisoner. A miss is as good as a mile.

12/31/43 Took off to bomb St. Elia but the weather over target was a solid overcast.

Time 2:15 Lt. Barr- Ship #18

/gt. Henry M. Scurlock and S/Sgt. Anderson left this morning for the states. Lt. Rice left the day before. 1/2/44

S/Sgt. Denver Matney, Joe Kiss, Sam Minor left for the states, also F/O Smith and F/O Dixon. 1/3/44

Mission #22

January 4 1944

Pilot : Lt. Grant

Gunners Leal & Karecki

Alt. 9,500 Ship # 71

Target: South of Cervaro (Troops and guns)

Time 1:30

Remarks: 1st Squadron of two to go over bomb line. Heavy overcast, couldn't find target. Got credit for a mission. Lt. Tilton lead formation.

Mission # 23

January 8 1944

Pilot : Lt. Barr

Gunners :Olson & Karecki

Alt. 10,500 Ship #18

Target : Frosinone (Railroad Station)

Time 2:05

Remarks : 12 ship formation. Was 1st Sqdn. to bomb. Supposed to have been 2nd. Missed target. All in all all fucked up. Heavy flak before and after dropping bomb. Heavy flak over mountains upon returning. Lt. Tilton lead Squadron.



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Mission # 24

January 12 1944

Pilot : Lt. Grant

Gunners : Douglas & Karecki

Alt. 9,850 Ship #92

Target : Atina (S. E. end of town)

Time : 1:35

Remarks : 12 Ship formation, escort of 8 Spits. 1st Squadron of two. Flak was moderate, Accurate. Missed the town, hit over along the road. Lt. Grant lead the formation.

Mission # 25

January 16 1944

Pilot : Lt. Garnet

Gunners : Karecki & Kennedy

Alt. 11,000 Ship #18

Target : Atina

Time : 1:25

Remarks : 1st mission from new base. 2nd Squadron to bomb. 97th 1st box, 86th 2nd box. Escorted by 8 P40's. Heavy flak going in and out of target. Me 109's encountered. Flak Was heavy, intense, but not accurate. For our box the 86th lost one ship. Crew bailed out. Bradley was one of the gunners. Lt. Tilton lead formation. Lt. Garnet's 50th mission. It was a pretty rough mission. Sure glad to get back.

Left Vincenzo, arrived at Vesuvius, near Naples. Am now living with Morgan, Hiller, Wilson, Richter, and Damro. This is a swell looking place. Flew here with F/O Sexton 1/13/44

Mission # 26

January 17 44

Pilot : D. H. Jones

Gunners Karecki & Kennedy

Alt. 10,000 Ship # 62

Target : San Georgio

Time : 1:10

Remarks : 1st to bomb. 86th first box, 97th second box. Flak was heavy and fairly accurate. 1st box split and 2nd right after it. Missed target. Pattern was long. Quite a few light flak guns. All in all, it was a Piss Poor mission. F/O Gaskins lead our box. Major Horner lead the 86th. F/O Jones got his 50th today.



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Mission # 27

January 18 1944

Pilot : Barr
Gunners : Olson & Karecki
Alt. 10,000 Ship # 18
Target : Gun emplacements (M- 7495)
Time 1:05
Remarks : 1st Sqdn. to bomb. Escort 6 Spits. Target was hit. Long and compact pattern.
Got heavy flak coming off target. Not accurate, though. Lt. Block lead Squadron.

Mission # 28

January 19 1944

Pilot : Lt. Barr
Gunners Olson & Karecki
Alt. 9,500 Ship # 18
Target : Collefero (Railroad Station)
Time 2:10
Remarks : 3rd Sqdn. to bomb. Escort 6 Spits. Target was hit. Heavy flak, but not accurate.
Major Young lead formation. Really did a swell job.
New replacements arrived and are the Boys happy. 17 gunners, 2 Pilots 1/19/44

Mission #29

January 20 1944

Pilot : Lt. Barr
Gunners Olson & Karecki
Alt. 10,000 Ship #18
Target : Mt. Seruri, Menturno (Guns and Troops M-7409)
Time 1:15
Remarks : 2nd Sqdn. to bomb. 97th 1st box, 86th 2nd box. Target was not hit very well, just a little too much to the right. 3 bursts of heavy flak at Sqdn. behind us. Lt. Dean lead Sqdn.



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Mission # 30

January 20 1944

Pilot : Lt. Barr
Gunners : Olson & Karecki
Alt. 11,000 Ship # 67
Target : Cassino(S.E. of town)
Time : 1:20
Remarks : 1st Sqdn. in. 86th lead. Target was hit. 12 bursts of heavy flak. Major Horn lead 1st box. Lt. Knox 2nd. Escorted by 6 Spits.
F/O Edmonds finished his 50th today. 1/21/44

Mission #31

January 21 1944

Pilot : Lt. Barr
Gunners : Olson & Karecki
Alt. 10,000 Ship # 67
Target : Atina (Road junction and town)
Time 1:30
Remarks : 1st Sqdn. to bomb. Escort 6 Spits. Heavy flak, but not accurate to our Sqdn. Road was hit and edge of town. Our new crews were on this mission. Lt. Tilton lead formation.

Mission # 32

January 23 1944

Pilot : Lt. Mitchell
Gunners : Karecki & Morgan
Alt. 11,000 Ship # 40
Target : Vallecorsa
Time : 1:25
Remarks 3rd Sqd. To bomb. Escort 4 Spits. Target was hit. Heavy flak coming off target- inaccurate. No. 5 in our box was a straggler. Lt. Tilton lead formation.

Mission # 33

January 26 1944

Pilot : F/O Sexton
Gunners : Karecki & Clifton
Alt. 10,800 Ship #53



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Target : Cisterna (new invasion bomb ln.)
Time 1:55

Remarks : Flew with the 85th, 2nd Sqdn. in Escorted by 5 Spits. Got heavy flak approaching target. Moderate heavy flak coming off. Target was hit. Lt. Liddil lead our box, Capt. Johnson the Squadron.

Mission # 34

January 28 1944

Pilot : Lt. Barr
Gunners Olson & Karecki
Alt. 10,000 Ship # 76
Target Cisterna
Time 1:55

Remarks : 2nd Sqdn. in. Escort 4 Spits. Heavy , accurate flak after dropping bombs. Corner of town was hit. Lt. Tilton lead formation. No. 58 nosed in at end of runway. Town is getting hotter. Another one bellied in.

Mission # 35

January 28 1944

Pilot : F/O Sexton
Gunners Karecki & Frankhouser
Alt. 10,000 Ship # 81
Target : Frosenone
Time 1:45

Remarks : 3rd Sqdn. to bomb. Escort 4 Spits. No flak, no fighters. We sure sweated this one. A long time in enemy territory. Lt. Block lead formation.

Mission #36

January 30 1944

Pilot : F/O Sexton
Gunners : Karecki & Vest
Alt. 10,000 Ship # 81
Target : Cori
Time : 2:00
Remarks: 2nd Sqdn. of two to bomb. Escort 6 Spits. No flak, no fighters. Target was hit. F/O Sexton's 60th. Lt. Dean lead formation. Low overcast over field.



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Mission #37

February 6 1944

Pilot : Lt. Knox

Gunners : Karecki * Morgan

Alt. 10,000 Ship # 41

Target : Railroad station near Lanuvio

Time @:00

Remarks : 1st Sqdn. to bomb Heavy , inaccurate, moderate flak in and off target. Target was not hit. Escorted by 6 Spits, low and 12 high. Major Willard lead formation.

Mission #38

February 7 1944

Pilot : Lt. Knox

Gunners : Karecki & Taylor

Alt. 10,000 Ship # 92

Target : Road block & Bivouac area, N. Lanuvio (F 8823)

Time 1:55

Remarks : 2nd Sqdn. to bomb. H.I.A. flak in and out. Escort 4 Spits close, 12 high. Lt. Tilton lead formation. Target was hit.

Mission # 39

February 8 1944

Pilot : Lt. Mitchell

Gunners : Douglas, Karecki, Clayton

Alt. 10,000 Ship # 100

Target : Piedemonte

Time 1:35

Remarks : 1st Sqdn. to bomb. Target was hit by 1st box. 2nd box missed by a mile. Flak was heavy and inaccurate. We lead the formation. 4 P 40's close, 4 Spits high.

Mission #40

February 8 1944

Pilot : Lt. Knox

Gunners : Leal, Karecki, Bartlett

Alt. 10,000 Ship #72



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Target : Ceochina

Time : 1:55

Remarks : Complete overcast over target. Got credit for a mission. 86th 1st box, 97th 2nd box

Mission # 41

February 9 1944

Pilot : Major Young

Gunners : Douglas, Karecki, Work

Alt. 9,700 Ship # 100

Target: Troop concentration near Lanuvio F8083

Time 2:00

Remarks : 3rd Sqdn. to bomb. Heavy, moderate flak in and out of target. Target was hit.

Major Young lead formation. 4 Spits close, 12 high.

Mission # 42

February 10 1944

Pilot : Lt. Block

Gunners Paul, Karecki, Clayton

Alt. 10,500 Ship # 40

Target F 8093

Remarks : 2nd Sqdn. in. Could not find target. Complete overcast. Got credit for a mission. Lt. Block lead formation. 4 Spits close, 12 high.

Mission # 43

February 13 1944

Pilot : Lt. Cockrell

Gunners : Karecki, Zebarini

Alt. 9,500 Ship #81

Target : Bivouac area near Lanuvio (F 8773)

Time : 1:50

Remarks : 1st Sqdn. to bomb. Target was hit by one box. We did not get flak but 2nd and 3rd Sqdn. did. Escort 4 P 40's. Lt. Tilton lead formation.

Mission #44

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Pilot : Lt. Cockrell
Gunners : Karecki, Zebarini, Le Mieux
Alt. 11,100 Ship #92
Target : Bivouac area near Lanuvio (F 8764)
Time : 2:00
Remarks : 2nd Sqdn. to bomb. 86th 1st box, 97th 2nd box. Flak H.I.A. Target was not definitely known to be hit. Lt. Mitchell lead box. Had one hole in our ship.

Mission #45

February 15 1944

Pilot : Lt. Doughty
Gunners Rowe & Karecki
Alt. 11,000 Ship # 71
Target : Supply depot near Lake Albano (F9184)
Remarks : 2nd of two Sqdns. To bomb. 85th 1st box. Lt. Clark, 97th, 2nd box, Lt. Barr. Heavy, accurate flak in and out of target. The 97th Bomb. Missed the target. My flak Suit saved me from the Purple Heart.

Mission # 46

February 15 1944

Pilot : Lt. Doughty
Gunners : Rowe & Karecki
Alt. 10,000 Ship # 81
Target : Ammo and gas dump North of Valmontone (F0885)
Time : 1:45
Remarks: 1st Sqdn. in. 85thth 2nd box. Target was hit. 3 bursts H.F. Major Willard lead formation

Mission #47

February 16 1944

Pilot : Lt. Doughty
Gunners : Rowe & Karecki
Alt. 11,000 Ship #39
Target Ammo and supply dump near Valmontone (G 0885)
Time 1:50
Remarks : 2nd Sqdn. of two. 84th 1st box, 97th 2nd. Target was hit. 8 bursts of heavy flak- not accurate. Lt. Cockrell lead our box.



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Mission # 48

February 16 1944

Pilot : Lt. Doughty

Gunners : Rowe & Karecki

Alt. 9,500 Ship # 39

Target : Troop concentration near Lanuvio (F 8236)

Time : 1:55

Remarks : 2nd Sqdn.in, 84th 2nd box. Target was hit. H.I.A. flak in and out. Major Young lead the Sqdn. One hole in our right Horizontal Stabilizer. Them Jerries still can put it up There.

Mission #49

February 17 1944

Pilot : Lt. Doughty

Gunners : Rowe & Karecki

Alt. 11,600 Ship # 18

Target : N.E. of Ardea-troop concentration. (F 8303)

Time : 1:45

Remarks : 2nd Sqdn. to bomb. 86th 1st box, 97th 2nd box. Target was hit. H. I. But not so accurate today. Lt. Budukiewicz lead formation.

Mission # 50

February 17 1944

Pilot : Lt. Doughty

Gunners : Rowe & Karecki

Alt. 10,700 Ship #39 (Rita)

Target : N.E. of Ardea- troop concentration.

Time 1:50

Remarks : 1st Sqdn. to bomb. 97th first. Target was hit. No flak. Lt. Block lead formation. Sure glad to get finished.

2/29/44 The 47th caught Hell today. Lt. Doughty, Rowe, and Nigro went down.

2/30/44? Morgan got hit in the leg.

Left Vesuvius on the 13th of March.

Total Missions- 50. Combat time 88:45



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Southern Route Atlantic
March 1944

“Big Enough” A 20 C #228 Pilot: Terry E. Edmonds Gunners: McAlister & Karecki	“Old 97” A 20 C #231 Pilot: Lt. Chadwick Gunners McNair, McCarvel
“Mighty Mite” A 20 C #216 Pilot: Darvel N. Chesley Gunners: Harold K. Ream, Donald L. Sodini	“Diddy” A 20 C #418 Pilot: Bert Powell Gunners: Baker, “Neighbor” Bales
“Lame Duck” A 20 C #215 Pilot: “Bing” Crosby Gunners: Jack Lantz, Louie E. Davis	A 20 B #428 Pilot: Lt. Keahlier Gunners: Martin, Gabriel
“Bloody Bucket” A 20 C #220 Pilot: L.C. Mitchell Gunners: V. D. Bostic, Harry R. Singleton	“Ramona” A 20 C Pilot: “Flash” O’Connor Gunners: “Can’t Talk” Hawkins, “Double Talk” Booth
“Gold Brick” A 20B #435 Pilot: Babe R. Mitchell Gunners: James M. Wolfe, Earl E. Milsap	“Hey Bub” A 20 B #413 Pilot: Bub Berg Gunners: ?
“Short Stack” A 20 C #312 Pilot: Gus Green Gunners: Parentean, Bray	“Dolly B” A 20 B # Pilot: F/O Parker Gunners: Lane, Moberley
“Gentleman Jim” A 20 C #218 Pilot: Johnny Johnston Gunners: D.B. McLaughlin, Jim Messler	A 20 B Pilot: F/O Loveland Gunners: ?
“Dead Head” A 20 C Pilot: “Hose Nose” Jones Gunners: “Vino” Neal, “Gook” Forest	“Alma” A 20 B Pilot: Lt. Grant Gunners: Stallings, Argentine
“Beachcomber” A 20 C #224 Pilot: Lt. Dale Gunners: “P51” Mealy, “Bombsight” Cooley	“Hilo Hattie” A 20 B Pilot: F/O Richardson Gunners: O’Keefe, Rhoads
“Daisy June” A 20 B #436 Pilot: F/O Simpson Gunners: Jimmy Cecil, “Hollywood” Gildon	A 20 B Pilot: F/O Nicholson Gunners: “Porky” Quick, “Ikey” Harris

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McAlister - Gunner

Karecki - Gunner

Lt. Mitcham

Sgt. Montgomery

Sgt. Kelly

S/Sgt. Hinkle - KIA

S/Sgt. Kiss - WIA

Major Penix

Captain Glimore

Sgt. Parentean - KIA

Sgt. Endthoff - KIA

Sgt. Sinclair

S/Sgt. Statham

Pvt. Kilouski

Captain Downie

Lane

A.W. Smith

Lt. Liddie

Zitterich - Gunner

Lt. / Captain O'Brien

Rayl - Gunner

Capt. Atchison

Leal - Gunner

S/Sgt. Charles M. Mohr

S/Sgt. Swinnick

S/Sgt. John Cole

Lt. Story

Captain Russell

Adkins - Gunner

Todd - Gunner

Nessler - Gunner

F/O Chesley

Hudson

F/O Crosby

Lt. Garnett

Tobin - Gunner

Lt. Vetter

Lt. Tilton

Lt. Barr

Olson- Gunner



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S/Sgt. Argentine
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S/Sgt. Salsbury
F/O Bey
McCally - Gunner
Bondarek - Gunner
Major Young
Wolfe
Milsap
Don Sodini
Chelsey
Henry M. Scurlock
S/Sgt. Anderson
Lt. Rice
S/Sgt. Denver Matney
Joe Kiss
Sam Minor
F/O Smith
F/O Dixon
Lt. Grant
Douglas - Gunner
Kennedy
Bradley - Gunner
Lt. Garnet
Morgan
Hiller
Wilson
Richter
Damro
F/O Sexton
D.H Jones - Pilot
F/O Jones
Major Horner
Lt. Block
Lt. Dean
Major Horn
F/O Edmonds
Lt. Tilton
Lt. Mitchell
Morgan - Gunner
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Captain Johnson



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Lt. Knox
Clayton - Gunner
Bartlett - Gunner
Work - Gunner
Lt. Cockrill - Pilot
Zebarini - Gunner
Le Mieux - Gunner
Lt. Barr
Lt. Doughty - Pilot
Rowe - Gunner
Lt. Budukiewicz
Nigro - Gunner
Morgan

Darvel N. Chesley
Harold K. Ream
Donald L. Sodini
Crosby
Jack Lantz
Louie E. Davis
L.C. Mitchell
V.D. Bostic
Harry R. Singleton
Babe R. Mitchell
James M. Wolfe
Earl E. Milsap
Gus Green
Parentean
Bray
Johnny Johnston
DB McLaughlin
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Jimmy Cecil
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McNair
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