

GENERAL ORDERS)
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HEADQUARTERS SECOND AIR F.
Colorado Springs, Colorado
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SECTION I

EXTRACT

1. Pursuant to authority contained in immediate action restricted War Department letter AG 322 (17 Nov 43) OB-I-AFRPG-M, 19 November 1943, subject: "Constitution, Activation and Redesignation of Certain Bombardment Units," the following units having been constituted and assigned to the Second Air Force are activated as indicated, effective as of 20 November 1943:

Unit	T/O	Station of Activation	Priority Rating
Hq, 497th Bomb Gp, Very Hvy	Incl 4	AAF El Paso, Tex.	C-1-740
869th Bomb Sq, Very Hvy)	Incl 1		
870th Bomb Sq, Very Hvy)			
871st Bomb Sq, Very Hvy)			
872nd Bomb Sq, Very Hvy)			
17th Bomb Maint Sq,)	Incl 2		
Very Heavy)			
18th Bomb Maint Sq,)			
Very Heavy)			
19th Bomb Maint Sq,)			
Very Heavy)			
20th Bomb Maint Sq,)			
Very Heavy)			
15th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp)	Incl 6		
Very Heavy)			

2. The Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 73rd Bombardment Operational Training Wing (Hvy), is redesignated as the Headquarters, 73rd Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy, and concurrently with the above actions is activated at Smoky Hill AAF, Salina, Kansas, in accordance with inclosure 3.

3. Source and size of cadres for the units listed in paragraph 1 and 2 above will be as follows. Personnel replacement will be accomplished in the usual manner by submission of AAF Forms 127-A and/or 127-B.

Unit
Hq & Hq Sq, XX Bomber Command

Source & Size Cadre
Cadre for this unit will be organized from personnel now under control of the 58th Bomb Wing in amounts as determined by the Commanding General 58th Bomb Wing.
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Hq, 73rd Bomb Wing, Very Heavy

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Source and Cadre Size</u>
497th Bomb Gp. Very Heavy (Total Group)	Cadre for this unit will be organized from the 491st Bomb Gp (Hvy) and will consist of all personnel presently assigned, excepting Gp CO, Sq CO's, Combat Crews, Operations Officers, or any other Flying Personnel.

4. Concurrently with the above actions, the following units are redesignated as indicated and will be reorganized by the Commanding General XX Bomb Command.

<u>Present Designation</u>	<u>New Designation</u>	<u>To be Reorganized In Accordance With</u>
Hq & Hq Sq, 58th Bombardment Wing (Hvy)	Hq, 58th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy	Incl 3
Hq, 40th Bomb Gp (Hvy) (B-29)	Hq, 40th Bomb Gp. Very Hvy	Incl 4

8. The following units now assigned to the Second Air Force are further assigned as indicated:

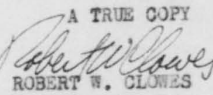
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Hq, 58th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy	XX Bomber Command
Hq, 73rd Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy	XX Bomber Command
10th Photo Lab, Bomber Command, Very Heavy	XX Bomber Command
472nd Bomb Gp. Very Heavy	XX Bomber Command
40th Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	58th Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy
444th Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	
462nd Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	
468th Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	
497th Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	73rd Bombardment Wing, Very Heavy
498th Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	
499th Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	
500th Bomb Gp, Very Heavy	

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