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380th Bomb Group – World War II



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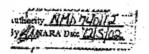
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Orders Sending 380th to Southwest Pacific Area



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March 30, 1943.

MENORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FURCES, COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY SERVICE FORCES:

Subject: Movement of Air Force Units to the Southwest Facific Area.

The Chief of Staff directs:

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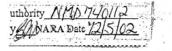
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b. Furnish transportation for the movement of the ground schelons.

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5. The above units are not included in the list of units required for overseas service, projected six months into the future,

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Memo to CGs, AAF & ASF, 3-30-43 - Subj: Command of AF Units to the SWPA.

dated February 27, 1943. These units will be included in the new six months projected list to be published in the near future, under the month of April.

> THOS. T. HANDY, Major General, Assistant Chief of Staff. J. I. UPSTON

Brigadier General,

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: **Deputy Chief, Theater Group, OPD, E.S.** 1. This directive implements movement of one Bomb Gp (H) and one Bomb Gp (M) to SWPA/is in accordance with the approved new deployment of Air Force Units for this Theater.

2. CG, AAF has indicated that the units designated are the 380th Bomb Gp (H) and the 345th Bomb Gp (M); AAF (Captain Talbott - 71790) states that flight echelons of heavy bombardment group are ready to depart now, that flight echelons of medium bombardment group will be ready the latter part of April, that ground echelons of both heavy and medium bomb gps will be ready the latter part of April. AAF (Captain Talbott -71790) concurs in the readiness date of April 20 for ground echelons; this readiness date assigned in order to take advantage of any additional shipping that might become available late in April. These units are being given highest priority for movement in early May shipping.

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