

HEADQUARTERS III AIR SUPPORT COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Army Air Base,
Birmingham, Ala.,
11 August 1943

SUBJECT; Change of Assignment.

TO : Commanding Officer, 56th Bombardment Training Wing,
Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1. It was with real regret that this headquarters received General Order No. 296, Headquarters Third Air Force, transferring all fighter bomber units to the III Fighter Command and all light bombardment units to the III Bomber Command.

2. It has been an honor and a pleasure to command such fine units, and I want to thank all officers and men for a job "well done". You can be proud of yourselves and I know you will "accomplish the mission" wherever you go.

3. The III Air Support command is being redesignated as III Reconnaissance Command, but we will still have a "warm spot in our hearts" for fighter bomber and light bomber. We expect to make reconnaissance the "corps d'elite" of the Air Forces, but you have set a standard that will make us hump to beat.

4. All the Staff join me in wishing you "good hunting" in your future assignments, and we are certainly sorry to lose you.

/s/
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A. B. McDaniel
A. B. MCDANIEL,
Brigadier General, United States Army
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 56th BOMB TNG. WING. (L), Will Rogers Field, Okla.,
14 August 1943.

TO: Commanding Officers, All Units of the 56th Bomb Tng. Wing (L)

1. It is the Wing Commander's desire that the above letter from General MCDANIEL be disseminated to all your personnel.

2. It was under the III Air Support Command that the 56th Wing came into being and became a definite entity in the Army Air Forces. Real cooperation and understanding has always existed between our two headquarters and Colonel LEE voices the sentiment of all of us when he says that we reciprocate General MCDANIEL'S feelings in their entirety and that we shall always have a warm spot in our hearts for the III Air Support Command.

H. H. Upham
H. H. UPHAM,
Lt. Col. Air Corps,
Deputy Wing Commander.

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