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CHARLESTON C-17S, PERSONNEL HELP WITH GUANTANAMO BAY BUILD UP

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – The 437th Airlift Wing has taken on a new mission in the War against terrorism as Charleston-based aircrews and C-17s transport personnel and support equipment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

C-17s transported 434 personnel and 384 short tons of support equipment to the naval base to prepare for the arrival of Taliban and Al Qaeda prisoners. The first of the nine missions left here Saturday and the final one left Monday to help build up the detention facilities there which will house the prisoners.

The base is expected to fly between 10 and 15 support missions to Cuba during the next three days.

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