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416th Bombardment Group (L),
AAF, Laurel, Mississippi,
7 November 1943.

Exhibit # 18

FIELD ORDER)

NUMBER 9)

Maps: No detailed maps available (See Annex No.1).

1. Omitted

2. The 416th Bombardment Group (L), will proceed at 1300Z, 9 November 1943, from the area of cantonment to bivouac area (See Annex 1) on Laurel Army Air Base, set up camp and operate for one (1) week. At 1500Z, 16 November 1943, the 416th Bombardment Group (L), will return to area of cantonment.

3. a. 668th Bomb Sq (L) will depart cantonment area at 1310Z and will occupy Section I of bivouac area.

b. Headquarters will depart cantonment area at 1310Z and will occupy Section II of bivouac area.

c. 669th Bomb Sq (L) will depart cantonment area at 1320Z and will occupy Section III of bivouac area.

d. 670th Bomb Sq (L) will depart cantonment area at 1330Z and will occupy Section IV of bivouac area.

e. 671st Bomb Sq (L) will depart cantonment area at 1340Z and will occupy Section V of bivouac area.

4. a. Os and EM will be equipped with mess can, a canteen, web belt, cup, knife, fork, spoon, gas mask, helmet liner, raincoat and blankets. Squadron Supply Officers will provide sufficient tents and cots for men and officers of their Squadrons.

b. Each Squadron Commander will be responsible that transportation is kept to a minimum in establishment of bivouac area and that necessary transportation does not cross runways until permission (Green Light) is given from the tower. Upon completion of encampment, only essential transportation will be maintained.

c. Each Squadron will set up field mess facilities to accommodate normal Squadron strength. Headquarters men and officers will be attached to 668th Bomb Sq (L) for mess. Mess personnel of the 669th Bomb Sq (L) will be attached to the 670th Bomb Sq (L) for duty for the period 9 November 1943 to 16 November 1943. The personnel of the 669th Bomb Sq (L) will be attached to the 670th Bomb Sq (L) for mess.

d. The Operations and Engineering Sections of each Squadron will maintain their normal functions in a normal manner.

e. Squadron Camouflage Officers will use all available means to properly camouflage Squadron area.

f. Squadron personnel will use available equipment for electric power and lights. The 668th Bomb Sq (L) will include plans to furnish power and lights

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to Headquarters with their equipment.

5. See Communications Annex.

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COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX**SECRET**

1. a. See Annex No. 3 Signal Order according to current issue.

b. (1) Command Posts:

668th Bomb Sq (L) Section No. 1 Bivouac Area.

Hq Section No. 2 Bivouac Area.

669th Bomb Sq (L) Section No. 3 Bivouac Area.

670th Bomb Sq (L) Section No. 4 Bivouac Area.

671st Bomb Sq (L) Section No. 5 Bivouac Area.

(2) Axis of Signal Communication- No change contemplated.

2. All signal communication will be ready for operation by 1300Z 9 November 1943.

3. Signal Communication to be provided.

a. Message centers- At CP of each squadron and Group Headquarters.

b. Messenger Service- Scheduled hourly motor messenger service will be provided by each squadron to Group CP. Special motor messenger as required.

c. Radio- None.

d. Visual- None.

e. Teletype- Not available.

f. Telegraph- No facilities at BD-11 Swbd.

g. Wire- See signal Annex No. 3.

4. Group signal dump established at 398 Signal Supply Warehouse, AAF, Laurel, Miss.

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MEDICAL ANNEX

1. The following provisions and instructions for Medical Aid Station, evacuation, and protection of health of all units of the 46th Bombardment Group are published for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Supplies.
 - a. Sources.
 - (1) Squadron Aid Stations will draw all supplies from Squadron Supply, Station Hospital, LAAF, Laurel, Mississippi.
 - b. Requisitions.
 - (1) Requisitions will be formal, informal, and emergency.
3. Evacuation.
 - a. Aid Stations will be established by each squadron.
 - b. General.
 - (1) Evacuation will be from Aid Station to Station Hospital, LAAF.
 - c. Ambulances.
 - (1) Ambulances of the several units will be under the supervision of the Group Surgeon.
4. Sanitation.
 - a. Squadron Commanders will be responsible for sanitation within their commands and the surrounding area.
 - b. The Group Surgeon will be responsible for records and recommendations concerning the health of the Group.
 - c. The Squadron Surgeon will be responsible for supervision of sanitation in their respective squadrons and deal directly with the Squadron Commander concerning all matters of sanitation.
 - d. Squadron Supply will be responsible for procurement of water supplied to the personnel.
 - (1) All water will be obtained from LAAF.
 - (2) Water from other sources will not be used for any purposes.
 - (3) Squadron Commanders will take every precaution that no water is wasted.
 - (4) Lister bags will be used to distribute water for drinking purposes.
 - e. Squadron Mess Officers will be responsible for procurement of food and general cleanliness of Squadron Mess.
 - (1) All food will be secured through quartermaster LAAF.
 - (2) Mess kits will be cleaned in the following manner: Remove all food particles; pass the mess kit through a G.I. can of hot soapy water, repeat in hot soapy water, rinse in hot clear water and air until dry.
 - (3) All kitchen utensils will be cleaned immediately after use with hot soapy water and rinsed in hot clear water and air dried.
 - f. Disposal of waste.
 - (1) Straddle trench latrines will be used for disposal of feces and urine.
 - (2) Kitchen waste.
 1. Liquid waste will be disposed of in ex-lago pits.
 2. Solid waste will be disposed of by burning.
 - g. Shelter.
 - (1) All bedding will be sunned one hour daily, weather permitting.

H. Insect Control.

- (1) Flies - All areas will be adequately protected from flies.
- (2) Mosquitoes - Insect repellents will be used. (This item may be obtained from Squadron Dispensary.

I. Personal Hygiene.

- (1) All personnel will bathe at least every other day for reasons of health as well as cleanliness.

J. Medical Attendance.

- (1) Squadron Surgeons will arrange definite periods for daily sick call.
- (2) All squadrons will provide necessary venereal prophylaxis and issue information as to the location of Prophylaxis Stations.

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