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Exhibit #7

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HEADQUARTERS AIR BASE AREA COMMAND
LAKE CHARLES ARMY AIR FIELD
Office of the Area Commander

Lake Charles, La.
June 15, 1943.

SUBJECT: Appreciation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 416th Bomb Group (L), Lake Charles, Army Air Field, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

1. Your Base Commander desires to express to you his appreciation for the many efforts made by you and your command to cooperate with the personnel of this base. Upon your own initiative you have accomplished many things above and beyond that normally expected, which have added not only to the morale of your own organization and the appearance of your organization area, but also to the appearance and morale of the base as a whole.

2. All members of my staff, besides many other officers of the base, have mentioned to me the cooperativeness of the personnel of your group, and have expressed pleasure that your group is based at this station. You personally have been most cooperative with this headquarters. The personnel of this base and your Base Commander, personally, look forward with anticipation and pleasure to your continued stay at this base. It is requested that you extend to your entire personnel the appreciation of myself and the otherbase personnel.

A copy of this communication will be placed in your 201 File at this station as a matter of permanent record.

/s/ Harold L. Mace
HAROLD L. MACE,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

c.c. Commanding General,
III Air Support Command,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Frank M. Hoppe

Frank M. Hoppe,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

Exhibit #8

June 3, 1943.

AAF 421 (668th Bomb. Sqdn.)

SUBJECT: Aircraft Marking for the 668th Bombardment Squadron (L).

TO : Commanding Officer, 416th Bombardment Group (L), Army Air Base, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

By authority delegated to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, by AG letter 400.161 (12-7-42) OB-S-A, dated December 19, 1942, the following insignia for the marking of aircraft of the 668th Bombardment Squadron (L), Army Air Forces, is approved:

AIRCRAFT MARKING: On a red disc, border white, edged black, a caricatured white goat, outlined black, running at top speed, emitting white speed lines, and butting disc to form large impact marks in shape of irregular star yellow and white, all in front of and over a large aerial bomb yellow falling to sinister base, between two yellow lightning bolts, points to sinister base, as per record drawing.

The insignia will face toward the front of the aircraft.

SIGNIFICANCE: The red background represents the squadron color, while the bomb and lightning bolt symbolize swift, light bombardment aviation. The shattered star portrays a march of power being crushed by the speed and striking force of righteousness, which is the goal the squadron desires to attain.

HISTORY: The 668th Bombardment Squadron (L) was constituted January 25, 1943, by AG 320.2 (1-24-43)OB-I-AF-M, dated January 25, 1943, and made active February 5, 1943. This unit has no other history and is not entitled to battle honors.

By command of General ARNOLD:

/s/ C. R. Frederick
/t/ C. R. FREDERICK,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Actg. Chief, Special Service Division,
Office of Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

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Exhibit #9

AAF 421 (670th Bomb. Sqdn.) 29 June 1943.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Marking for the 670th Bombardment Squadron (L).

TO : Commanding Officer, 416th Bombardment Group (L), Army Air Field, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

By authority delegated to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, by AG letter 400.161 (12-7-42) OB-S-A, dated December 19, 1942, the attached insignia for the marking of aircraft of the 670th Bombardment Squadron (L), Army Air Forces, is approved.

AIRCRAFT MARKING: On a light blue disc, border of three alternate bands blue, white, and orange, piped at inner side with white, a black caricature crow (Beaky the Bomber), in flight, having yellow bill, and wearing an orange aviator's helmet, goggles white, trimmed black, and carrying in the beak a large orange aerial bomb, all emitting speed lines white to rear; three white cloud formations, one in chief, one in sinister fess, and the last in dexter base, as per record drawing.

The insignia will face toward the front of the aircraft.

SIGNIFICANCE: The design depicts the bombing mission of the Squadron, and the speed and insolent expression on the face of "Beaky the Bomber" aptly portray the swift and audacious bombing attacks which the Squadron desires to attain.

HISTORY: The 670th Bombardment Squadron (L) was constituted 25 January 1943, by AG 320.2 (1-24-43) OB-I-AF-M, dated 25 January 1943, and made active 5 February 1943. This unit has no other history and is not entitled to battle honors.

By command of General ARNOLD:

1 Incl. Drawing.
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FRANK M. HOPPE
1st Lt., Air Corps
Group Historical Officer

C. R. FREDERICK,
Lieut. Colonel, Air Corps,
Actg. Chief, Special Service Division,
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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Exhibit #10

In reply refer to:
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Lake Charles, La.,
1 July 1943.

SUBJECT: Our Rights and Privileges.

TO : All Personnel 416th Group.

1. One of the chief reasons why we are involved in this persent war is that we refuse, even to the extent of loss of our lives, to sacrifice the loss of certain Rights and Privileges. Religious freedom is not the least among these privileges. General MacArthur said,"We have no atheist in fox-holes today."

2. Major Summers and others who recently returned from foreign duty say that almost all men attend Sunday services regularly over there, when given the opportunity.

3. It seems very peculiar in view of the above that attendanceat our Group's Service onSunday is so limited when this privilege is made so easily accessible. For the sake of our own spiritual needs, for thesake of setting good examples and directing attention of others in our midst to spiritual things, for the sake of honoring God and giving tribute to whom tribute is due, let us not ignore the hours of worship:

Protestant Services (Special for 416th Group) - Sunday, 8:15 A.M.
Protestant Services (Base)- Sunday, 10:15 A.M.
Catholic Masses-Sunday,6:15 A.M. and 9:15 A.M.

4. Our Group has made an outstanding record in all other endeavors. Let's not fail to make a similar showing in our religious duties. All Squadron Commanders will encourage their officers and men to attend Sunday services and will make provisions to have them relieved from duty at such time so they can be present.

5. Current time schedules of Sunday services will be posted at all times on all Squadron bulletin boards.

/s/ Richard D. Dick
/t/ RICHARD D. DICK
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Historical Officer

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Exhibit #11

AAF 421 (669th Bomb. Sqdn.) 28 July 1943.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Marking for the 669th Bombardment Squadron (L).

TO: Commanding Officer, 416th Bombardment Group (L), Lake Charles Army Air Field, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

By authority delegated to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, by AG letter 400.161 (12-7-42) OB-S-A, dated December 19, 1942, the following insignia for the marking of aircraft of the 669th Bombardment Squadron (L), Army Air Forces, is approved:

AIRCRAFT MARKING: Over and through a light blue disc, thin border red, piped white, a caricatured figure, "Sure Shot Sully", in western costume, consisting of brown hat, yellow shirt, white vest, gray trousers, black chaps, and brown holster about the waist with black and white revolver handle protruding from holster, standing in saddle over red saddle cloth strapped about the back of a caricatured tan and white pinto pony, snorting steam proper, and perched on a white cloud formation in base; orange aerial bomb being held aloft and hurled by right hand of "Sully".

The insignia will face toward the front of the aircraft.

SIGNIFICANCE: "Sure Shot Sully" never misses; he deals out death and destruction from his perch on the clouds. His faithful mount, camouflaged and powerful, is well aware of the objective of "Sully's" search and will serve his master to the last. The design depicts the untiring search of the Squadron for its objective and the driving home of the attack from the clouds.

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Aircraft Marking for the 669th Bombardment Squadron (L) (Cont'd.)

HISTORY: The 669th Bombardment Squadron (L) was constituted 25 January 1943, by AG 320.2 (1-24-43) OB-I-AF-M, dated 25 January 1943, and made active 5 February 1943.

This unit has no other history and is not entitled to battle honors.

By command of General ARNOLD:

Robert C. Jones

ROBERT C. JONES,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief, Special Service Division,
Office of Asst. Chief of Air Staff,
Personnel.

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17 AUG 1943

HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMB GP (L), LCAAF, Lake Charles, La.

TO: Commanding Officer, 669th Bombardment Squadron (L), Army Air Field, Lake Charles, La.

Noted.

For the Commanding Officer:

JAMES W. TOWNSEND,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 56thBOMB 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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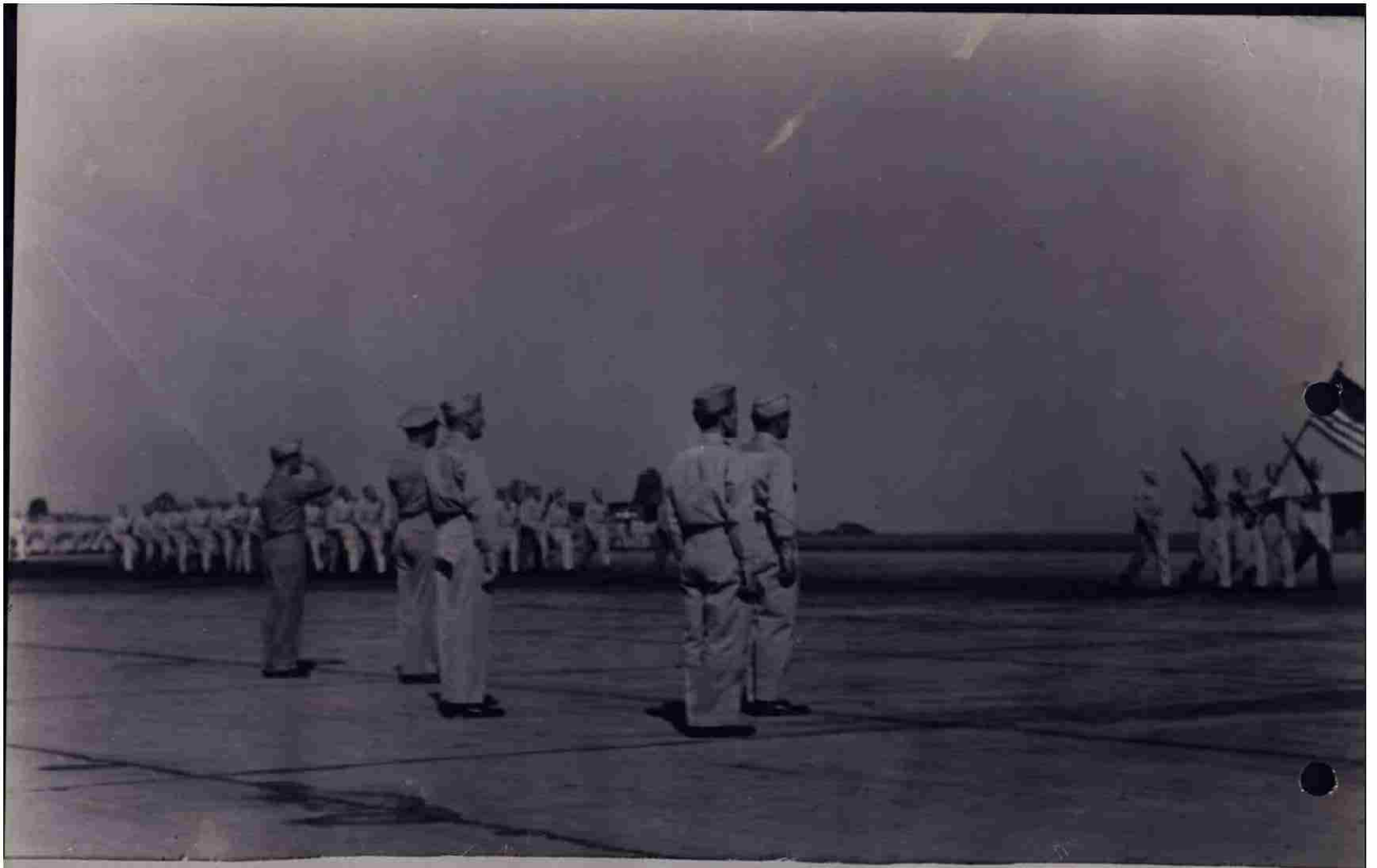

Exhibit # 12-A Combined Review of 416th Group and Base Complement on 12 August 1943, left to right:
LT. COL. RICHARD D. DICK....Commanding Officer-416th Bomb Gp(L)
COL. RICHARD E. LEE.....Commanding Officer-56th Bomb Training Wing
CAPT. WILLIAM P. THOMAS.....Intelligence Officer-416th Bomb Gp(L)
MAJ. JAMES B.TOWNSEND.....Group Adjutant-416th Bomb Gp(L)
MAJ. JULIUS B. SUMMERS.....Air Inspector-416th Bomb Gp(L)

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HEADQUARTERS III BOMBER COMMAND (C-11)
ARMY AIR BASE MACDILL FIELD
Tampa, Florida

Exhibit # 15

24 September 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 46)

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in letter AG 322 (15 Sept 43) OB-I-AFRFG-M, 16 September 1943, subject: "Reorganization of Certain Headquarters, Bombardment Groups (L)"; and General Orders number 350, Headquarters Third Air Force dated 21 September 1943, the following units are reorganized effective on 1 October 1943, in accordance with T/O 1-132, 29 May 1943:

Hq, 46th Bomb Group (L)
Hq, 409th Bomb Group (L)
Hq, 410th Bomb Group (L)
Hq, 416th Bomb Group (L)
Hq, 417th Bomb Group (L)

2. Filler personnel will be supplied from units of this command.

By command of Brigadier General PARKER:

EDWIN L. TUCKER,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

s/ HENRY B. HOFFMAN
t/ HENRY B. HOFFMAN
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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Frank M. Hoppe

FRANK M. HOPPE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Historical Officer

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In reply refer to.

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HEADQUARTERS
70TH ARMY AIR FORCES FLYING TRAINING DETACHMENT
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

8 September 1943.

Captain Harry T. Harding,
Lake Charles Army Air Base,
Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Dear Captain Harding:

The Commanding Officer of this station has requested me to convey to you the appreciation of this Detachment for your efforts in making our Labor Day Program such a huge success. The Bombardment Squadron from your Air Base climaxed our celebration with their aerial revue which was a magnificent spectacle and will long be remembered.

It is also desired and requested that you thank Colonel RICHARD D. DICK for us for bringing his Squadron of planes to our field and putting on the aerial revue.

Yours very truly,

Charles W. Wolfe

CHARLES W. WOLFE,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.

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Exhibit # 15- Sgt. James Chestnut having it out with the Umpire, Chaplain Prentiss C. Penticoff.

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HEADQUARTERS MEG/A-11

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP(L)

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

ARMY AIR FIELD,
Lake Charles, La.,
29 September 1943.

Subject; NCO Club.

TO : All NCO's This Group.

1. It is realized that places for relaxation and entertainment in Lake Charles and vicinity are very limited.

2. The Base and Group Commanders are interested in establishing an NCO Club on the Base.

3. A large building located about one-half mile from the Base can be moved to the Base, but the cost of moving must be paid.

4. A committee of NCO's inspected the building and reported it very suitable for a Club. The size is approximately 75 feet by 100 feet, with a good dance floor and a long bar.

5. Arrangements will be made to serve beer and meals to members and their families and guests at the NCO Club.

6. In order to meet initial expenses, move the building, establish the Club, etc., it is necessary for all men who are interested to sign below, indicating their willingness to contribute two dollars ($2.00) as an initiation fee. This will be collected September payday. This is not a monthly dues but merely anninitiation fee.

For the Commanding Officer:

s/ Martin H. Gureasko
t/ Martin H. Gureasko
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Gp Special Serv Officer

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1st Lt. Air Corps
Gp Historical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

Exhibit # 17

Army Air Field,
Lake Charles, La.,
23 October 1943.

SUBJECT : Farewell.

TO : The Officers and Men of 416th Bombardment Group (L).

It is with deep regret that I relinquish command of this group. It has been most gratifying to have so loyal a group of men to work with.

I know you will carry the 416th to outstanding glories. You may be sure that my thoughts will be riding with you wherever you go! I know you are all damn good soldiers, now prove it to the rest of the Air Force.

Good luck to you and to all Good Bye.

s/ Richard D. Dick
RICHARD D. DICK,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps.

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Exhibit # 17-A LT. COL. RICHARD D. DICK- first Commanding Officer of the 416th Bomb Group (L)

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Exhibit # 18

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

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 Annex1) 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 Sectin II of bivouac area.

c. 669th Bomb Sq (L) will depart cantonment area ar 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 meat can, a canteen, web belt, cup, knife, fork, spoon, gas mask, helmet liner, raincoat and blankets. Squadron Supply Officers will provide sufficiant tents and cots for men and officers of their Squadrons.

b. Each Squadron Commander will be responsible that ransportation 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 accomodate 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.

3. See Communications Annex.

THOMAS R. FORD,
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ John G. Napier,
/t/ JOHN G. NAPIER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Operations Officer

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COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX

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

b. (1) Command Posts.

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

Hq Section N. 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.

THOMAS H. FORD,
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

OFFICIAL:
/s/ John G. Napier
/t/ JOHN G. NAPIER,
Captain, Air Corps,
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MEDICAL ANNEX

1. The following provisions and instructions for Medical [illegible] evacuation, and protection of health of all units of the 416th Bomb [illegible] are published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

2. Supplies.
   a. Sources.
      (1) Squadron Aid Stations will draw all supplies from [illegible] 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 procurment of water supplied to the personnel.
      (1) All water will be obtained from LAAF.
      (2) Water from other sources will hot 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 responsoble 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 hotclear 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 soakage pits.
         2. Solid waste will be disposed of by burning.
   g. Shelter.
      (1) All bedding will be sunned one hour daily, weather permitting.

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h. Insect Control.
(1) Flies - There will be adequately protected from flies.
(2) Mosquitoes - Insect repellants 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.

THOMAS R. FORD,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ John G. Napier,
/t/ JOHN G. NAPIER,
Capt., Air Corps.,
Asst. Operations Officer.

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