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FROM 99TH COMBAT WING 04/1600A
TO COMMANDING OFFICER 416TH BOMB GROUP

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I CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR GROUP ON SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETING AN OPERATIONAL MISSION INTO AN ENEMY FIGHTER
NEST IN THE FACE OF BAD WEATHER, INEXPERIENCED OPERATIONAL
CREWS, AND THE OTHER DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH YOU ARE
FORCED TO OPERATE AT THIS TIME ALSO HAVING THE GOOD FORTUNE
OF ONE CREW SUCCESSFULLY ABANDONING A STRICKEN AIRPLANE.
YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS TODAY PROVE THAT YOUR TRAINING HAS BEEN
SOUND AND THAT YOU ARE READY FOR ALL TYPES OF COMBAT
WITHIN YOUR SCOPE. LET US CONTINUE THIS WORK FOREVER
STRESSING BOMBING ACCURACY AND PRECISION IN EVERY MOVE TO
ANNIHILATE THE ENEMY.

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