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AAP STATION 170

Exh #10- Aug 1944

FIELD ORDER

NUMBER 1)

APO 140, U. S. Army.

Maps: Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, East Anglia, 1:63360 and Appendix "A", to secret letter, this Headquarters, dated 16 August 1944, subj: "Movement Instructions".

1. a. (1) No change.
(2) Enemy Air Forces are capable of strafing or bombing columns of troops in intruder raids, day or night. Robot bomb raids possible day or night.
- b. (1) No change.
(2) Local air superiority is unquestioned but does not provide absolute protection against sneak attacks. No local protection against robot bomb attacks.
2. a. The 416th Bombardment Group (L) and allied units will execute a tactical move to consist of loading equipment, performing road march, bivouac overnight and return to Base sites.
b. Movement will take place on 21 August 1944 and return 22 August 1944.
3. a. Units to participate:
 - (1) 416th Bombardment Group (L) (Advance Echelons only)
 - (2) 79th Station Complement Squadron (Advance echelon only)
 - (3) 1297th Military Police Company (Entire organization)
 - (4) 2055th Engineer Fire Fighter Platoon (Entire organization)
 - (5) 199th Medical Dispensary (Entire organization)
 - (6) Det "MC", 40th Mobile Communications Squadron (Entire organization)
 - (7) 4th Combat Camera Unit (Advance Echelon only)
- b. Route (See afore-mentioned Appendix "A").
- c. Maximum effort of aircraft will be held available for missions.
- x. (1) In performing the tactical move as noted in paragraph 2a above, the units will be governed by the provisions of secret letter, this Headquarters, dated 16 August 1944, subj: "Movement Instructions".
(2) Traffic and Transportation:
 - (a) The first and last vehicle of each serial will display appropriate convoy numbers as directed by the Convoy Commander.
 - (b) The first vehicle of each serial will bear a blue flag and the last vehicle of each serial will bear a green flag.
 - (c) Rate of march--Fifteen (15) MPH.
 - (d) Distance between vehicles -- sixty (60) yards.
 - (e) Truck turrets will be manned.
 - (f) Convoy Commander will be responsible for march discipline and air defense.
4. a. An entrucking table as set forth in FM 25-10 will be furnished by the Convoy Commander to the Station Commander by 1000 hours, 20 August 1944.
b. No post, camp or station property will be moved.
c. For further information see secret letter, this Headquarters, dated 16 August 1944, subj: "Movement Instructions".
5. Communications -- See sub-paragraph 4 c above.

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By order of Lieutenant Colonel AXLESWORTH:

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OFFICIAL:

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AAF STATION 170*Exh #11- Aug 1944*APO 140, U.S. Army,
16 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Movement Instructions.

TO : Commanding Officers, All Units Alerted per Alert Order No. 34, Hq IX AF,
dated 12 May 1944.

I. a. Upon receipt of this letter all units concerned will immediately prepare to depart this station.

b. Uniform and equipment for this move will be as follows:

(1) OD uniform with field jacket and leggings.

(2) Full field equipment.

Note: Horseshoe roll to be carried which will contain pins, pole, shelter half, impregnated clothing and two (2) blankets. Vehicle drivers and assistant drivers will wear coveralls.

II. a. Vehicles will be loaded, dispersed in designated areas and camouflaged as of 2000 hours, 20 August 1944.

b. All equipment, supplies and baggage as shown on vehicle packing list previously submitted to Group 3-4 will be loaded.

c. Equipment to be moved by RTO will be segregated and listed as prescribed in Administrative Order No. 1, IX Bomber Command, dated 7 August 1944.

d. Vehicle packing lists will be prepared.

e. Unit Supply Officers will draw one and one-third day's supply of "K" rations for bivouac, subject rations to be carried in unit vehicles.

f. Water trailers and re-fueling units will be loaded.

g. Units will depart the base in serials prescribed by Convoy Commander at 0900 hours 21 August 1944. The first vehicle, first serial, in the convoy will pass Gate No. 1 at exactly 0900 hours.

h. Convoy will proceed as per attached Appendix "A" to destination. Rate of march to be fifteen (15) miles per hour. Arrival time 0930 hours.

i. Communications enroute will consist of motor messenger service utilizing Military Police escort as messengers.

j. Radio silence will be observed both enroute and upon arrival at destination.

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Ltr, Movement Instructions, dated 16 Aug 44, Continued.

II. k. Upon arrival at destination, units will proceed to areas designated by Appendix "A".

1. Personnel not travelling by vehicle will be marched to bivouac area and will arrive in their respective areas at 0930 hours.

III. a. Upon arrival in bivouac area each unit will:

- (1) Disperse and camouflage vehicles and equipment.
- (2) Set up Command Post.
- (3) Security measures and defense plans will be instituted.
- (4) Proper field sanitation measures will be initiated.
- (5) Set up first aid station.
- (6) Wire communications and message center will be established at the respective Command Posts as directed by the Group Communications Officer.
- (7) Post guards.

b. Equipment not needed to comply with the fore-going sub-paragraphs will remain on vehicles.

c. Units will be prepared for inspection at 0800, 22 August 1944.

d. Units will break camp in time to depart bivouac area at 1500, 22 August 1944. Breaking camp will be coordinated with Group Operations (Rear) so that there will be no interference with any mission which might be in progress.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AXLESWORTH:

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