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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 638, U.S.Army,
8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of 416th Bombardment Group (L), IX Bomber Command Field Order No. 225, Target Conches, on 6 March 1944.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 638, U. S. Army.

I. Route:

a. Chart showing track actually flown and track briefed. (See Annex "A").

b. The formation consisted of a box of twenty-one (21) ships; three flights of seven, with number 2 flight flown high and number 3 flight flown lower than lead flight. The formation made normal assembly and remained the same throughout the mission. Formation turned back because fighter rendezvous was not made.

II. Bombing: No bombs dropped.

III. Enemy Air Opposition: Nil.

IV. Anti-Aircraft Defenses: Nil.

V. Report of Airplanes Lost, Damaged, and Abortive on Operations:

None.

VI. Weather:

a. Weather Chart. (See Annex "B").

b. 1. Forecast:

BASE AT TAKEOFF: .4 to .5 medium clouds at 10-12000 feet. .6 to .7 low clouds with bases at 2500 and tops to 5000. Visibility 1-2 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Same as base with low clouds increasing to .6 to .8 over the channel with tops to 8000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles over the channel.

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TARGET: .2 to .3 low clouds with bases 2500 feet and tops to 5000. No low or middle cloud. Visibility 4-6 miles, light haze.

ROUTE BACK: .4 to .5 middle clouds at 10-12000 feet .6 to .8 low clouds with bases at 3000 feet and tops to 5500. Visibility 4-5 miles in light haze.

ICING: Light to moderate icing in all clouds.

2. Interrogation:

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. .8 cumulus with bases at 3000 feet. Wind 04-7 MPH.

ROUTE OUT: Climbed through overcast of .6-.8 cumulus with bases 4000 and tops to 7000. Visibility 4-5 miles under clouds and unlimited above them. Clouds increased to .7-.8 over channel with tops to 8-9000 feet. Decreased over France to .5-.6 with tops still to 8000. Turned back at French coast.

ROUTE BACK: Came down through break in clouds just off the English coast. Tops 5-6000 bases 3000. Clouds were .8-1.0 and condition existed on in to base. Visibility was 4-5 miles.

BASE ON RETURN: Visibility 3 miles. .9-1.0 stratocumulus with bases 3000. Surface wind 07 at 7 MPH.

WINDS: No wind checks were made but the formation was on course using the winds given.

VII. Communications Equipment:

a. Communications (YS) Report. (See Annex "C").

b. Four cases of interphone weak. Two cases of VHF weak due to improper tuning.

VIII. Fighter Escort: Fighter rendezvous was not accomplished.

IX. Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment:

(See Annex "D").

For the Commanding Officer:

George Schenkein

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

ANNEXES:

Annex "A" - Chart of Route Briefed and Route Flown.
Annex "B" - Weather Chart.
Annex "C" - Communications (YS) Report.
Annex "D" - Report of Malfunctions of Aircraft Equipment.

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COMMUNICATIONS (YS) REPORT

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND.

FROM: 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L).

FORM "YS" NO. Numbered Serially	A - YS - 5
DATE AND TIME OF OPERATIONS	B - 6 MARCH 1944 1145-1339
SQUADRONS & A/C DETAILED	C - 668 (6) A3-D2-C1-G-B2-F1; 669 (3) A2-E1-B1; 670 (6) C-A-B-M-F-E; 671 (6) T-A1-D-F2-E2-G1 Total 21
EQUIPMENT FAILURES AND CAUSE	D - 671 - E2, VHF weak due to improper tuning; 670 - A, VHF weak on channel A due to improper tuning. NOTE: 4 cases of interphone becoming weak in the air
NAVIGATIONAL AIDS USED	E -None
MF FIXES	F - NOT APPLICABLE
HF BEARINGS	G - Not applicable
SBA	H - Not applicable
VHF PERFORMANCE	I - Very Satisfactory
A/C TRANSMITTING ON COMMAND BOMBER TO BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	J - None
A/C RECEIVING ON COMMAND BOMBER (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	K - None
A/C TRANSMITTING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	L - 670-C (No fighters returning to base); 668-C1 (returning to base-used authentication)
A/C RECEIVING ON VHF (TYPE OF MESSAGE)	M - 670-C (acknowledgement from parade); 668-C1 (authentication and acknowledgement from parade)

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WING FREQUENCY (MESSAGES TO AND FROM)

N - None

REMARKS

O - Good VHF performance; replacing amplifier tubes in weak interphones