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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Exhibit #10

In reply refer to:
000.3Lake 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 present 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 attendance at our Group's Service on Sunday is so limited when this privilege is made so easily accessible. For the sake of our own spiritual needs, for the sake 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.

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