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 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.

THIS IS A TRUE COPY:

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