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Title PHOTOGRAPHS AND MISSION REPORTS: TARGET RAILROAD BRIDGE SIMMERN,

Added GERMANY

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10/2245

OIITA OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 07/10 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 10/2215A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PAR. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- PLAN "A" OR "B"
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) MUSKRAT
 - (3) PALLMALL
 - (4) RIPS AW
 - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) GENTRY
 - (4) & (5) SWEEPSTAKE
 - C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) SHAVING
 - (3) BYPASS
 - (4) RIPS AW

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 2215A
RL AR TO ITA BB TO GPS

OIJES R.....10/22245 10/2226A MC KKK
OIJPO R.....10/2227A AK K
OIJKI R.....10/2226A WN KKK
OIITA R.....10/2230A JP AR

284
DIST
S-2
S-3
S16
Rec'd
10/24/55

OIJES OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 09/10 OP OP
FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 10/2310A J-110-E
TO COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 2 FIELD ORDER 124-704.

- (1) TARGET: RR BRIDGE OVER SIMMERN RIVER AT L-839530 DESCRIBED ON 9TH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/T374 (AREA 1). ✓
- (2) OUR TARGET IS PART OF THE OVERALL RAIL INTERDICTION PROGRAM TO DISRUPT THE ENEMY SUPPLY ROUTES LEADING TO THE PRESENT ACTIVE FRONT, AND TO ISOLATE THIS BATTLEFIELD.
- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE:
9TH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/T374 (AREA 1) ✓
9TH AF 2ND PHASE REPORT IX TAC T/187 (AREA "A")
9TH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D604 ✓
US12/3861 PRINTS 5021, 5022, 5023 ✓
MAP COVERAGE: G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET T-2
- (4) FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS - SPECIAL NOTE OF ROUTE FROM L-0017 TO L-4020 ON BOTH PLANS.
- (5) TARGET IS WELL BEYOND THE BOMBLINE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 2310A
RL AR

OIJKI R.....10/2340A WN A AR

011TA 01JES 01JKI 01JFO 01JJF V 01JEA 01JEA 01/11 OP - OP
T (011TA T 01JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/0020A J-112-E

TO COMBOMBIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY I

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

11 JANUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 124-794

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER CURRENT BOMBLINE.

(2) 9TH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE P-38 ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS.

2ND T.A.F. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN LUXEMBOURG AND GERMANY.

PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR: 11/1200A

PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 11/1200A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4937N 0660E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

(1) CLERVAUX COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (P-779631)

(2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.

(4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.

(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.

(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

(7) 4942N 0649E.

(8) GIM S W TO N E.

(9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET 5902. 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 77916315, 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 77606310.

(10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.

(11) 4942N 0649E.

(12) T.O.T.: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.

(13) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED.

(14) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, GROUPS WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4937N 0660E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MINUTES.

X. (1-4) N) CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

(5) TARGET: SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)

(6) A/C REQ.: 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO 4941N 0654E TO 4957N 0652E TO I.P. TO TARGET.

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.

(9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.

(10) I.P.: 5007N 0700E.

(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: N W TO S E.

- (12) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT.
 US 10/T374, ANNOTATED AREA 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)
 (13) BOMBS: 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.
 (14) R.P. 5007N 0708E.
 (15) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING AND "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS,
 BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON TARGET E.T.A.

PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB. GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4855N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
 PLUS 41 MINUTES. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD.
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 83 MINUTES.

B. 416TH BOMB. GROUP.

- (1) CLERVAUX COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (P-779631)
 (2) 1ST BOX: 15 A/C, 2ND BOX: 18 A/C WITH ONE P.P.F. A/C.
 (4) BASE TO 4929N 0510E TO 4939N 0542E TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4939N 0542E TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING
 IS 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET 5902. ONE BOX
 ON GRID. COORD. 77916315, ONE BOX ON GRID. COORD. 77606310
 (TO BE USED FOR VISUAL BOMBING). P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID.
 COORD. 77916315.
 (10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINUTES.
 (13) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.
 (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY
 VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RES-
 PONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL
 DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
 (15) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING,
 GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4942N 0549E TO BEGIN RUN.
 (16) IF P.P.F. A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT
 EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

C. 416TH BOMB. GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4855N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
 PLUS 26 MINUTES. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD.
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MINUTES.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET - SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)
 (6) A/C REQ. - 1ST BOX: 15 A/C, 2ND BOX: 18 A/C BOMBING ON
 ONE P.P.F. A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO 4856N 0740E TO 4928N 0809E TO
 4935N 0758E TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET LEFT TO 5007N 0708E TO 4957N 0652E TO
 4941N 0654E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL
 BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
 (10) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US 10/T374,
 ANNOTATED AREA 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) TO BE USED FOR VISUAL
 BOMBING. P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 83905305.
 (11) BOMBS - 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC.
 TAIL. MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.
 (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY
 VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE
 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS, AND THEY WILL DO SO
 WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
 (13) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING,
 GROUPS WILL RETURN TO 5007N 0708E TO BEGIN RUN.
 (14) IF P.P.F. A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT
 EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMB ON GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT.
 IF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON
 TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) MUSKRAT
 (3) PALLMALL
 (4) RIPSAN

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) CENTRY

A. 117 - 147 NO CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET - SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)
- (6) A/C REQ. - 1ST BOX: 15 A/C, 2ND BOX: 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO 4856N 0740E TO 4928N 0809E TO 4935N 0758E TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET LEFT TO 5007N 0708E TO 4957N 0652E TO 4941N 0654E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
- (10) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US 10/T374, ANNOTATED AREA 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) TO BE USED FOR VISUAL BOMBING. P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 83905305.
- (11) BOMBS - 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS, AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
- (13) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING, GROUPS WILL RETURN TO 5007N 0708E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (14) IF P.P.F. A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMB ON GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT. IF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) MUSKRAT
- (3) PALLMALL
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) GENTRY
- (4) & (5) SWEEPSTAKE.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) SHAVING
- (3) BYPASS
- (4) RIPSAW

COMCETWIG 97

BT 11/1220A

SS/CW AR

OIITA R.....110119A NEH AR K
 OIJES R.....11/0119A FR AR K
 OIJPO R.....11/0119A SK AR K
 OIJKI R.....11/0119A WJF AR

OVITA OIJJF OIJES OIJKI OIJPO V OIJEA OIJEA 4/11 OF OP
T (OIIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/1525A J-115-E
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH : LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
11 JANUARY 1945

ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.124-704

CANCEL PLAN "A". PLAN "B" IN EFFECT.

CHANGE PAR 1.B. (2) TO READ :
(2) 19TH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE P-38 ESCORT FOR 409TH AND 416TH
BOMB GROUP.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ 11/1300A

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 11/1525A

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OIITA R.....111539A

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OIJKI R.....11/1539A

JF

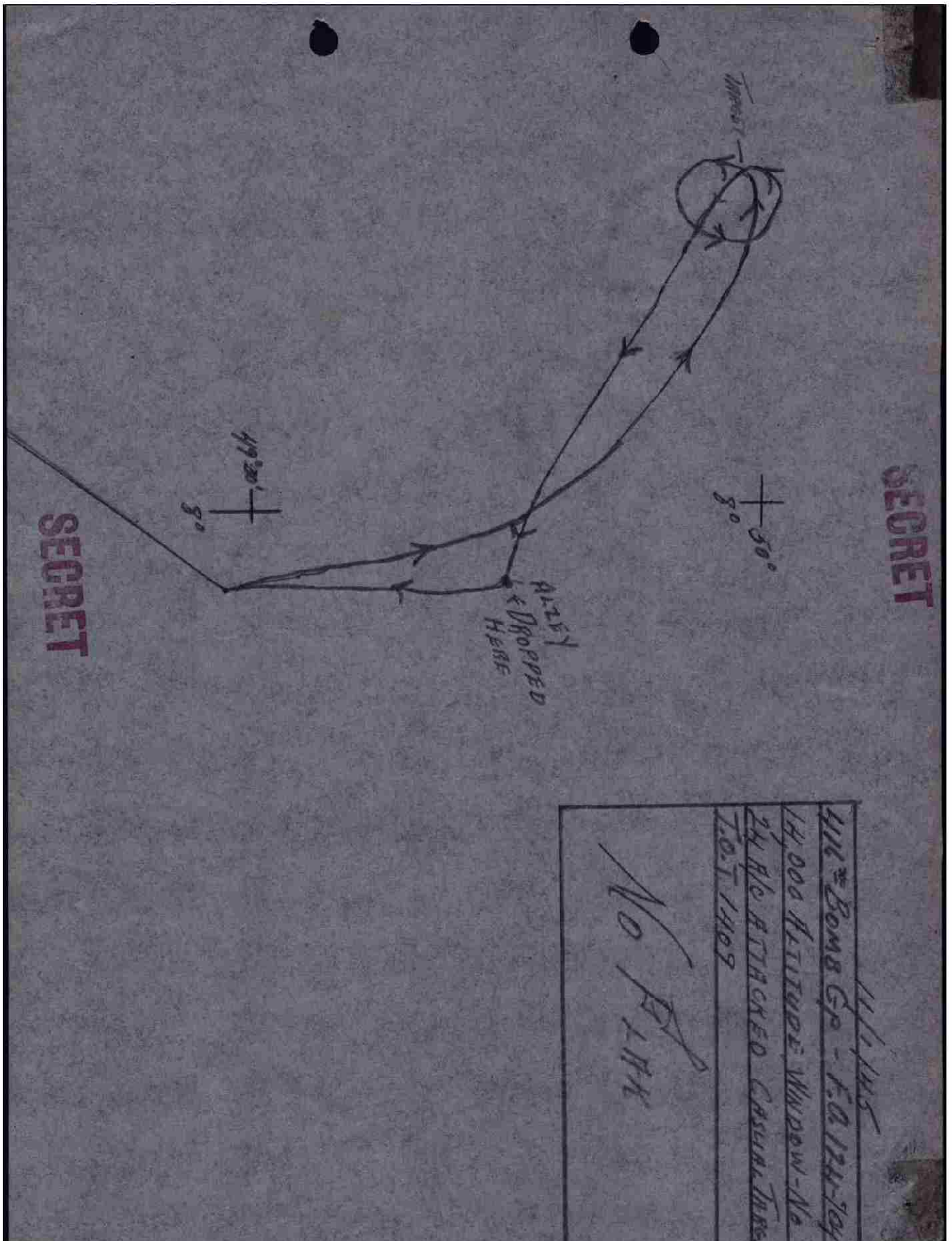
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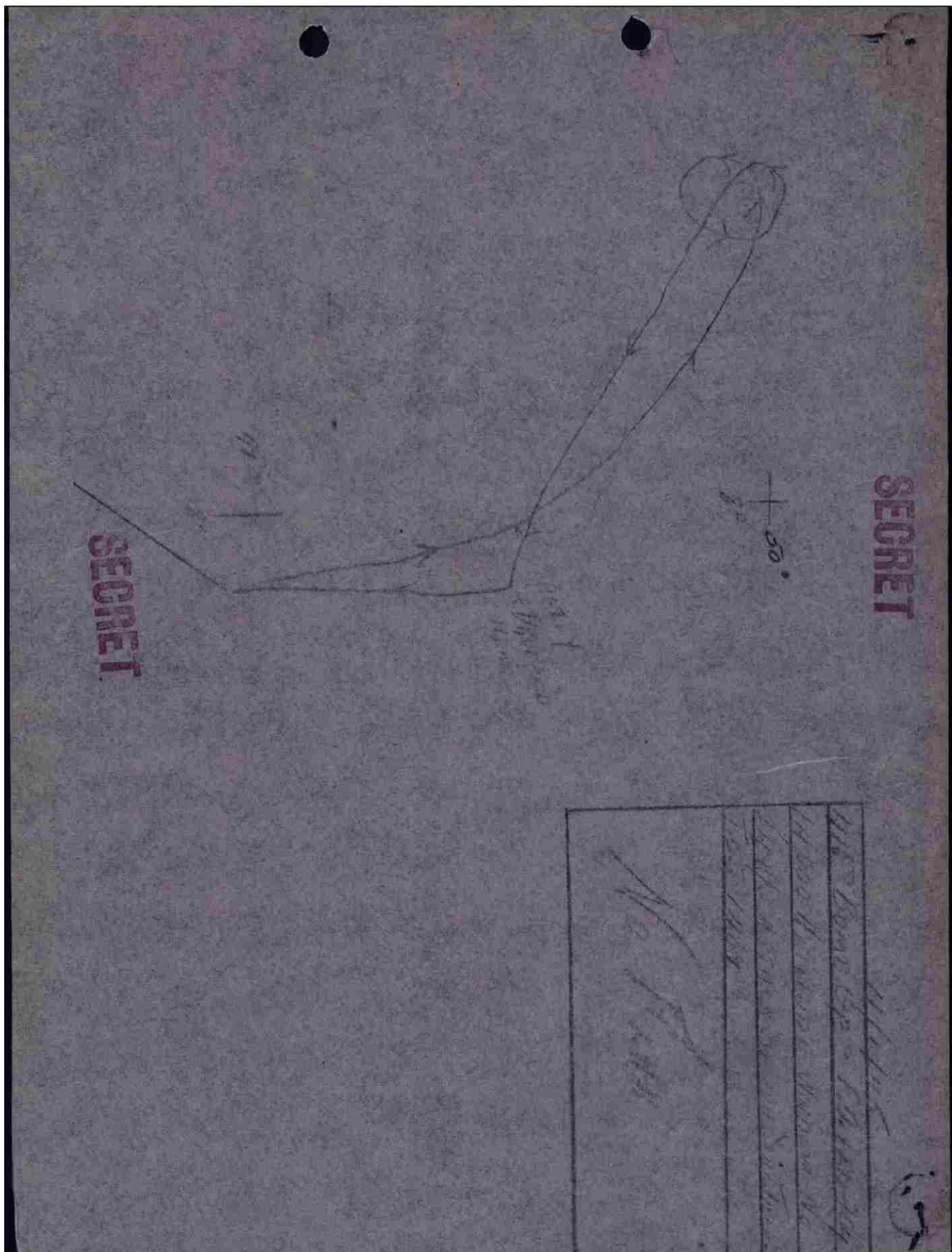
OIJES R.....111539A

JAB

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MONT





BOX I
FLIGHT I

EXX

1. 075 J
Capt. D.A. Balas
Lt. R. Conte
S/S W.W. Dannelly
Sgt C.J. Kruger

2. 023 K
Lt. R.E. Greenley
Lt. R.J. Bennett
Cpl V.F. Gross
S/Sgt A.H. Hinson

3. 229 B
Lt. D.W. Sorrele
S/Sgt V.A. Malara
Major H.A. Franck

W I N D O W
1. 467 W
Capt. R.J. Tutt
Lt. J.T. Beck
Sgt W. Wood
Cpl D. Schwartzapel

W I N D O W
2. 614 A
Lt. H. Popeney
S/S H.O. S. Candler
S/S W.E. Drenth

3. 173 W-1
Lt. L.E. Cannon
S/S E.P. Braszinski
S/S J.W. Sylva

FLIGHT II

1. 106 E
Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
S/S O.R. Orvold
S/S A.E. DiMartino

2. 265 V *not Airborne*
Lt. A.J.P. Winn
S/S G.G. Stephenson

3. 234 P
Lt. J.H. Miller
S/S R.G. Schren

4. 284 O
Lt. A.E. Hansen
S/S J.O. Young

5. 211 K
Lt. J.W. Spires
Cpl R.W. Messinger

6. 239 H *Returned Early... No Hostile*
Lt. D.M. Eastman
S/S A.B. Eaton

FLIGHT III

1. 185 G
Lt. C.J. Brown
Lt. J.E. Burns
S/S H.E. Sunderland
Sgt H.K. Miller

2. 237 D
Lt. D.A. Pere
S/Sgt A.A. Rojas

3. 208 L
Lt. J.C. Gary
S/Sgt R.W. Cheuvront

4. 326 W
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/S O.F. Hiss

5. 210 J-1 *not Airborne*
Lt. L.W. Edstrom
Cpl F.A. Pompe

6. 250 A *Returned Early... No Hostile*
Lt. M. Hallman
Cpl A. Holt

SPARE

271 R
Lt. R.H. Hackley
Cpl O.T. Hawk

MISSION NO. 189
11 JANUARY 1945
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MISSION NO. 189

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

11 JANUARY 1945

1. 085 T
Capt. E.D. Stebbins
Lt. A.S. Callaway
S/S W.J. Brown
S/S J.J. McGuire

4. 244 I
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/S L.R. Getgen
S/S G.B. Scott

2. 241 F
Lt. M.S. Street
Lt. G.M. Anderson
S/S F.P. Sanford

5. 378 O
Lt. D.W. Smith
Cpl R. DeStefano

3. 238 M *not Airborne*
Lt. G.S. Butler
S/S H.B. McGlain

6. 313 B
Lt. R.K. Johnson
Cpl H.N. Brandt

FLIGHT II

1. 081 P
Lt. C.J. Andersen
Lt. W. Babbage
S/S E.S. Schafer
Cpl W.H. Fidler

4. 219 F
Lt. F.W. Harris
Sgt G.W. Williford

2. 188 R
Lt. J.H. Montross
S/S R.S. Gandy

5. 264 I-1
Lt. W.W. Annin
Sgt J.L. Pauker

3. 233 E-1
Lt. J.P. Kenny
S/S J.J. Sittarich

6. 290 L
Lt. L.J. Prucha
T/S G.C. Wilson

FLIGHT III

1. 315 L-1
Major H.F. Conant
S/S L.C. Burger
Lt. C.O. Porter

4. 212 K
Lt. D.B. Grunig
S/S M.E. Dias *not Airborne*

2. 235 H-1
Lt. S.H. Sheley
Sgt R.V. Paladino *not Airborne*

5. 296 D
Lt. M. Erretabere
Cpl E.A. Bowie

3. 222 S
Lt. W. Hicgrave
S/S H.O. Seighman

6. 334 G
Lt. J.O. Sewell
S/S J.A. Humer

SPARE

367 H-1
Lt. J.A. Willard
Cpl C.V. Hinker

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BOX II

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INTER.FORM

PILOT

Prucha

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BOX

III

CASUALTIES

BOLTS :

4 K 1000

O.N. Perry

BATTLE DANCE

RETURNED

Y.

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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X X
X X

MAZ
INTERROGATOR

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E/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Hulse A/C# 075 BOX I

CASUALTIES				BATTLE DAMAGE		
BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	"A"	"A-C"
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED	:	:
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>	:

FLAK: nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil.

OBSERVATIONS: Weather clear ->

PPF dropped visual. He lost me. I'd planned to drop visual before that, see box out. We bombed on him. PPF headed 50° - then 330° then 330° + turned off to abt 50° - the next check pt was a large river. Bombed, then abt 310° - last to fix don't kitchen. Then followed PPF + until abt. Tramben - Ten back. (1420)

Window ships didn't get off.
Hard to do Pilotsage. Time was just right, heading, not.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

Bombed at 14,400 (Indicated)
at 1409 1/2

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PILOT Edstrom A/C # 210 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTERY DAMAGE			
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

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INTER. FORM

PILOT Winn AC# 265 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	INITIAL DAMAGE	TIME	DATE	TIME
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	X	JETTICORDED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X

INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR.FORM

PILOT Wallman A/C# 250 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>PARACHUTE DAMAGE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
	<u>X</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>	:	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>	<u>JEPTISONED</u>	:	:	:	:

FLAK: Returned Early

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORELATION

		X			:
	X		X		:
		X			:
	X		X		:
					:
					:
	X		X		:
X				X	:
	X			X	:
X				X	:

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM
PILOT Castman A/C# 239 BOX I

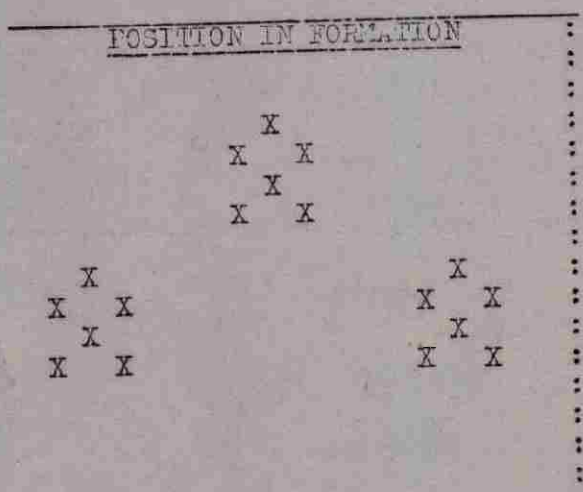
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	<u>ON</u>	REPAIRS	<u>DAMAGE</u>		
	<u>X</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>				
	<u>X</u>	<u>DETTONED</u>				

FLAK: Returned Early

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



INTERROGATOR

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CONFIDENTIAL

INTERFORM

PILOT Brown AC# 185 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		QTY	ON	BATTERY DAMAGE		
				"A"	"B-C"	"E"
	X 500		RETURNED	:	:	:
	X		JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLICK:

no flock

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

but on R/R and to left
did not see bridge

TOT 1409

hand camera - took pic.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X

X X

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PILOT Lew A/C# 237 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON	BATTERY DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED				
		X		JETTISONED				

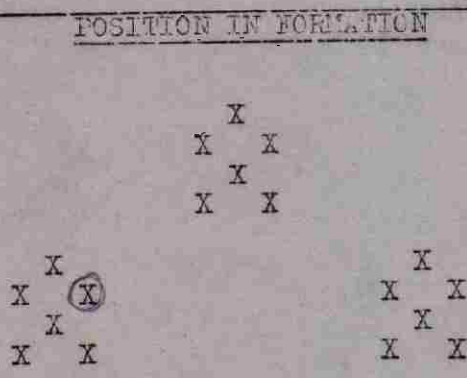
FLAK: no flak

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS: P 38

window frosted - could not see target

Camera _____



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PILOT Hackley A/C# 271 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X 1000</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED				
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

no flak

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

could not identify target -
did not see bomb hit.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
		X		
X	X			X
X	X			X

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A/C # *233*

BOX *X I*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

4 *X 1000* ON

RETURNED

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DAMAGE

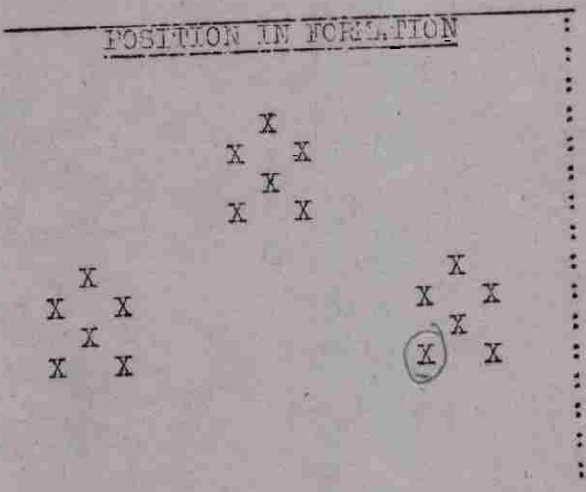
WATER

WIND

FLAK:
no flak

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:
*did not see bridge - saw
bombs hit just north of town*



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PILOT Gary A/C# 208 BOX I

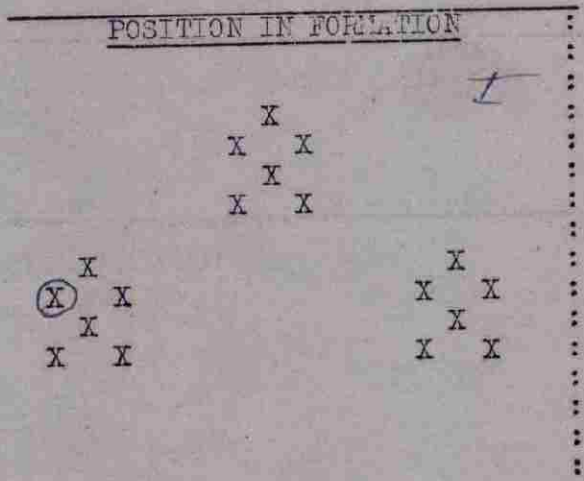
CASUALTIES _____

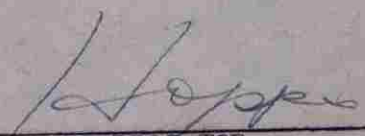
BOMBS : 3 X 1000 ON P.T. : BATTLE DAMAGE
1 X 1000 rack and stove : RETURNED
1 X 1000 : JETTISONED

FLAK: 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P 38

OBSERVATIONS:




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PILOT Muller A/C# 234 BOX I

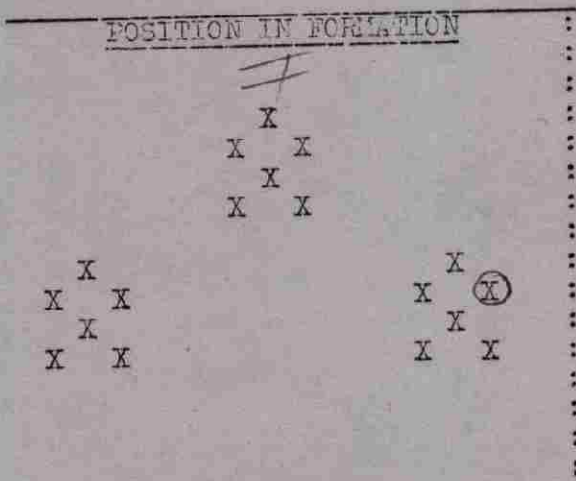
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>121.2</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>	WATTLE DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED				
		X		JETTISONED				

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 20 damn cold



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PILOT Spires A/C# 211 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

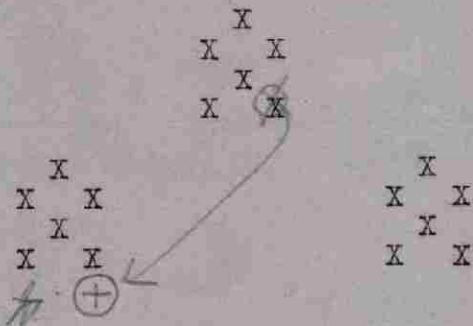
BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	ON	<u>para</u>	CRATER DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED					
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED					

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

POSITION IN FORMATION :



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PILOT Herman A/C# 284 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		WAS	WAS	WAS
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:
		:	:	:

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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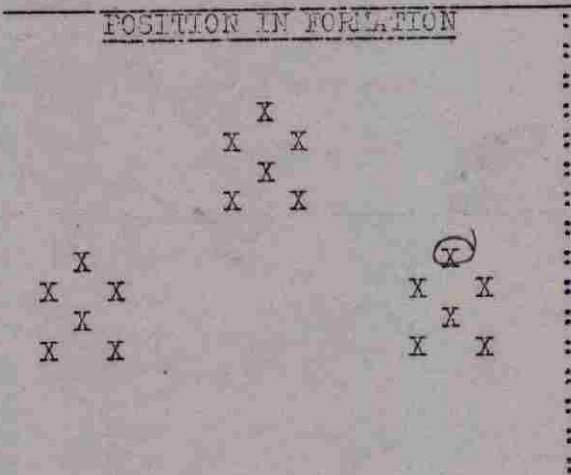
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PILOT Lackovich A/C# 106 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____
BOMBS : 4 350- ON P. EXTENT DAMAGE
 X RETURNED : YES : NO : YES
 X JETTISONED : YES : NO : YES

FLAK: no flak.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
no e/s.

OBSERVATIONS:
Dropped on PFF SE of target.
Large RR bridge seen over main. pictures
taken in # 106 E.
Bombs hit on road on R.R. no hits seen of
bridge. most to left of bridge.
at 1412 m of loaded with trains.
Pictures were taken.



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PILOT Greenly A/C# 023 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 500 ON P. BATTER DAMAGE

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1 flight hit on tracks. could not identify bridge. most bombs hit to left of track.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X
X X
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X X
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X X
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PILOT Withington A/C# 326 BOX 1

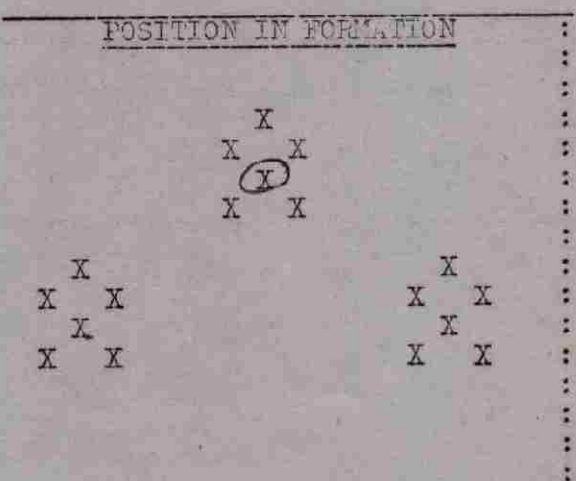
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>4</u> <u>X/000</u> ON <u>P</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		CRASH	CR-ON	PER
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS: bombs spread widely on
tracks and target. could not identify
bridge.



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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

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WATER DAMAGE

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RETURNED

Y

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

no obs.

could not see bombs

POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT Harris A/C# 219 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>3</u>	<u>X 1000</u>	ON	EXACTED DAMAGE			
	<u>1</u>	<u>X 1000</u>	RETURNED				
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	<u>hite</u>			

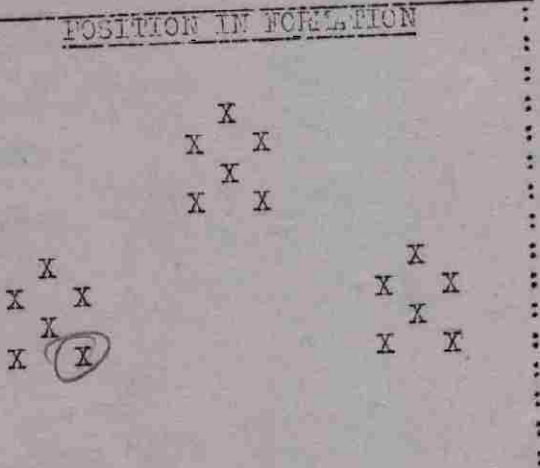
FLAK: hite

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS:

near Shackle was on side but other was out, checked OK before leaving. Gunner put pins back in & noted discrepancy.



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PILOT Smith R.E. A/C# 378 BOX II

CASUALTIES			
BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	ON
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	
	<u>X</u>	REJECTED	

FLAK:
no flak

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

didn't see a damn thing - no bridge - no bomb hits

POSITION IN FORMATION

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

ORIGIN OF BOMBS:

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PILOT Willard A/C# 367 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

no flak

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

saw bombs hit in fields to left of RPR - saw bridge but could not identify it as target

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X (X)

  X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X

      X
     X X
      X X
     X X
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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

4

X 1000

ON *Primary*

BATTLE DAMAGE

Y

RETURNED

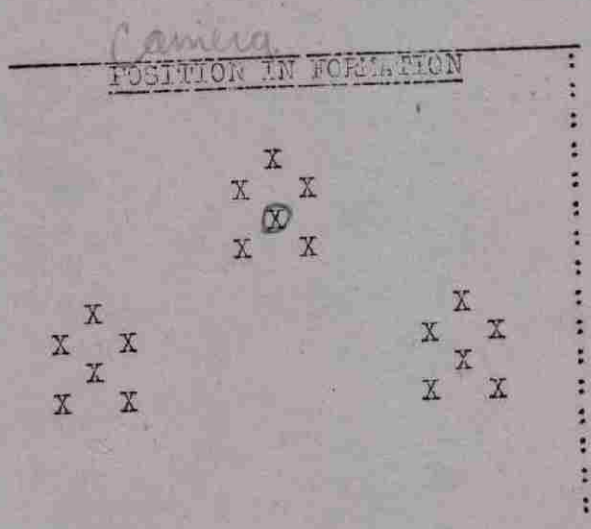
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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Montrose A/C# 188 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RAPID DAMAGE	W-CH	W-CH
<u>3</u> X <u>1000</u>				
<u>1</u> X <u>1000</u>	RETURNED			
<u>1</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

tripp screw wasn't reset

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
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X X
X X

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PILOT Conant A/C # 315 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-J"	"E"
4	X	1000			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK: 2 bursts on left - 2 on left - not after TA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P-38's in single file
 & maneuvered in and out all the time -
 Berger.

OBSERVATIONS: ~~some~~ dump - as described above
for small AIF. in woods T-shaped
kuts in woods - 10 - along road
1/2 mi. from field (small with
snow) 1410

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POSITION IN FORMATION

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

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PILOT Johnson R. K. A/C# 313 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3	X	1	600	ON	PARACHUTE															
1	X	1	600	RETURNED																
X				JETTISONED																

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: release mechanism Fuses on 1 each.

CASUALTIES _____

FLAK: _____

POSITION IN FORMATION _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

	X																			
	X		X																	
		X																		
	X		X																	

OBSERVATIONS:

X	X			X																
X		X		X	X															
(X)	X			X	X															

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CASUALTIES.

BOMBS 3

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DETROIT

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS:
Bombs fell to left of town. Believed to
be near target.

Pasture of Conway taken by gunner
on road about 3 minutes off the target
on route home.

POSITION IN FORMER PLON

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

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X X
X X

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A/C# *085*

BOX *II*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

X

ON

4

X 500

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

REMARKS

"A-C"

"B"

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs burst in wide pattern. Believed to hit in a town & Road or R.R. near town.

Alzey - believed to be town hit by bombs. See fix taken by B/N.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

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X X

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CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :

3 X *500*

ON

BATTER DAMAGE

1 X *500*

RETURNED

1 X

JETTISONED

nil

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

*One bomb froze up - dropped on
doors on return.**Probably bombed AL ZEY (SE of target)**based on G fix + DR by Callahan (?) B/N
who followed + made fix at 1410 (just
after combo a/c) - saw Pown which*

POSITION IN FORELATION

	X	
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	X	
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X		X
	X	
X		X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

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*would be abt right +
heading of PPF ship which
afterward crossed just E of
Rhine would tend to
confirm this.**Shut*

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CASUALTIES.

BOLBS :

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FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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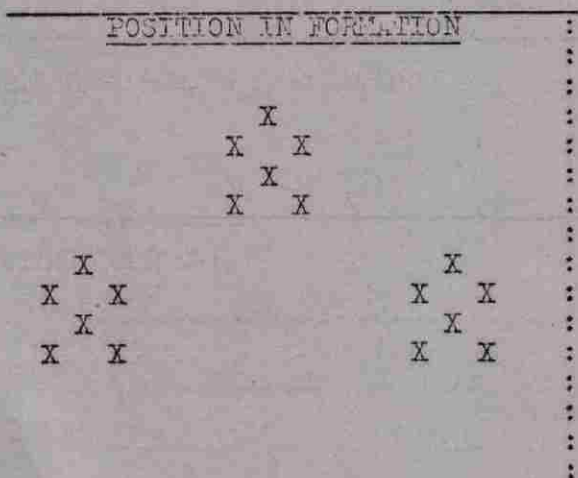
PILOT Crotahere A/C# 296 BOX II

CASUALTIES				
BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLES DAMAGE	
	X	RETURNED		
	X	DETACHED		

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Luning A/C# 212 BOX II

CASUALTIES									
BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE						
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	X	RETRISORND	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X

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PILOT Musgrave A/C# 222 BOX II
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	:"	:"	:"
	X	JEPTISONED	:"	:"	:"

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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CASUALTIES

BOLBS :

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RETURNED

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JEFFERSON

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT Butler A/C# 238 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

FLAK:

POSITION IN FORMATION			:
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:			:
	X		:
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	X		:
X		X	:
GROUNDED AIRCRAFT:			:
X	X	X	:
X		X	:
X	X	X	:

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CASUALTIES

BOLBS :

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN POPULATION

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

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BATTLE DAMAGE

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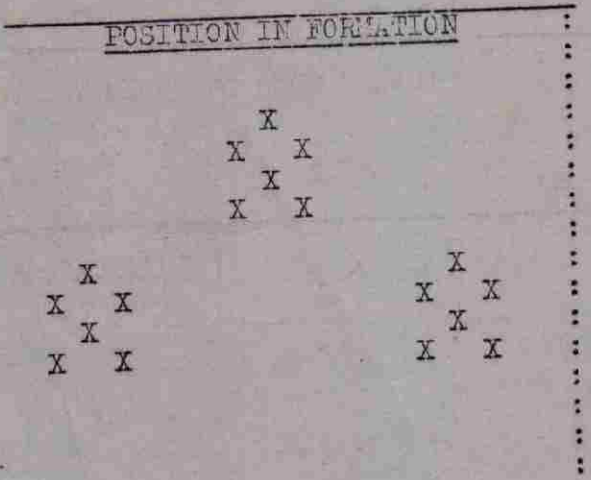
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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

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RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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416 TF	9th B.D. (W) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 11 JANUARY 1945	SIMMERN
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		ALZEY (Casual)
	FIRST PHASE	
	INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED SIMMERN RR BRIDGE PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.T.I. CENTER OF RAILROAD BRIDGE

A.P. SAME

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 21 A-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 24
6 A-20's

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 18's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 20 x 500 GP 71 x 1000 GP 1/10 -- 1/100

F. BEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 60°

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1409 $\frac{1}{2}$

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

LARGE NUMBER OF RR CARS IN M/Y.

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I -- PNB : All A/C bombed as one box. Selected as casual target M/Y
(PBB) in town of ALZEY, 31.6 miles SE of Primary. REF: Map
1:100,000 SHEET T-2 (Coordinates 265290). Bombs hit in
long pattern in fields 2500 ft N. of M/Y. Bombs from one
or two A/C hit on highway damaging same.

P.R.C.

Clayton W. Zesiger
CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Intelligence Officer.

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IX B.C.S-2-Form No. 10613 Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET :	IX BC 97TH	WING	:	
:	:	:	:	:	416TH
:	:	DATE	:	:	GROUP
:	:	:	:	:	
:	:	ATTACKING UNITS	:	:	
:	:	:	:	:	
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	:	:	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____
 A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACKED _____ MILES FROM PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED _____ FUSING NOSE TAIL
 _____ FUSING NOSE TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

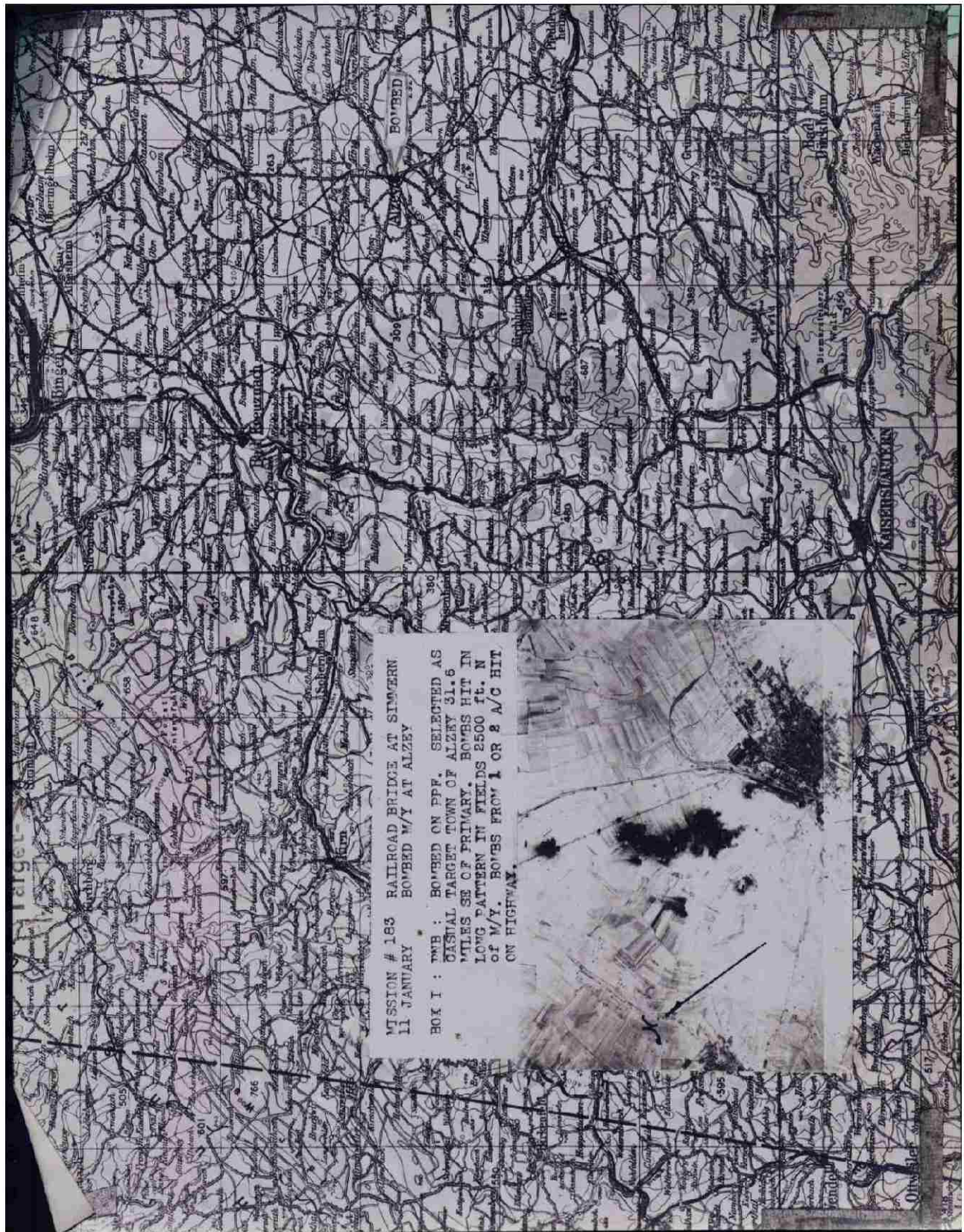
I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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Box #	Opstrl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		11 Jan 45				Capel Air Base	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Feil to Bomb	ATT	Boat	11st	A/C	Dem	E/A	Pers.
Log No.	Reason	T	S	O	T	S	T	R
1 075	4x500				4			
2 023	4x500				4			
3 029					4			
1 106	4x500				4			
2 265								
3 234					4			
4 284					4			
5 211					4			
6 239								
1 185	4x500				4			
2 237					4			
3 208					8			
4 236					4			
5 210								
6 250								
1 271					4			

Hulse
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Sorells Greenley
209 023

Brown
185
Kachourch
106

Gary Fero
208 237
W. Huntington
326
Miller Winn
234 265

Herman
284
Walmartstrom Eastman Spies
232 210 239 211
Hackley
271

16x500 1x1500 Ret
31x1500

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary _____	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary _____	X	_____
Bombs on Other _____	X	_____
Bombs Returned _____	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned _____	X	_____ Where _____

(Obtained from Recaps)

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

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333

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-200's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____ Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	_____ X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____ X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____ X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____ X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____ X	_____ Where _____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-29G's _____ A-29J's (obtained from Ops)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.F. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)			Where _____

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Box #	CPSFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader																
II																						
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb List	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.																
Loc No.	Fusion	T	S	O	T	S	J	F	R	N	D	A	A	C	B	E	D	P	D	K	W	M
1	085																					
2	241																					
3	238																					
4	333																					
5	378																					
6	313																					
1	081																					
2	188																					
3	233																					
4	219																					
5	264																					
6	290																					
1	315																					
2	235																					
3	222																					
4	212																					
5	296																					
6	334																					
1	367																					

Box Leader
Carlet
Stebbins

F/O
TOT
L/D

15 min.

Stebbins
085
Butler Street
238
291

Allen
333
Johnson Rk. Smith DE
313
378

Conant
315
Andersen
081

Musgrave
235
Kenny
233
Montrose
188

Grubing
212
Harris
219

Sewell
296
Frost
290
Annin
264

Willard
367

333
367
36 X 1,000
4 X 500
4 X 1,000 RLY

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type: _____

A-20C's _____

A-20J's (obtained from Opns) _____

(3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.

Recall due to weather _____

Personnel _____

Mechanical _____

Other Reasons _____

(4) No. a/c bombing. _____

Primary. _____

Secondary. _____

Other. _____

(Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

(1) Time up _____

T.O.T. _____

Time Down _____

(Obtained from Tower). _____

D.

(1) No. a/c _____

Missing _____

Destroyed _____

Damaged _____

Damaged _____

{cat. B/C)

{cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
(Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	X	_____
Bombs on Other	X	_____
Bombs Returned	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	X	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where _____

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Cannon
 473
 614
 12H
 467

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)			Where _____

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Ops)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	_____ X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____ X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____ X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____ X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____ X	_____ Where _____

(Obtained from Recaps)

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BUTLER ✓
 SHELEY ✓
 MUSGROVE ✓
 GRONIG ✓
 ERROTABERE ✓
 SEWELL ✓
 WINN ✓
 Edstrom ✓
 TUTT ✓
 POPENEY ✓
 CANNON ✓

Wollman & Fastman

20 X 500 }
~~27~~ X 1,000 } Dropped

Capt. Sted 4 X 500 }
 5 X 1,000 } Returned



Operational Summary

To CG, 9th Bomb Division, ATN A-2
 CG, 9th Combat Wing, ATN A-2

From 416th Bomb Grp (L)

OPTIM for 14, ~~15~~ JANUARY 1945

A. 416th Bomb Grp (L)

B. Simmern R.R. Bridge

C. 6 A-20s + 21 A-26s

D. 5 A-20s + 19 A-26s on Casual Targets, bombed by PPF

E. 1 A-26 returned early because nose wheel would not retract
 and Airspeed indicator froze up

1 A-26 returned early because nose wheel would not retract
 and left engine oil pressure went down and a propeller could
 not stay in formation

1 A-20 did not drop because bomb bay doors would not open

F. 20 x 500 GPs on Alzey (Casual Target) by A-20s

21 x 1000 GPs on Alzey (Casual Target) by A-26s

4 x 500 GPs returned by 1 A-20

5 x 1000 GPs returned by A-26s

G. Unobserved (See ^{indicate} ~~lines~~ That bombs were dropped
 (M-2626)
 on Alzey instead of primary, bombed by PPF

H. Nil

I. Nil

J. Nil

K. N. L.

L. 14,400 1st Box
14,000 2nd Box

M. 1409 $\frac{1}{2}$

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 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 111730A J-130-D
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION, ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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 OPFLASH FOR 11 JANUARY 1945

- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
- B. SIMMERN R.R. BRIDGE
- C. 6 A-20'S AND 21 A-26'S
- D. 5 A-20'S AND 19 A-26'S ON CASUAL TARGET.
- E. 1 A-26 RETURNED EARLY BECAUSE NOSEWHEEL WOULD NOT RETRACT AND AIRSPEED INDICATOR FROZE UPM.
 1 A-26 RETURNED EARLY BECAUSE NOSEWHEEL WOULD NOT RETAXXX
 RETRACT AND LEFT ENGINE OIL PRESSURE WENT BELOW MINIMUM.
 1 A-26 DID NOT DROP BECAUSE BOMB BAY DOORS NET DID NOT OPEN.
- F. 20 X 500 GPS ON TARGET BELIE ED TO BE ALZEY (CASUAL TARGET)
 BY A-20'S
 71 X 1000 GPS ON TARGET BELIECED TO BE ALZEY (CASUAL TARGET)
 BY A-26'S
 4 X 500 GPS RETURNED BY 1 A-20
 5 X 1000 GPS RETUNED BY A-26'S
- G. UNOBSERVED (GEE FIXES INDICATE THAT BOMBS E/// WERE DROPPED ON
 ALZEY (M-2626) INSTEAD OF PRIMARY, BOMBED ON PPF. AIRCRAFT
 WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. 14,000 FIRST BOX
 14,000 SECOND BOX
- M. 1409 1/2.

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 JEA R.....11/1815A LEG KKKK

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FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 111955A J-135-D
TO HQ 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) A-2 P/I
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING (L) A-2 DUTY O.

SECRET OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

B. ALZEY M/Y

G. 1409 1/2

J. BOX I --PNB : ALL A/C BOMBED AS ONE BOX. SLECTED AS CASUAL
(PPF) TARGET M/Y IN TOWN OF ALZEY, 31.6 MILES SE OF PRIMARY.
REF: MAP 1:100,000 SHEET T-2 (COORD. 265290). BOMBS
HIT IN LONG PATTERN IN FIELDS 2500 FT N. OF M/Y.
BOMBS FROM ONE OR TWO A/C HIT ON HIGHWAY DAMAGING SAME.

K. NO UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORT.

M. 1. -- 6 -- 100 PERCENT
2. -- 0 -- 0 PERCENT
3. -- 0 -- 0 PERCENT

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JEA R.....11/2042A RL AR

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AUTH: CO 37A

DATE: 13 Jan. 1945

INIT:

TO:

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 123 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 11 Jan. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 123 07th and 10 02nd 304

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target German Railroad BridgePlace of take-off Station 1-33Place of landing Station 1-33Take-off time 1107Landing time 1144Time over target 1105Bombing Altitude 11000Nature of mission BombingOther NoneWeather Light 1/10 partly cloudy, visibility 5 miles.Results UnobservedEnemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 4-25's 64-25's 19

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

4-25's 64-25's (normal)4-25's 194-25's (normal)

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None(2) Personnel: None

(3) Mechanical: 1 - 4-25 bomb door would not retract and air speed indicator failed. 1 - 4-25 bomb door would not retract and left engine oil pressure went below minimum. 1 - 4-25 lost for bomb door's toggle switch in-

correctly connected (4) Other: None4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None5. Destroyed - before reaching target None

giving cause where known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None

target giving cause where known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) None8. Sorties 4-25's 64-25's 19

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20's - 25:03A-26's - 7:55b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20's - 9000 x .50 calibreA-26's - 4,200 x .50 calibreb. Expended on operations Nonec. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20's 24 x 500 GP's Fused 1/20N 1/100TA-26's 24 x 1000 GP's Fused 1/20N 1/100Tb. Expended on operations: A-20's - 20 x 500 GP's(List targets separately) A-26's - 79 x 1000 GP'sc. Jettisoned Noned. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c Nonee. Total Returned A-20's 4 x 500 GP'sA-26's 5 x 1000 GP's

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

a. Destroyed Noneb. Prob. Dcs Nonec. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. SIMMERN R. R. BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 - CASUAL TARGET RAILROAD BETWEEN ALTENBAMBERG & HODSLATTEN JUST SOUTH OF BAD KREUZNACH - PFF EQUIPMENT FAILURE BOMBED CASUAL ON NORDEN
- E. NONE
- F. 3 X 500 GP ON CASUAL 1 X 500 GP RETURNED RACK MALFUNCTION
- G. POOR ON CASUAL
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 14,100 ON CASUAL
- M. 1410 ON CASUAL

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. SIMMERN R. R. BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26.
- D. ONE B-26.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP
- G. GOOD
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF TARGET AREA
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500
- M. 1423

CO FIRST PATHFINDER SQDN

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JES R VIA JEA	12/1212A	JW	AR
JPO R VIA JEA	12/1212A	MW	AR
JKI R VIA JEA	12/1225A	WJF	AR
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
12 January 1945MISSION SUMMARY

11 January 1945

Section I

Field Order 704

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
344 BG	Houffalize (P-610718) (Communication Center)	Box I - Poor (PFF) Box II - Unsat. (PFF)
416 BG	Simmern (L-839530) (Rail Bridge)	Box I - P.N.B. (PFF) Box II - P.N.B. (PFF)
409 BG	Simmern (L-839530) (Rail Bridge)	Box I - Unsat. (PFF) Box II - Unsat. (PFF)
410 BG	Clervaux (P-779631) (Communication Center)	Box I - Superior Box II - Excellent
397 BG	Clervaux (P-779631) (Communication Center)	No attack
394 BG	Ortho/Bertogne (P-506695) (Road Bridge)	No attack
323 BG	Ahrweiler (P-521152) (Rail Bridge)	No attack

Two full groups failed to attack. One group did not bomb due to PFF equipment failure and flak which damaged lead a/c on 2nd run. The other group was recalled as PFF a/c could not take off. Only 2 PFF a/c which were to lead another group were airborne when mission was scrubbed.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

aircraft of three groups attacking two communication centers and a rail bridge recorded Superior to Unsatisfactory results.

Houffalize (Communication Center)

344 BG: 33 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 26 dropping 100 X 1000 GP and 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical failures; 2 other reasons (Leader did not bomb).

24 a/c flak battle damaged; 7 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Bombing by Boxes on 1 HFF a/c from 11,500-13,500 ft.

Box I - POOR. Approximately 25% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Loose pattern 1400 ft. SE of DMPI. Two concentrations fell on eastern edge of town with strikes covering residential buildings, main road and open fields.

Box II - UNSATISFACTORY. Approximately 15% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Loose pattern 1500 ft. SW of DMPI. Strikes across main road and open fields.

Sigmara (Rail Bridge)

416 BG: 28 a/c dispatched (including 21 A-26's, 6 A-20's and 1 HFF); 71 X 1000 GP dropped by 19 A-26's, 20 X 500 GP by 5 A-20's and 3 X 500 GP by HFF a/c on Other target, near town of Alzey (M-265290).

3 a/c failed to bomb: 2 A-26's and 1 A-20, mechanical failures.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

Bombing by boxes on 1 HFF a/c from 14,000 ft. HFF a/c bombed Other target visually after equipment failure over Primary.

Box I - II - P.M.B. HFF a/c selected RR tracks near the town of Alzey as Other target. Bombs hit in long pattern in fields 2500 ft. S of A/Y. Bombs from one or two a/c hit on highway.

Sigmara (Rail Bridge)

409 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 27 A-26's, 7 A-20's and 1 HFF), 104 X 1000 GP dropped by 26 A-26's, 16 X 500 GP by 4 A-20's and 4 X 500 GP by HFF a/c, approximately 13.5 miles from Primary. 3 A-20's window a/c.

1 A-26 of this group bombed with the 410 BG. a/c was delayed on take-off and could not locate own group.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

Bombing by Boxes on 1 HFF a/c from 13,500 ft.

Box I - II - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Dispersed pattern fell approximately 13.5 miles SSW of DMPI near the town of Kirn (L-795320). All bombs on enemy territory. Main weight of bombs fell in fields or forests with several probable direct hits or near misses on roads leading W and SW from Kirn.

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Clervaux (Communication Center)

410 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 28 dropping 153 X 500 GP on Primary. 8 a/c dropped 48 X 500 GP near the town of Weichardange (P-735613), 1½ miles inside bomb line (friendly territory). Leader of 2nd flight, 1st box, dropped prematurely when burst of flak exploded under his a/c. Bombardier of flight 4, 1st box, dropped his bombs on release of flight 2.

1 a/c of the 409 BG dropped 3 X 1000 GP with this group.

1 a/c failed to bomb: (PFF a/c) equipment failure.

19 a/c flak battle damaged; no losses, casualties.

Visual bombing by boxes from 11,500-12,000 feet.

Box I - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Good pattern centered 175 ft. SW of DMPI. Bursts blanket DMPI scoring many probable hits and near misses on highway and buildings. Bombs of two flights of this box fell in loose concentration in fields 1 3/4 miles SW of Primary target and approximately 1½ miles inside bomb line.

Box II - EXCELLENT. 90% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Dispersed pattern centered 500 ft. SW of DMPI. Bursts fall 1200 ft, short and walk up to and over DMPI, blanketing entire highway net and buildings.

397 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), none bombed. 3 window a/c.

All a/c failed to bomb: 1, (PFF a/c) equipment failure; 4, mechanical failures; 27, other reasons (PFF a/c did not drop. On 2nd run over target lead a/c was hit by flak, fatally wounding lead navigator.)

1 a/c dropped 4 X 1000 GP 1 minute before target approximately 1 mile inside bomb line (friendly territory). Reason for premature release unknown at this time.

1 a/c lost for reasons unknown. This a/c crashed and was destroyed on take-off. 10 a/c flak battle damaged; 1 crewman killed, 4 crewmen injured in crash.

Orthe/Bortonne (Road Bridge)

394 BG: 30 a/c dispatched, none bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: 3, mechanical failures; 27, other reasons (PFF a/c selected to lead this group was unable to take off).

Formation was recalled from friendly territory by 9th Bombardment Division.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

Arweiler (Rail Bridge)

323 BG: 2 PFF a/c dispatched, none bombed.

PFF a/c were airborne before mission was scrubbed by 9th Bombardment Division. a/c were recalled while over 323 BG base.

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Section II

A/C OFF		199
A/C Bombing	119	
A/C Failing to Bomb	71	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	0	
Other (Window)	9	
TOTAL		199

Bombs on Enemy Territory		189.10
Total Bombs to Date		99,380.90

A/C Lost (397 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	53	33.33%
Killed	1	
Wounded	7	
Missing	0	
Injured	4	
Claims	0	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. OF A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
344	2	Mechanical	1 a/c - Engine trouble. 1 a/c - Rack malfunction - load a/c.
	2	Other	Leader did not drop.
416	3	Mechanical	2 a/c - Nose wheel would not retract. 1 a/c - Bomb bay doors would not open.
410	1 (PFF)	Mechanical	PFF equipment failure.
397	2	Mechanical	2 a/c - Engine cutting out.
	28	Other	27 a/c - PFF a/c did not drop on 1st run. Lead a/c hit by flat on 2nd run. 1 a/c - Crashed on take-off.
	1 (PFF)	Mechanical	PFF equipment failure.
394	3	Mechanical	1 a/c - Tail turret inoperative. 1 a/c - Engine cutting out. 1 a/c - Trim tabs not working properly.
	27	Other	PFF a/c failed to rendezvous with group.
323	2 (PFF)	Other	Mission scrubbed after PFF a/c were airborne.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Acuffalizo 344 BG: Clear. Visibility 10-15 miles down sun.

Simmrn 416 BG: Clear. Visibility on bomb run 4 miles. 1 mile up sun, 4-5 miles down sun. Patches of fog and haze on ground. Snow cover.

409 BG: 2/10 SF. Tops 2000 ft. Visibility 10 miles on bomb run. Visibility generally 10 miles. 3/10 cloud at 14,500 ft.

Clorvaux 410 BG: Clear. A bank of sc to W and E of target. Visibility 10 miles on bomb run.

397 BG: 4-5/10 stratus thin tops 3000 ft. Visibility 10-15 miles down sun and 6 miles up sun. Visibility on run 4-5 miles with considerable restriction due to patchy low cloud and haze.

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B/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		RE.	PERCENT	RE.	PERCENT
344	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS AGEN

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	159
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	53
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	33.93%
Houffalize Communications Center	344 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	24
% A/C Battle Damaged	77.42%

Moderate but accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target and during the turn off target. Clear weather prevailed and the gunners were able to track visually. This experience follows the usual visual shooting on the part of the enemy gunners.

Simmern Rail Bridge	416, 409 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

Clervaux Communications Center	410, 327 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	29
% A/C Battle Damaged	43.28%

Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target and during the turn to the left from the target by both groups. Both crews reported that this flak was the most accurate that they had ever encountered. It would seem that the enemy has protecting his supply routes in the bulge area are what would be called the "cream of the crop". They have probably been under extensive training for several weeks and now they have a priority on flak ammunition. The weather being clear shows that the flak would still rather fire on targets that he can see than to fire blind. It will be remembered that on 10 January the gunners did not engage our formation while flying under 20/10 cloud conditions.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.F.s: 1343½ to 1427½

No e/a encountered during mission.

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HEAD QUARTERS NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France—Directing their bombs against the Germans' last road out of Belgium, Ninth Bombardment Division B-26 Marauders and A-20 Havocs attacked road junctions northeast of Bastogne while A-26 Invaders hit a railway bridge on the last open railway line from Koblenz to the battle area, totalling more than 120 sorties Thursday afternoon in sub-zero temperature.

Supporting the 101st Air borne Division in its advance on Von Rundstedt's last escape route, 30 Marauders bombed Houffalize, 10 miles north east of Bastogne and five miles from the advancing 101st. At the same time 36 Havocs attacked the village of Clervaux, another road junction 14 miles northeast of Bastogne.

Approximately 50 Invaders attacked a railway bridge at Simmern, spanning the Simmer River, 26 miles south of Koblenz. The bridge is on the only rail line from Koblenz to the battle area open at the present time.

In the attacks on the important road junctions, returning crews reported that Marauders bombed with the aid of pathfinders at Houffalize with unobserved results and that the Havocs hit Clervaux in good visibility with excellent results.

"There was no town to be seen when we left, only one big cloud of smoke in the valley", said S/Sgt. Charles E. Skidmore, 708 Fourth St., Williamstown, W. Va., a Havoc gunner who participated in the Clervaux bombing. "Every bomb fell in the town", reported another Havoc gunner, S/Sgt. Pat Hume, 385 Seventh St. North, Kalispell, Mont. Object of the bombing was to block roads through the town by cratering and by destruction of adjacent buildings.

Invader crews in one formation of 24 bombers were able to visually bomb the Simmern Bridge, reporting that their bombs "zig-zagged across the bridge". Other Invader crews who bombed the bridge 15 minutes later were unable to see the target and bombed with pathfinder technique. A temperature of 27 degrees below zero was reported by Invader crews at their bombing level.

Flak was reported as moderate to intense over the road junctions and weak over the rail bridge. No enemy aircraft were encountered and all bombers returned.

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