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TARGET Area V-14 of DATE 8-2-45 NO a/o 40 MISSION# 200 F.O# 738
Ops Veritable
 STATUS Attacked BRIEFING OFFICER Lt Rogers

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OIITA OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 3/08 OP OP
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/0335A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGR'S 409, 410, 416.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 08 FEBRUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO 160-738

97CBW F-70-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 08/1030A
 ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 08/1030A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4202
 ONE BOX ON GRID COORD 84005435
 ONE BOX ON GRID COORD 83755485
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 60 MIN.

- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) GREVENBROICH MARSHALLING YARD (F-191780)
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO 5032N 0514E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FT. OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,500 FEET.
- (7) 5103N 0616E
- (8) WSW TO ENE
- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4905
 2 FLIGHTS ON THE FOLLOWING GRID COORDINATES:
 19027774, 19087795 AND 19157817
 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID COORDINATES:
 19057785, 19127805, AND 19207827.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC TAIL
- (11) 5058N 0607E
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 20 MIN.
- (13) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRE WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
- (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE". IF GEE FAILS PRIMARY WILL BE BOMBED ON E.T.A.

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4202
 ONE BOX ON GRID COORD 84005435
 ONE BOX ON GRID COORD 83755485
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 50 MIN.

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

FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS

- (5) AREA V-14 OF OPERATIONS "VERITABLE".
- (6) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY BOXES OF 18 A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 5126N 0528E TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FT. OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FT.
- (10) I.P. 5142N 0554E
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK. GENERALLY SW TO NE

- BOMB LOAD: 20 X 250 LB. M-81 FRAGS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE ONLY.
- (13) R.P. 5126N 0528E
 - (14) FORMATION WILL SPREAD LATERALLY 75 YARDS BETWEEN FLIGHTS WHEN BOMBING.
 - (15) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED AN ALTERNATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM THE BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE ATTACKED.
 - (16) BOMB BAY DOORS WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL TROOP LINE HAS BEEN CROSSED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) BESTMAN
- (4,5) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) COFFEE
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) MANGO
- (4,5) SWEEPSTAKES

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (12) COFFEE LEADER WILL CALL MADRUSH ON C/C 15 MIN. PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE AND REPORT WHETHER ON SCHEDULE, OR HOW MUCH BEHIND OR AHEAD. HE WILL ALSO REPORT COMPLETIONS OF OPS TO MADRUSH WHEN LEAVING TARGET.

PLAN "B" (TO FOLLOW)

COMCETWIG 97

BT 08/0335A

SS/CW AR

OIITA R.....08/0422A ME AR
 OIJES R.....08/0422A JAB AR
 OIJPO R.....08/0422A SH AR
 OIJKI R.....08/0522A RSS AR

M

OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO OIJJF V OIJE A OIJE A 04/08 OP OP
T (OIITA T OIJJF)

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/0425A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH, 410TH, AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

S-2
S-3
S16

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
08 FEBRUARY 1945

F-71-E

FIELD ORDER NO. 160-738

MAPS: NORMAL

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4202
ONE BOX ON GRID. COORD 84005435
" " " " " 83755485 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS
VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
P P F MPI GRID. COORD. 84605535. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 150
FEET.

(12) 1ST BOX ZERO PLUS 40

--- AT 5157N 0526E (PATHFINDER IP)

2ND BOX ZERO PLUS 50

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) GREVENGROICH MARSHALLING YARD (F-191780)
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 1 P P F A/C
(3) WITH P P F A/C OVER THE FIELD
(4) BASE TO 5048N 0511E TO 5112N 0544E TO TARGET
(5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5057N 0608E TO 5032N 0513E TO BASE
(6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL
WILL BE 6,500 FEET.
(9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4905. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF
OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDS. 19027774, 19087795 AND
19157817. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDS.
19057785, 19127805 AND 19207827 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS
VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ONE BOX ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID.
COORDS. 19057785 AND 19157817 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL
AND BY BOXES. P P F MPI GRID. COORD. 19107800.
(10) 6 X 500 LB. GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
(12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 140 MIN.
(13) IF VUSUAL CONDITIONS IXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE
BY VISUAL MEANS THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO
WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P P F A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING
VISUALLY, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS IF WEATHER PERMITS
AND WILL USE 5103N 0618E AS A VISUAL I P IF BOMBING BY
FLIGHTS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT A SMALL BREAK IN THE CLOUDS PERMITS
BOMBING BY BOXES OF 18 A/C GROUP MAY CONTINUE ON P P F ROUTE
TO TARGET OR RETURN TO 5103N 0618E TO BOMB VISUALLY. IF
10/10 CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB THE
PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. P P F
B. GROUP "GEE"
C. TARGET E T A
(14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRE WILL ATTEMPT TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK
POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

(9) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4202

ONE BOX ON GRID COORD 84005435

ONE BOX ON GRID COORD 83755485 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES.

P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD 84135505

INTERVALOMETER SETTING 150 FT.

- (12) 1ST BOX ZERO PLUS 20 MIN AT 5157N 0526E (PATHFINDER I.P.)
2ND BOX ZERO PLUS 30 MIN AT 5157N 0526E (PATHFINDER I.P.)

X (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

(5) TARGET: AREA V-14 OF OPERATIONS VERITABLE

(6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 2 P.P.F. A/C.

(7) RENDEZVOUS WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.

(8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO 5142N 0518E TO 5157N 0526E TO TARGET.

(9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 5126N 0528E TO BASE.

(10) ALTITUDE : ALL BOXES BOMB AT 12,500 FT.

(11) BOMB LOAD: 20 X 260 LB M-81 FRAGS FUSED INSTANTANEOUS NOSE ONLY.

(12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST 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 CAN CONTACT THE P P F A/C OR NOT. I P FOR VISUAL BOMBING 5142N 0554E.

(13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS AND P.P.F. EQUIPMENT FAILS AN ALTERNATE TARGET 10 MILES OR MORE FROM THE BOMBLINE IN ENEMY HELD TERRITORY WILL BE ATTACKED.

(14) BOMB BAY DOORS WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL AFTER CROSSING TROOP LINE ON THE APPROACH TO THE TARGET.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS (PLAN "B")

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) CIRCLE (1ST BOX)
SKIPPER (2ND BOX)
(4,5) SWEEPSTAKE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) COFFEE
(4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) MANGO (1ST BOX)
BESTMAN (2ND BOX)
(4,5) SWEEPSTAKES

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) IF PLAN "B" IN EFFECT: AS MANGO, BESTMAN, CIRCLE AND SKIPPER LEADERS REACH P F F IP THEY WILL EACH GIVE SWEEPSTAKES THE FOLLOWING CALL ON CHANNEL B/B REPEAT B/B (IX B.D. CONTROL CHANNEL) "HELLO SWEEPSTAKES THIS IS (FORMATION C/S). NOW AT WAITING POINT." SWEEPSTAKES WILL ANSWER "THIS IS SWEEPSTAKES STANDING BY." ONE MILE BEFORE TROOP LINE IS CROSSED SWEEPSTAKES WILL CALL FORMATION "(FORMATION C/S) THIS IS SWEEPSTAKES ALL CLEAR (FORMATION C/S) ALL CLEAR (FORMATION C/S)" IF NO CONTACT IS MAKE PROCEED AS NORMAL.

(12) COFFEE LEADER WILL CALL MADRUSH ON C/C 15 MIN. PRIOR TO REACHING TROOP LINE AND REPORT WHETHER ON SCHEDULE, OR HOW MUCH BEHIND OR AHEAD. HE WILL ALSO REPORT COMPLETIONS OF OPS TO MADRUSH WHEN LEAVING TARGET.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 08/0425A

CW/SS AR

OIITA R 08/0518A ME AR
OIJES R 08/0518A JB AR
OIJKI R 08/0528A RSS AR
OIJPO R 08/0528A CB AR
T

OIITA OIJJF OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJEA

27/08 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

08/0850A

TO COMBOMDIV NINE

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.

409TH COBOMGP

410TH COBOMGP

416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

08 FEBRUARY 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 160-732

F-73-E

ADD TO PARA. 3. A. (9) ON PLAN "A" INTERVALOMETER SETTING 350 FEET

ADD TO PARA. 3. C. (9) ON PLAN "A" INTERVALOMETER SETTING 350 FEET

DELETE PARA. 3. X. (16) ON PLAN "A"

PLAN "A" IN EFFECT FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS.

CANCEL PLAN "B" FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS.

PLAN "B" IN EFFECT FOR THE 410 GROUP.

CANCEL PLAN "A" FOR THE 410 GROUP.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 08/0850A

AR JMB

OIITA R.

CC: PASSING INSTRUCTIONS

T (OIITA PASS OIJJF)

OIITA R. 08/0850A

JLPOPP

K

OIJES R.

OIJPO R. 08/0850A

HCP

AR

OIJKI R. 08/0850A

FD

AR

OIJES OIJKI V OIJE OIJE 01/08 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/1330A
TO : C.O. 409TH BOMB GROUP, C.O. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(ATTN: S-2)

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
08 FEBRUARY 1945

F-68-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 160-738

1. TARGET: V-14, OPERATION "VERITABLE".
2. FOR DESCRIPTION OF TARGET, PURPOSE OF ATTACK, PHOTO COVERAGE, AND MAP COVERAGE, REFER TO INFORMATION SHEET OF OPERATION "VERITABLE".
3. FLAK: SEE CURRENT FLAK MAP.
4. BOMBLINE: REFER TO BOMBLINE NO. 147.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 08/0330A

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OIJES R 08/0405A JAB AR
OIJKI R 08/04/05A RSS AAR O

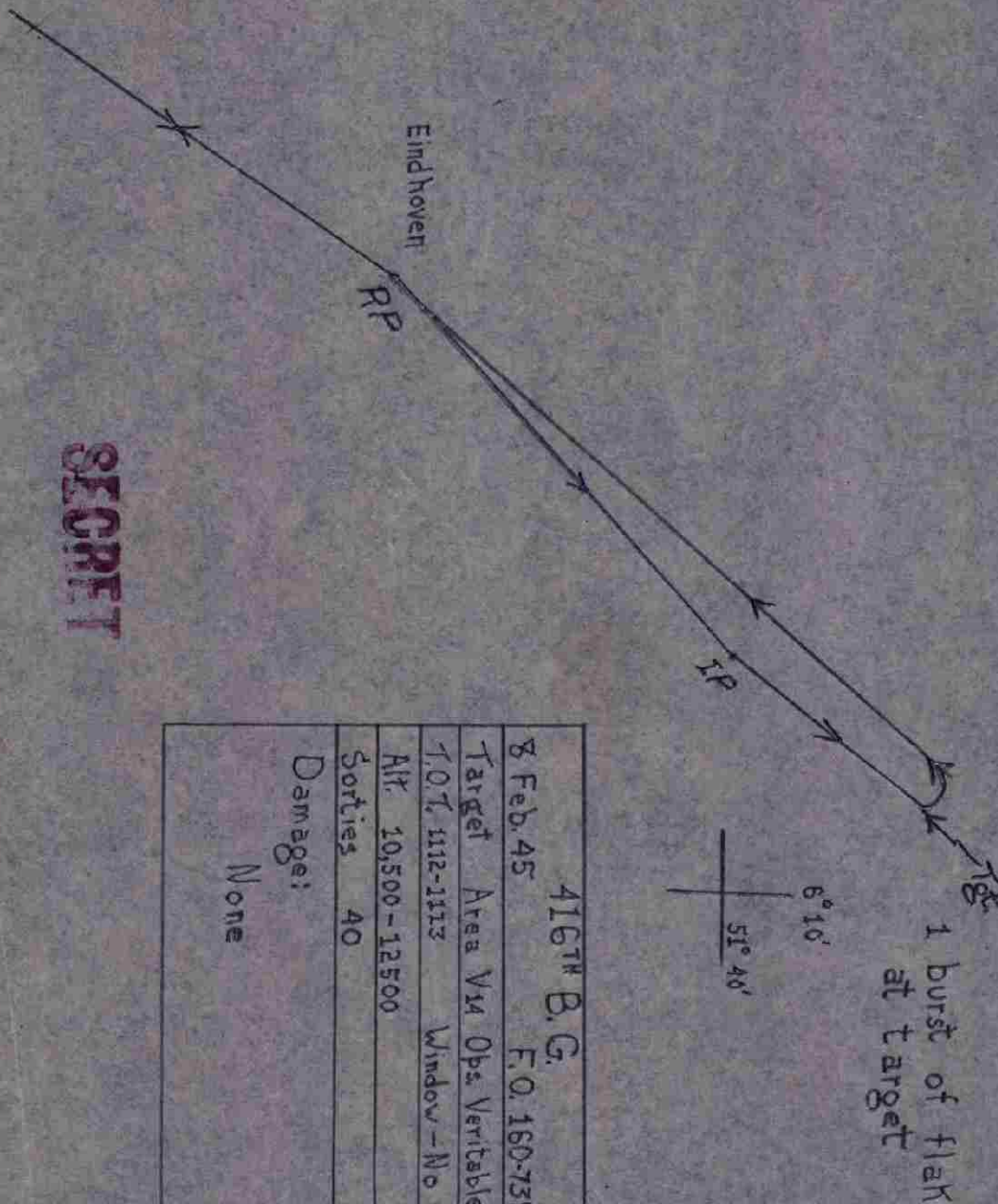
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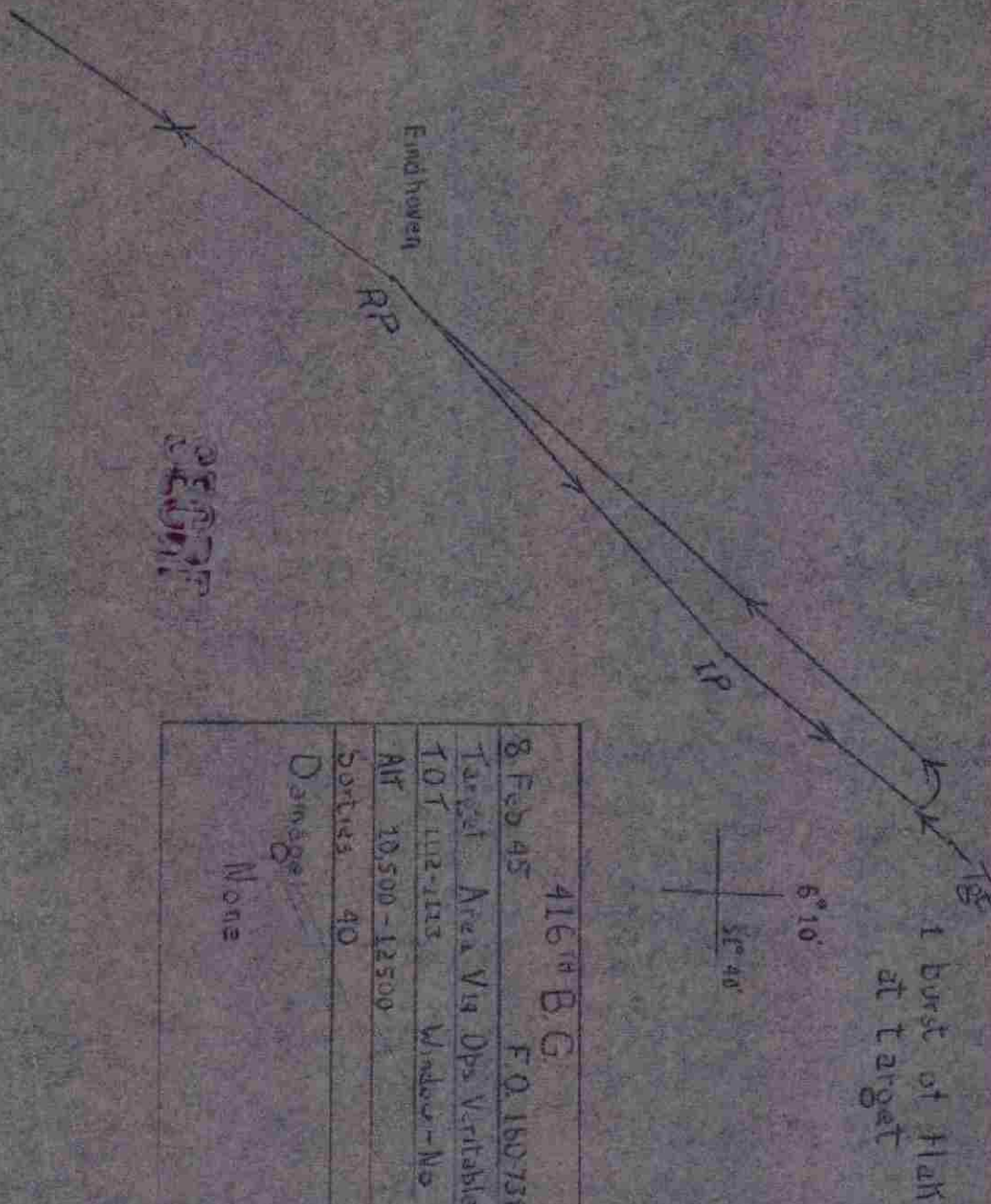
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416 TH B.G.	F.O. 160-738
8 Feb. 45	Target Area Via Ops. Veritable
T.O.T. 1112-1113	Window - No
Alt. 10,500 - 12,500	
Sorties 40	
Damage:	
None	



Scale 1/500,000

SECRET



MISSION NO. 200
LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I
8 FEBRUARY 1945

1. 499 G
LT COL D L WILLIAMS
LT P C ROYALTY
LT R C MUIR
SGT J W ROSE

2. 498 X
CAPT R R OGDENLEY
LT R J BARNETT
S/S J H MIQUEL *Not listed*

3. 239 N
LT F W HENDERSON
S/S G THOMPSON

4. 313 B
LT A NEMISZEWSKI
S/S F DORIO

5. 326 W
LT W H JAMES
S/S C F HISS

6. 332 F
P/O H J WILSON
SGT V S STYERSKI

FLIGHT II

1. 508 Z
MAJOR R F PRICE
LT W FORMA
LT R W HARVEST
S/S G FETD

2. 378 O
LT W W ANNIN
SGT J O PAUKER

3. 331 C
LT R A HUNSELL
SGT J L SENGES

4. 335 W
LT J W WRIGHT
S/S F J PROFITA

5. 305 U
LT R H LONG
SGT C J McGARTHY

6. 389 X
LT J W BLEVINS
S/S H I GOUGH

FLIGHT III

1. 509 I
LT R J ROONEY
LT R L KIRK
S/S S P CADELL

2. 321 V
LT S H SHELLEY
SGT F M THARP

3. 215 H
LT J R WARREN
S/S S M TURPIN

4. 9315 F
LT T S MERRITT
S/S R J GATTI

5. 337 O
LT J A COOK
S/S W S JACKSON

6. 307 N
LT R S BOWER
SGT C B HONEY

MISSION NO. 200
BOX I
8 February 1945

*Dispatched
6-26-40*

MISSION NO. 200

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

8 FEBRUARY 1945

1. 498 R
CAPT H F PAIR
LT J L CORUM
S/S R W CHEUVRONT

2. 523 N
CAPT D F SHEA
LT O R KOGH
S/S F R UPRANCIG

3. 356 O
LT H M VAN NOORDEN
S/S R I STEFFY

4. 208 L
LT J C GARY
PVT A E SCHIRM

5. 352 J
LT J H WRIGHT
SGT V F GREGG

6. 249 F
LT J B COCKE
SGT R D REDDING

FLIGHT II

1. 492 E
CAPT D A HULSE
LT R CONTE
S/S W W DONNELLY
LT R. E. EDMAN

2. 292 H
LT J A WILLARD
SGT G V HINKER

3. 306 X
LT E C MARTIN
LT J W BHITT
SGT L B DRAFT

4. 381 Q
CAPT R L BEHLER
S/S W S McGAUGHY

5. 344 O
LT C E WEINERT
SGT R DUBI

6. ~~LT R K JOHNSON~~
~~SGT H E BRANDT~~ *no aircraft*

FLIGHT III

1. 521 N
LT COL J G NAPIER
LT D L MOORE
LT R J McQUANE
S/S R W CARSTENS

2. 244 I
LT R W VAN ROIE
SGT W H KINGMAN

3. 229 B
LT G N ANDERSON
SGT J H DEATHERAGE

4. 330 P
LT J F SMITH
S/S G E REITER

5. 222 S
LT C H STEED, JR.
SGT C E TRANCHINA

6. 205 M
LT E R HAYTER
S/S R P BARTON *note in box*

EXTRA FLIGHT

1. 505 Y
LT C S STANLEY
F/O J R ELOUNT
SGT J C EDENBURN

2. 188 R
LT G J PARKHURST
SGT F NEWMAN

3. 321 V
LT J K COLQUITT
S/S C N MOHR

4. 213 A
LT T D McCREADY
S/S W E LEMONS

5. 274 S
LT E B DRUM
SGT J R SCHWANTZKOPF

6. 223 B
LT L J PRUGHA
S/S S L REITEL

BOX

BOMBS :

20 x 260

ON PT

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLUX:

1 burst flock just after bomb
away

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

$$10/10$$

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X
X X
X
X X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

Perk

INTERROGATOR

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INTERFORM

PILOT Col. Willetts A/C# 499 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

20X 260

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

"A-C"

"E"

FLAK:

1 Burst about 3 seconds after some
away of First Box - between first and
second Box - Burst in same attitude

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped on Gee - E 38 D 49.5
10/10 Box 12.00 top 3200
10 minutes before IP
Called Radar for position but no contact
could not get contact with sweepstakes
Bombs released at E 9262

11/12 Bombs away -
alt 11000 -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      (X)
     X  X
    X  X
   X  X

X  X
X  X
X  X

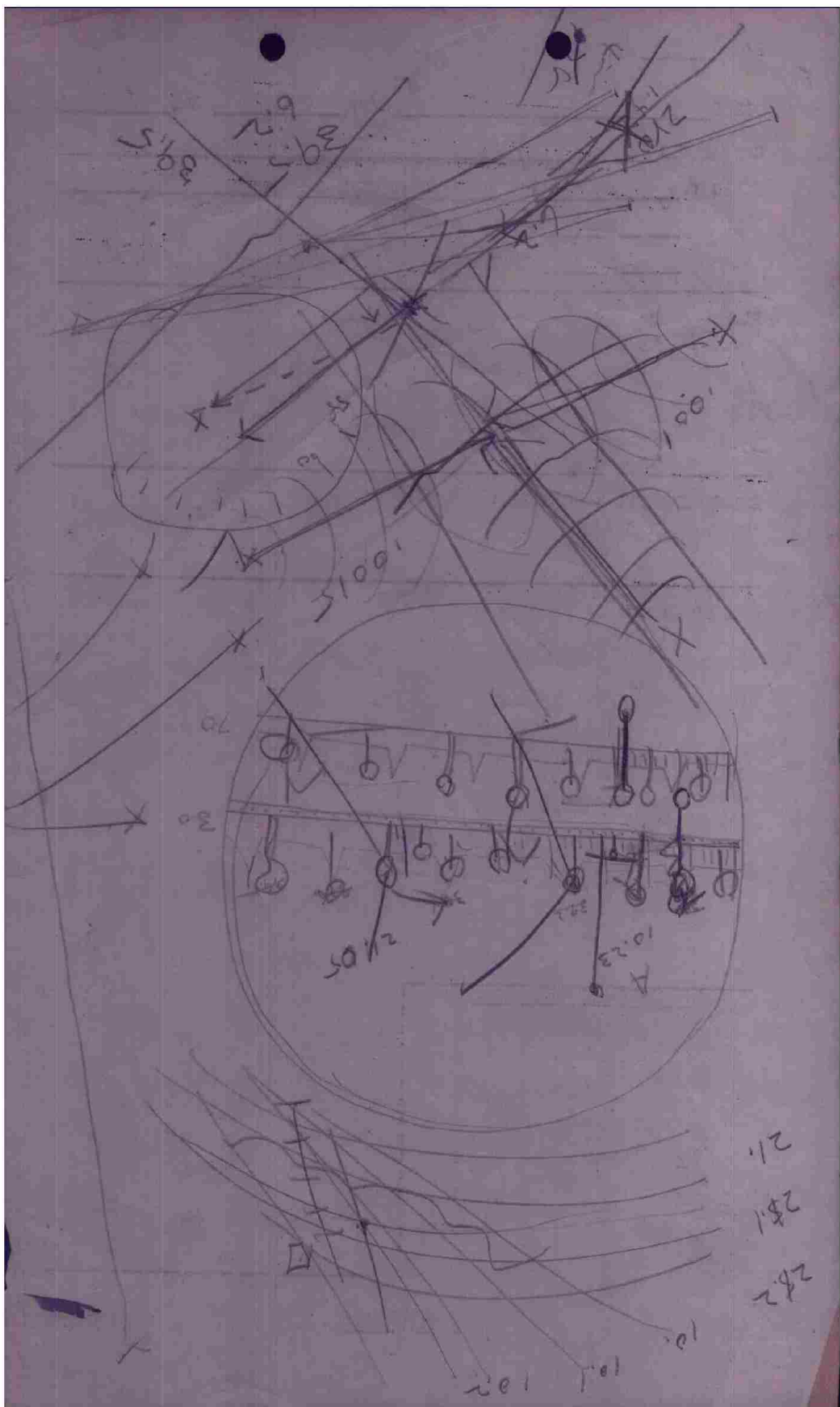
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     X  X
    X  X
   X  X

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PILOT Stanley A/C# 505 BOX Extra

CASUALTIES _____

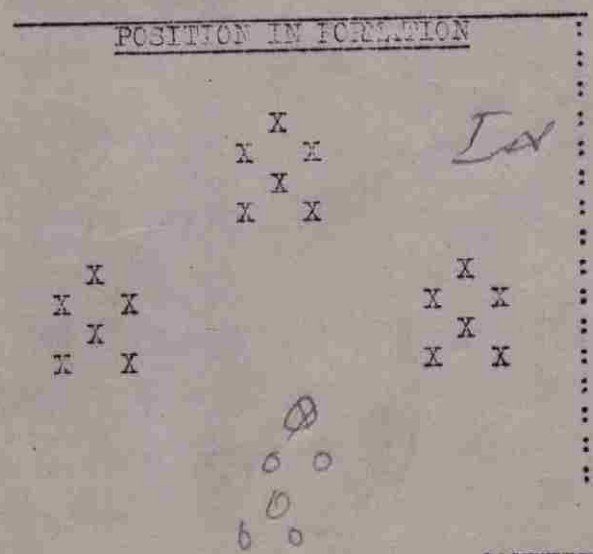
BOMBS : 20 & 360 ON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED		
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		

FLAK: one burst 200 ft under when
doors open just before bomb away.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: 

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 at 7A
1112 - 12,000
estimated bombs fell in triangle
between Rindern, Wardhausen, + Sriedhausen
E 891578 - E 875600 - E 926592



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PILOT Price A/C# 508 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

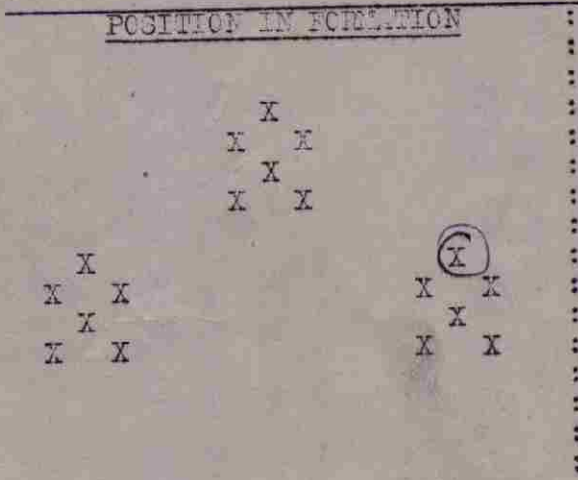
BOMBS : <u>20</u>	<u>X</u> ²⁶⁰ <u>frag</u>	ON <u>?</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED				
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: ^{in enemy territory} 10/10 cloud cover, Bombed by boxes.
Dropped on box leader.
Bursts of flak in Tailbury but not at this formation - possibly buzz bomb caught by ack-ack.

Bombs away 1111 ³/₄ - about 1 min beyond ETA
alt. 12,500
mag heading 50°



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INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERFORM

PILOT Wilson A/C# 332 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>P.T</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X-

OBSERVATIONS: 10/16 overcast

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

T. W. S.
INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

F/O _____

CONFIDENTIAL

INTER. FORM

PILOT Wright A/C# 352 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 20 260 ON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE X

<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

T.W.S.
INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

F/O _____

CONFIDENTIAL

INTERROG. FORM

PILOT Rooney A/C# 503 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 20 x 260 ON Pit BATTLE DAMAGE
_____ X _____ RETURNED : : :
_____ X _____ JETTISONED : : :
_____ X _____ JETTISONED : : :

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10- cover

12,500
T.O.T - 1112
Land Base 1300 1/2

POSITION IN FORMATION

 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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PILOT Mc Cready W/C# 213 BOX C/tra

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>PT</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED				"A-C"	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED					

FLY: One burst off to left, right after dropping -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 Bombed with 1st Box

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X
X
X
X
X
7th
5th

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Extra

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

20 - 24/6

ON



BATTLE DAMAGE

26

RETURNED

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombed with
1st Box

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

$\times$
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Two

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PILOT Blevins A/C# 389 BOX 1

CASUALTIES 1/6

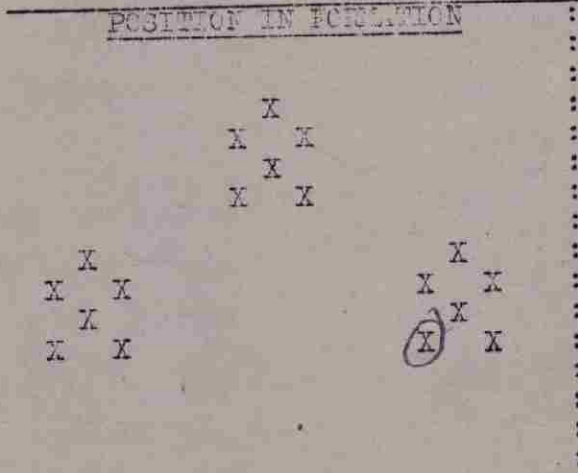
BOMBS :	20 <u>240</u>	ON <u>Pit</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10



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CASUALTIES

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: - Big white flare - 15 min
before bombing - left white cloud
of smoke

POSITION IN CORRELATION

X
X X
X
X X

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PILOT Remiszanski A/C# 313 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> <u>X</u> <u>260</u> ON <u>PIT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: None 10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X (X) X
X

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

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BATTLE DAMAGE

JETTISONED

BB classes open - 1 hour
below

~~UNIT 3:~~

1st Bay

X X
X X
X X

A hand-drawn diagram of a hexagon with a central point and six surrounding points. The central point is connected to the two points immediately adjacent to it. The other four points are not connected to each other or to the central point.

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PILOT Colquitt A/C# 321 BOX Citra

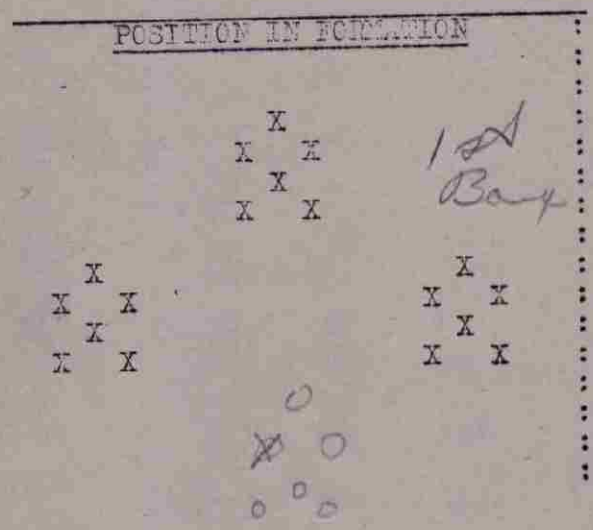
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 20 260 ON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE
X RETURNED
X JETTISONED hole

FLAK: one burst B.R. doors open in 2nd Box.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
[Signature]

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Johnson A/C# _____ BOX 11

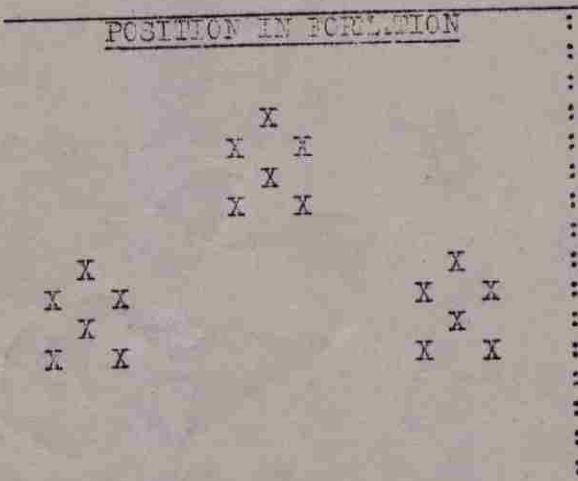
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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CASUALTIES

BOEBS : 22 & 26 DON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE

X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETISONED	:	:	:

FLUX:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X
X X
X X
X X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

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PILOT Merritt A/C# 9315 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>260</u> ON <u>PJ</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"B"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Henderson A/C# 239 BOX 1

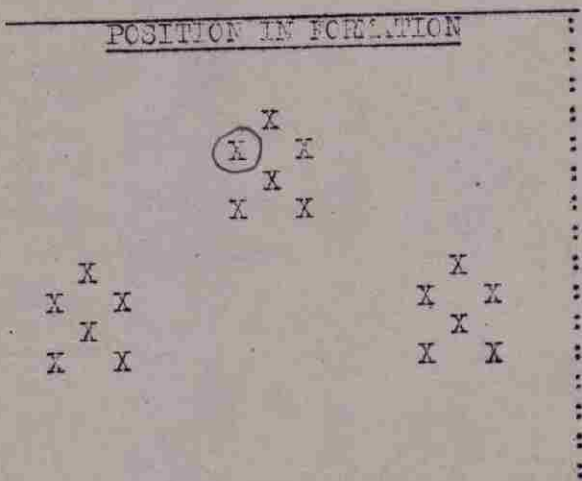
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>200</u> ON <u>DT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK: 1 burst of flak below
as bombs away

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:
10/10



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PILOT Wright 335 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
15	260	PT
X	RETURNED	
X	JETTISONED	

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT *Annie* *1/31* *378* *BOX*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 19 260 ON 77 BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

X JETMISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN POPULATION

X
X X
X X
X X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

X X X

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PILOT Russell A/C# 331 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>16</u> <u>X</u> <u>250</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

1 1 1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

1111

OBSERVATIONS:

Camera

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X				
	X			
X				

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PILOT Greenley A/C# 490 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Not Airborne

POSITION IN FORMATION				:
				:
		X		:
	X		X	:
		X		:
	X		X	:
				:
				:
	X		X	:
X				:
	X		X	:
X				:
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				:
				:

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PILOT Warren W/O# 215 BOX 1

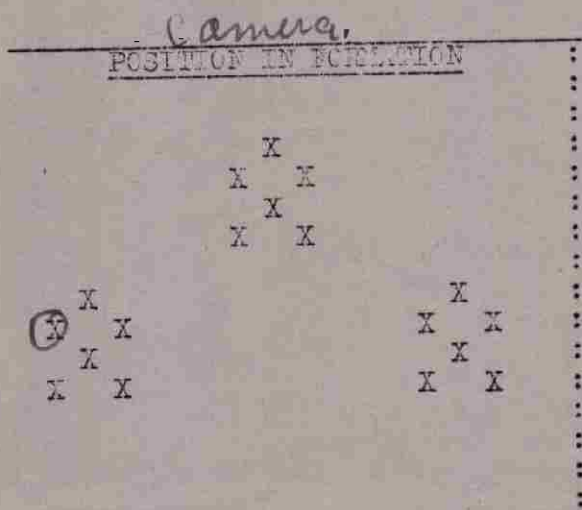
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
			RETURNED	WENT DOWN	WENT DOWN	WENT DOWN
	<u>20</u>	<u>X 260</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:
 1 1 1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
 1 1 1

OBSERVATIONS: did not drop reason unknown
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PILOT Cook A/C# 337 BOX 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> <u>260</u>	ON	<u>260</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:	:

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 Cloud cover

POSITION BY FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
	X		
X			

		X	
X			X
	X		
X		X	

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PILOT Pair h/c# 498 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u> <u>X</u> <u>2600N</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

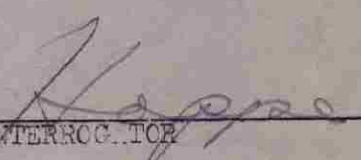
FLYK: 1 burst - 10 sec. before Bombs
away - in front of 1/4 inch.
mighty big - brownish black

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: 

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 from 10 mil. the side
of B.H.
1113 - 10,500

POSITION IN FORMATION

	<u>(X)</u>	<u>2nd</u>
	<u>X</u> <u>X</u>	
	<u>X</u>	
	<u>X</u> <u>X</u>	
<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
<u>X</u> <u>X</u>		<u>X</u> <u>X</u>
<u>X</u> <u>X</u>		<u>X</u> <u>X</u>


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PILOT Hayter W/O# 205 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	CAN	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	RETIRED	:	:	:
X	RETIRED	:	:	:

FLUX:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Not airborne

POSITION IN ECCELATION

		X	
X			X
		X	
X			X

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$
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PILOT Steed A/C# 222 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLY:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION				:
				:
		X		:
	X		X	:
		X		:
	X		X	:
				:
			X	:
X	X		X	:
	X		X	:
X		X	X	:

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CASUALTIES *nil*

BOMBS : 4 ON BATTLE DAMAGE

Reason unknown.

20 X 260 frag. RETURNED
~~20~~ X 240 IT RETURNED

BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<i>nil</i>		

FLK: Due (1) burst HFF - on bomb run - not close.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

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PILOT Martin A/C# 306 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 20 260 ON PT BATTLE DAMAGE
X RETURNED : : :
X JETTISONED : : :
: : :
: : :

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X X
X X X
X X X
X X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

Dark

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PILOT Cooke A/C# 249 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

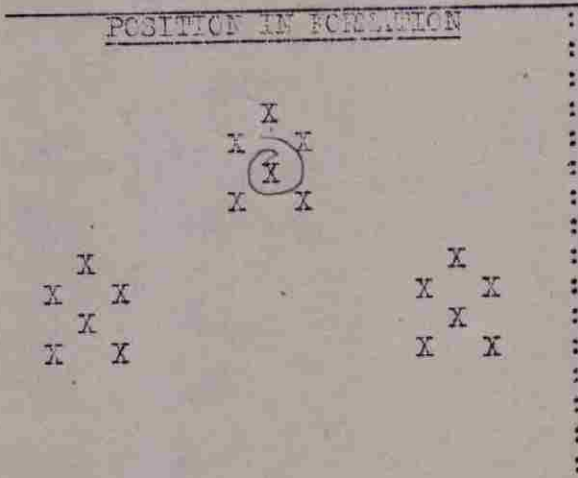
BOMBS : 20 X 260 ON PT BATTLE DAMAGE

	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"
<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	:	:	:	:
<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	:	:	:	:

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:
10/10



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BATTLE DAMAGE

FLK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTER 3:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: left of formation ~~at~~
I. D. - grayish white smoke
lot of smoke - perhaps plane
exploded. - 10-15 miles to left.

POSITION IN FORMATION

Col. Karpis

X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

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PILOT Weinert A/C# 344 BOX 11

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 20 X 260 ON RT. BATTLE DAMAGE

	RETURNED	WATER	SAFETY	OTHER
<u>X</u>				
<u>X</u>				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

9-10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X	X		
	X		
X			

Pulse
X
X X
X
X
X

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CASUALTIES

BCMS : 50 X 260 ON P.T BATTLE DAMAGE

1 X 260 RETURNED
X JETTISONED

FLY:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTER 3:

OBSERVATIONS: None 10/10

1- Bomb returned, one side of shackles fastened the other was not
Mechanical Malfunction

Bombs saw 1st Box seen - to
explode 600 ft Below formation

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X X

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PILOT Behlmer h/c# 381 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 20 & 260 ON P.T. BATTLE DAMAGE X-

<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X-

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10- No obsrv -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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FLICK: 1 Burst - 11 o'clock - 500 feet away -
just before before comes away.

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped - on R - capt Pair -
~~16~~ at target, ~~Shubert~~ *Acumulus*
 10
 Thanks was E.T.H.

POSITION IN RECEPTION

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

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

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 X & & X
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PILOT Gary A/C# 208 BOX X

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : no 260 frag. BATTLE DAMAGE

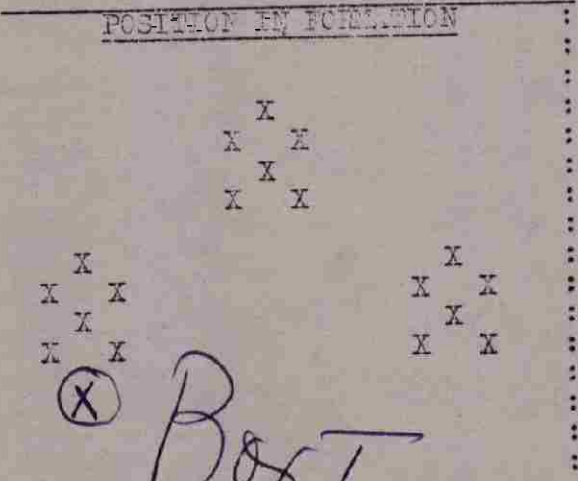
	RETURNED	FLAC	ET
X	:	:	:
X	:	:	:

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Dropped fl. leader of Fl 3 Box I (Rooney)



Box I
Due to late take off

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CASUALTIES

FLY:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 target area.
Dropped on Bet I leader.
Bombs away 1712 1/2
alt. 11,800
azis - 50° mag.
IAS - 210

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

X X X
X X X
X X X

Dropped ~~from~~^{as} #4
flight on Box I
because other flights
came in late.

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BOX

none

624/17/17

Th

JETTISONED

1 Burst - possibly came from 1st Box Bigger
Burst like ever seen before - happened just as
bombs went away.

None

Box 4 not observed - seemed to
be 5 flights on Box I when boxes
away
high and low flights seemed to
be with Box I
hills part Pair bombed on Green

X
X X
X X
X X

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

X X
X X
X X

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Box #	CpsFI	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		2/8/45				Co Miller	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	APT	Bomb	Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
No.	Reason	T S O	T S T W R	M D A A C B E D P D K W M				
1	499							
2	490 <i>900 I Ambance</i>							
3	339							
4	313							
5	326							
6	332							
1	508							
2	378							
3	331							
4	335							
5	305 <i>Solved</i>							
6	389							
1	503							
2	321							
3	215							
4	9315							
5	337							
6	307							

308 90

499 ✓
W. Miller
239 ✓
H. Larson
313 ✓
Romig
332 ✓
W. Larson
508 ✓
R. Price
335 ✓
W. Wright
307 ✓
B. Cook
389 ✓
A. Levine
305 ✓
308
309

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 _____

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 _____

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

Box #	Cps/Fl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
II		9/8/44				lt R/R		
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb LSP	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
1 498	Reason	T S O	T S T R	N D A	A C B E D F D K W M			498 ✓ Paul
2 523								356 ✓ 523 ✓ Van Gordon Siler
3 356								208 ✓ Berry
4 208								249 352 ✓ Corbie Wright
5 352								
6 249								
1 492								492 ✓ Huber
2 292								
3 306								306 ✓ 392 ✓ Mentel Wylland
4 381								
5 344								521 ✓ Nepher
6 -								
1 521								229 244 ✓ Anderson Van Roppe
2 244								306 ✓ 392 ✓ Mentel Wylland
3 229								330 ✓ Smith, J. F.
4 330								243 ✓ Hayler
5 243	X X X							344 ✓ Johnson Weimer
6 205	Spot Anderson							
1 300	Spore							300 - Spore ✓ Johnson

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	_____	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	_____
(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).

Stanley ✓
C/o 617th St Parkhurst
188
321 ✓
McCreedy ✓
213 ✓
Frieda Doorn ✓
223 274 ✓

To: CG, 9th Bomb. Division A-2
 CG, 97th Combat Wing A-2

From: 416 B.G.

Opfluch for 8 February 1945

- A. 416 B.G.
- B. area V-14 of Operations Veritable
- C. 40 A-26's
- D. 37 A-26's attacked ^{area} in vicinity of grid coordinates E920620
- E. 2 A-26's failed to bomb. Pilots claim mechanical malfunctions. Results of inspection of bomb release mechanisms not yet ascertained.
 1 A-26 unaccounted for.
- F. 739 X 260 frag. Clusters in vicinity of E920620
 41 X 260 frag. Clusters Returned
 20 X 260 frag. Clusters unaccounted for.
- G. ~~Four~~ ^{of formation} flights of Box ONE dropped on GEE for ^{of formation leader} in vicinity of
 (C 38 D 49.5) ~~GRID~~ ^{GRID} COORDINATES E920620
 on magnetic heading ^{of 50 degrees}.
 Three flights of Box TWO dropped on ETA (1113)
~~Approximately~~ approximately 8 seconds after ~~the~~ ^{was} bombs of Box One went away. ~~The~~ ^{See} box ~~not~~ ^{was} operating properly for ~~See~~ ^{run} by Box Two which was in trail of Box One.
- H. One (1) A-26 unaccounted for (A/C # 222)
- I. 2 crew members of A/C # 222 unaccounted for
- J. Target: one (1) burst of HFF on bomb run
 Elsewhere: nil
- K. NIL
- L. 10,500 — 12,500

M. 1112 - 1113

X. Formation leader called Rosalia ~~two~~ ^{two} (~~40~~ ²) minutes before reaching IP but could not make contact. ~~with R~~ Formation leader then ~~tried to~~ called Sweepstakes ^{10 minutes before IP} but could not make contact.

TO: CG, 9th Bombardment Division (M). Attn: A-2.
CG, 97th Combat Wing. Attn: A-2.

FROM: 416th Bomb Gp (L).

Opsflash for 8 February 45.

- A. 416th Bomb Gp.
- B. Area V-14 of Operations Veritable.
- C. 40 A-26's.
- D. 37 A-26's attacked area in vicinity of grid coordinates E 920620.
- E. 2 A-26's failed to bomb. Pilots claim mechanical malfunctions.

Results of inspection of bomb release mechanisms not yet ascertained.

1 A-26 unaccounted for. Information lacking. *LAST HEARD from over friendly position, reporting fuel shortage.*

F. 739 x 260 frag ^{BOMBS} clusters in vicinity of E 920620.

41 x 260 frag ^{BOMBS} clusters returned.

20 x 260 frag ^{BOMBS} clusters unaccounted for.

G. Four flights of Box One dropped on Gee fix (C 38 D 49.5) of formation leader in vicinity of grid coordinates E 920620 on magnetic heading of 50 degrees.

Three flights of Box Two dropped on ETA (1113) approximately 8 seconds after bombs of Box One went away. Gee box was not operating properly for Gee run by Box Two which was in trail of Box One.

H. One (1) A-26 unaccounted for (A/C #222).

I Two (2) crew members of A/C #222 unaccounted for.

J. Target: One (1) burst of HFF on bomb run. Elsewhere, Nil.

K. Nil.

L. 10,500 - 12,500.

M. 1112 - 1113.

X. Formation leader called Sweepstakes two (2) minutes before reaching IP but could not make contact. *Not briefed to do so.*

TO: CG, 9th Bomb Division. Attn. A-2.
CG, 97th Bombat Wing. Attn. A-2.

FROM: 416th Bomb Gp.

Opsflash for 8 Feb 45.

- A. 416th Bomb Gp.
- B. Area V-14 of Operations Veritable.
- C. 40 A-26's.
- D. 37 A-26's attacked area in vicinity of grid coordinates E920620.
- E. 2 A-26's failed to bomb. Pilots claim mechanical malfunctions. Results of inspection of bomb release mechanisms not yet ascertained.
- F. 739 x 260 frag clusters in vicinity of E-920620.
41 x 260 frag clusters returned.
20 x 260 frag clusters unaccounted for.
- G. Four flights of Box one dropped on Gee fix (C 38 D 49.5) of formation leader in vicinity of grid coordinates E 920620 on magnetic heading of 50 degrees.
Three flights of Box Two dropped on ETA (1113) approximately 8 seconds after bombs of Box One went away. Gee box was not operating properly for Gee run by Box Two which was in trail of Box One.
- H. One (1) A-26 unaccounted for (A/C #222).
- I. Two (2) crew members of A/C #222 unaccounted for.
- J. Target: One (1) burst of HFF on bomb run. Elsewhere, Nil.
- K. Nil.
- L. 10,500 - 12,500.
- M. 1112 - 1113.
- X. Formation leader called sweepstakes two (2) minutes before reaching IP but could not make contact.

Last plane 1309

*Tp to wing 1535 by SAL
Tp to Bombay busy.*

TO: CG, 9th Bomb Division. Attn. A-2.
CG, 97th Bombat Wing. Attn. A-2.

FROM: 416th Bomb Gp.

Opsflash for 8 Feb 45.

- A. 416th Bomb Gp.
- B. Area V-14 of Operations Veritable.
- C. 40 A-26's.
- D. 37 A-26's attacked area in vicinity of grid coordinates E920620.
- E. 2 A-26's failed to bomb. Pilots claim mechanical malfunctions.
Results of inspection of bomb release mechanisms not yet ascertained.
- F. 739 x 260 frag clusters in vicinity of E-920620.
41 x 260 frag clusters returned.
20 x 260 frag clusters unaccounted for.
- G. Four flights of Box one dropped on Gee fix (C 38 D 49.5) of formation leader in vicinity of grid coordinates E 920620 on magnetic heading of 50 degrees.
Three flights of Box Two dropped on ETA (1113) approximately 8 seconds after bombs of Box One went away. Gee box was not operating properly for Gee run by Box Two which was in trail of Box One.
- H. One (1) A-26 unaccounted for (A/C #222).
- I. Two (2) crew members of A/C #222 unaccounted for.
- J. Target: One (1) burst of HFF on bomb run. Elsewhere, Nil.
- K. Nil.
- L. 10,500 - 12,500.
- M. 1112 - 1113.
- X. Formation leader called Sweepstakes two (2) minutes before reaching IP but could not make contact.

Information lacking for

1 A-26 unaccounted for. Information lacking.

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FROM COBOMGR 416 081500A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: COM OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 4163G F-129-J

- A - VS - 28
- B - 8 FEBRUARY 1945 (0914-1224)
- C - R - ROGER REPORTED OPS COMPLETED TO DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.
G - GEORGE COULD NOT ESTABLISH CONTACT EXCEPT WHEN NEAR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS. IT IS BELIEVED VOLUME HAD BEEN TURNED LOW WHILE ON CHANNEL "A" AND WAS NOT INCREASED ON CHANNEL "B".
- D - R - ROGER CONTACTED FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL CENEXXX CENTER ,
G - GEORGE COULD NOT ESTABLISH CONTACT.
- E - NONE
- F - NONE
- G - NONE
- H - NONE
- I - NONE
- J - NONE
- K - ALL PILOTS EXPERIENCED INTERFERENCE ON VHF ON CHANNEL "A". THIS INTERFERENCE WAS EXPERIENCED ON TRETURN FLIGHT ONLY. PLANES ARE BEING CHECKED FOR A PLANE BELIEVED TO BE EMITTING A CARRIER.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR416

BT 081500A
CC: WA UNDER K. TO BE EMITTING

EJ AR K

ITA R.....08/1723A EG B OP T JEA

JEA R.....08/1723B LCB KKK

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 9/08 OP OP
FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 081515A
TO 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
97TH BOMB WING (M) ATTN: A-2 DUTYOFFICER
BT

SECRET 416BG F-128-D

B. AREA V-14 OF OPERATIONS VERITABLE
J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS - DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 081515A
EJ B TO IAXXX ITA ALONE

ITA R.....V081529A ICHG
IMI PLSE
ITA R.....081529A IC KKK
JEA R.....081529A FK KK

AR AT JEA SRI
RGR TKS

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 13/08 OP OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 081600A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2
 CG, 9TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG F-131-D OPSFLASH FOR 8 FEBRUARY 45.

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. AREA V-14 OF OPERATIONS VERITABLE.
- C. 40 A-26'S.
- D. 37 A-26'S ATTACKED AREA IN VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES E 920620.
- E. 2 A-26'S FAILED TO BOMB. PILOTS CLAIM MECHANICAL MALFUNCTIONS.
 RESULTS OF INSPECTION OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISMS NOT YET ASCERTAINED.
 1 A-26 UNACCOUNTED FOR. INFORMATION LACKING. LAST HEARD FROM OVER FRIENDLY TERRITORY REPORTING FUEL SHORTAGE.
- F. 739 X 260 FRAG BOMBS IN VICINITY OF E 920620.
 41 X 260 FRAG BOMBS RETURNED.
 20 X 260 FRAG BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR.
- G. FOUR FLIGHTS OF BOX ONE DROPPED ON GEE FIX (C 38 D49.5) OF FORMATION LEADER IN VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES E 920620 ON MAGNETIC HEADING OF 50 DEGREES.
 THREE FLIGHTS OF BOX TWO DROPPED ON ETA (1113) APPROXIMATELY 8 SECONDS AFTER BOMBS OF BOX ONE WENT AWAY. GEE BOX WAS NOT OPERATING PROPERLY FOR GEE RUN BY BOX TWO WHICH WAS IN TRAIL OF BOX ONE.
- H. ONE (1) A-26 UNACCOUNTED FOR (A/C NR 222).
- I. TWO (2) CREW MEMBERS OF A/C 222 UNACCOUNTED FOR.
- J. TARGET: ONE (1) BURST OF HFF ON BOMB RUN. ELSEWHERE, NIL.
- K. NIL
- L. 10,500 - 12,500.
- M. 1112 - 1113.
- X. FORMATION LEADER CALLED SWEEPSTAKES TWO (2) MINUTES BEFORE REACHING IP BUT COULD NOT MAKE CONTACT. NOT BRIEFED TO DO SO.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR416

BT 081600A
 EJ BBB (P) K
 ITA R.....08/1700A EG K
 JEA R.....08/1700A LEG KK

ITA JEA V JKI 18/08 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 081930A
TO CG 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
CG 97TH COMBAT WING (L)
CONFIDENTIAL BT
F-137-D

AMMENDMENT TO OPSFLASH FOR 8 FEBRUARY 1945

A-26 222 PREVIOUSLY UNACCOUNTED FOR, KNOWN TO HAVE CRASHED IN
VICINITY OF S1020. CAUSE AS YET UNKNOWN. PILOT KILLED GUNNER SERIOUSLY
INJURED PRESUMED TO HAVE BOMBED.

---AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416---

BT 081930A
DM BBBB

JEA R.....08/1959A	LCB	KK
ITA R.....08/1959A	HCB	KKK

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

AUTH: CO STA A-55
DATE: 20 Feb. 1945
INIT:

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (H), APO 140, U. S. Army.
Attn: Statistical Control.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 311 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 8 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 200 97th CWG NO 1160-735

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Area V-14 of Operations Variable
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55 (1 crashed near Villers St. George, France)
Take-off time 0947 Landing time 1312
Time over target 1110-1113 Bombing Altitude 10000-10500
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 9/10's cloud cover over target.
Results Unobserved (Box I (4) flights, and Box II (3) flights based on obs and
Enemy opposition 1 burst MP on bomb run. (See respectively.)

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched A-26's - 10
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
98 Area V-14 of Operations Variable
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: 1 - Intervalometer actuating relay and discharge relay faulty.
 - (4) Other: 1 - Bombing system checked and functioned properly on ground. Cause of malfunction under investigation.
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. 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) 1 aircraft crashed near Villers St. George (France). Reason undetermined, but it is believed that crash was due to a shortage of fuel.
8. Sorties 10

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

130:15

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air

78400 x .50 calibre

b. Expended on operations

None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

None x .50 calibre

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air

800 x M60 M-61 Fuzes Fuzed Inst. None Only

b. Expended on operations:

759 x M60 M-61 Fuzes

(List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

21 x M60 M-61 Fuzes

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	1	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
Seriously Injured	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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

a. Destroyed

None

b. Prob. Dsg

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Capt. in. Air Corps.
4070 17.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
9 February 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #30

8 February 1945

Section I

Field Order 738

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
397 BG	Materborn (Bounded by E-883544, E-876541, E-867543, E-875552) Defended area	Box I - P.N.B. Box II - Undet.
323 BG	Materborn (Bounded by E-860559, E-875552, E-867543, E-863550) Defended area	P.N.B.
387 BG	Materborn (Bounded by E-866559, E-875563, E-882560, E-875559) Defended area	P.N.B.
394 BG	Materborn (Bounded by E-882560, E-886552, E-883544, E-875552) Defended area	Box I - Unsat. Box II - Undet. Box III - No attack
344 BG	Holkens (E-833481) Defended area	P.N.B.
416 BG	Nutterden (E-840543, E-837548) Defended area	P.N.B.
409 BG	Nutterden (E-840543, E-837548) Defended area	P.N.B.
391 BG	Nutterden (E-845554) Defended area	P.N.B.
410 BG	Grevenbroich (F-191780) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Unsat. (PTF) Box II - Unsat. (PTF)
386 BG	Grevenbroich (F-191780) Marshalling Yard	P.N.B.
322 BG	Horrem (F-280579) Town	Box I - Flight A - No attack Flight B - No attack Flight C - A.B. Box II - A.B. Box III - A.B. (PTF)

Eight full groups plus two boxes from two other groups failed to attack Primary targets because of inclement weather and PTF equipment failure.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eleven groups attacked one defended area, one marshalling yard and nine towns, recording UNSATISFACTORY to UNDETERMINED results. One group employed area bombing methods.

Waterborn (Defended Area)

397 BG: 49 a/c dispatched, 16 dropping 255 X 260 frags on Primary, 16 dropping 256 X 260 frags on OTHER target. Bomb disposition unknown of one a/c which landed at Chievres. 3 window a/c.

13 a/c failed to bomb: 2, mechanical; 11, weather. (Questionable functioning of "Gee" equipment prevented bombing on "Gee".)

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 2 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.

Bombing by boxes on "Gee" from 11,700 - 13,000 feet.

Box I bombed Cleve (E-898558) because of inclement weather at Primary.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

323 BG: 56 a/c dispatched, 15 dropping 245 X 260 frags on OTHER target, 2 dropping 32 X 260 frags at E-830610 (enemy territory) when flight leader salvoed after one engine went out. 3 window a/c.

35 a/c failed to bomb: weather (crew doubted accuracy of "Gee" fix, thus elected to hold bombs.)

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

No information available as to Fighter Control contact due to lack of communications with group.

Bombing by box on "Gee" from 12,000 feet.

The town of Emmerich (E-970600) was bombed because of inclement weather at Primary.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

387 BG: 54 a/c dispatched, 24 dropping 384 X 260 frags on Secondary. 3 window a/c.

27 a/c failed to bomb: 2, mechanical; 25 weather. (At Secondary "Gee" equipment out on 2 Flight leaders, and Box III leader did not receive message to bomb Secondary.)

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 2 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.

Bombing by box and flight on "Gee" from 11,500-12,500 feet.

The town of Calcar (A-009498) was bombed because of inclement weather at Primary.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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394 BG: 44 a/c dispatched, 33 dropping 528 X 260 frags on Secondary. 3 window a/c
8 a/c failed to bomb: 2, mechanical; 6, weather (at Secondary Box III—
consisting of 1 flight—lead a/c had "Gee" equipment out).

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 3 minutes prior to IP and desired information
obtained.

Bombing by boxes on "Gee" from 11,000 - 11,800 feet.

Box I - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombed Secondary, Groenlo (A-230830). Bombs
fell 1 3/4 miles SW of DMPI in open fields and across several
roads. Possible hits in small towns of De Rouwatt and Delfel.
Impossible to determine further damage or to locate pattern ac-
curately due to cloud cover.

Box II - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of re-
sults due to cloud cover.

Box III - NO ATTACK.

Hofkens (Defended Area)

344 BG: 51 a/c dispatched, 44 dropping 696 X 260 frags on Secondary.

7 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 6, weather (at Secondary, flight
leader's radio was inoperative and he did not see leader drop).

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 15 minutes prior to troop line and desired in-
formation obtained.

Bombing by boxes on "Gee" from 11,500 - 12,500 feet.

The town of Cleve (E-898558) was bombed because of inclement weather at
Primary.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Mittorden (Defended Area)

416 BG: 40 a/c (A-26) dispatched, 37 dropping 139 X 260 frags on OTM target.
Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which crashed.

2 a/c failed to bomb: (A-26) Mechanical.

1 A-26 lost. A/C crashed approximately 12 miles NW of base in the vic-
inity of Orangis (S-101200) because of fuel shortage upon returning from
mission. Pilot was killed and gunner was seriously injured.

No further damage or casualties.

Attempt was made to call "Sweepstakes" 2 minutes prior to IP but made no
contact.

Bombing by boxes (Box I - 4 flights on "Gee", Box II on ETA as "Gee" box
was inoperative) from 10,500 - 12,500 feet.

The town of Elten (E-920640) was bombed because of inclement weather at
Primary.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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409 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 26 A-26, 11 A-20), 18 (including 14 A-26, 4 A-20) dropping 276 X 260 frags on and in vicinity of OTHER target. 3 window a/c.

18 a/c (14 A-26, 4 A-20) failed to bomb: weather (at OTHER target box leader had "Gee" malfunction).

No losses, 5 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

1 A-26 crash-landed at Brussels/Neishbrook. Reason undetermined at time of this report. A/C sustained battle damage but extent is undetermined.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 2 minutes prior to IP but emergency traffic prevented receipt of desired information.

Bombing by box on "Gee" from 11,000 feet.

The town of Keisenburg (A-020825) was bombed.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

391 BG: 55 a/c dispatched, 18 dropping 278 X 260 GP on Secondary, 14 dropping 214 X 260 frags on accidental release at E-970600 (friendly territory). Bombs dropped from 1 a/c when bomb bay doors opened on bomb run; 13 others dropped on these bombs. 23 a/c failed to bomb: weather (at Secondary "Gee" equipment failed).

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 7 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.

Bombing by box on "Gee" from 11,500 feet.

Town of Eimerich (E-970600) was bombed because of inclement weather at Primary.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Grevenbroich (Marshalling Yard)

410 BG: 44 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 41 dropping 243 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, 13 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Information on Fighter Control contact not available as leader landed away from base (St. Troind).

1 crewman wounded by flak.

Bombing by boxes on PFF ("Gee") from 11,700 - 12,000 feet.

Boxes I & II - UNSATISFACTORY. Both boxes bombed on PFF a/c. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Pattern centered 7000 ft. NE of DMPI. Majority of bombs fell in open fields with possible hits on secondary roads in this area.

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386 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 32 dropping 243 X 500 GP on and in vicinity of OTHER target (between troop line and bomb line). Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c which landed at Ophoven and Le Culot. 3 window a/c.

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

No losses, 19 a/c battle damaged, 1 crewman killed and 2 wounded.

"Sweepstakes" contacted 10 minutes prior to IP and desired information obtained.

Bombing by boxes on group lead (visual) from 10,500 - 11,000 feet.

Box I & II - P.N.B. Formation made a bomb run on Primary target with PFF a/c but did not release due to PFF equipment failure. Secondary target was not bombed because interphone of lead a/c was not working. Lead bombardier chose a defended village. Both boxes bombed on lead a/c of Box I. Bursts occur in a scattered pattern 18 miles WSW of Primary target near Perselen (VK-909723). Majority of bombs fell in apparent open fields, few hits in towns of Perselen, Horst (VK-909715) and Himmerich (VK-920705). Bombs of one flight in Box I fell across a single line railroad track. One a/c in high flight Box II had a bomb rack malfunction and two bombs fell on a secondary road at VK-912689 near Wurm.

Horren (Town)

322 BG: 51 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 15 dropping 204 X 250 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary; 16 dropping 244 X 250 GP on Secondary. 5 window a/c.

15 a/c failed to bomb: 1, Mechanical (PFF equipment failure); 14, Other - 1, took off late and could not catch formation; 13, PFF did not bomb.

No losses, 20 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Attempted to call "Sweepstakes" 15 minutes prior to troop line but could not make contact.

Bombing by boxes on PFF (Box III) and group lead "Gee" (Box II and 1 flight Box I) from 12,100 - 13,400 feet.

Box I - Flight A - NO ATTACK. PFF failure.
Flight B - NO ATTACK. PFF failure.
Flight C - AREA BOMBING. Bombed with box III in fields 2 miles SE of Zulpich at F-259310.

Box II - AREA BOMBING. A good pattern $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SE of Zulpich across a highway and probable farm buildings at F-250319.

Box III - AREA BOMBING. Bombs fell $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles E of Horren, 1 mile W of Frechen, hits starting large fires in an active factory and across several spur RR tracks at F-338572.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		521
A/C Bombing	342	
A/C Failing to Bomb	25	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	124	
Other		
Window 26		
Bombs of 4 A/C Unaccounted for	30	
		521

Bombs on Enemy Territory		657.52
Total Bombs to Date		105,243.795

A/C Lost (A-26) 416 BG	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (A-26) 409 BG	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	57	11.28%
Killed	2	
Wounded	3	
Missing	0	
Injured	1	
Claims	0	

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FAILURE TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
397	2	Mechanical	1 - left engine cutting out. 1 - Right engine rough and nose wheel door broken.
387	2	Mechanical	Gee out on a/c of two flight leaders.
394	2	Mechanical	1 - VEF on fire immediately after take-off. 1 - 3 bombs fell from shackles onto bomb bay doors.
344	1	Mechanical	Rack malfunction.
416	2	Mechanical	Bomb release malfunction.
322	13	Other	FFF did not drop.
	1	Other	Took off late - unable to catch formation.
	1	Mechanical (FFF)	Equipment failure.
386	1	Mechanical (FFF)	Equipment failure.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: <u>Waterborn</u>	397 BG:	10/10 stratus, tops estimated 3000 ft. 10/10 altostratus, base 15,000 ft. Breaks to the West of the target. Visibility 15 miles air-to-air. 4 miles air-to-ground through breaks in moderate haze.
<u>Waterborn</u>	323 BG:	9/10 thin stratocumulus, tops estimated 4000 ft. 10/10 altostratus, base estimated 17,000. Visibility air-to-air unlimited.
<u>Waterborn</u>	387 BG:	10/10 stratus, tops 4000 ft. Big break 15 miles to Northeast. 8/10 cirrus, base 18,000 ft.
<u>Waterborn</u>	394 BG:	10/10 stratus and stratocumulus, tops estimated 4000 ft. 9-10/10 altostratus, base 17,000 ft. Large breaks visible to North along Rhine Valley. Visibility 10 plus miles air-to-air, 3-8 miles air-to-ground.
<u>Heldens</u>	344 BG:	10/10 strato-cumulus, tops 3-4000 ft. 8/10 cirro-stratus and altostratus, base 18-20,000 ft. Visibility 6-8 miles in haze.
<u>Nutterden</u>	416 BG:	10/10 strato-cumulus, tops 3500 ft. 4-5/10 cirrus estimated 18,000.
<u>Nutterden</u>	409 BG:	10/10 strato-cumulus, tops 6000 ft. 10/10 altostratus, base 12,500 ft. Visibility 10 miles between layers. Visibility 1 mile air-to-ground at breaks.
<u>Nutterden</u>	391 BG:	9-10/10 low cloud, tops estimated 5000 ft. 8/10 medium cloud, base estimated 15,000 ft.

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Grevenbroich 410 BG: 4-6/10 stratocumulus, base estimated 2000 ft., tops 4-6000 ft. 10/10 medium and high cloud, base 13,000 ft. Visibility air-to-air $\frac{1}{2}$ mile at base of cloud, air-to-ground 2-4 miles.

Grevenbroich 386 BG: 6-8/10 stratocumulus, tops 4000 ft. 10/10 medium base 14-15,000 ft. Visibility unlimited above cloud, 5-8 miles air-to-ground.

Horram 322 BG: 1/10 low cloud. 10/10 medium at 13,000 ft. Visibility 8-10 miles air-to-ground.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
394	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER BOMB TERRITORY	505
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	57
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	11.28%

Waterborn Defended Area 397, 323, 387, 394 Gp.
Hokkens Defended Area 344 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered en route or at the target.

Nutterden Defended Area 416, 409, 391 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	5
% A/C Battle Damaged	3.73%

The 409 Gp. encountered moderate inaccurate heavy flak near Donsburg (-1881). This flak was probably fired from the outer defenses of Arnhem.

Grevenbroich M/Y 386, 410 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	32
% A/C Battle Damaged	41.02%

Both groups encountered moderate to intense accurate heavy flak in the target area. The 410 Gp. reports seeing bursts that were only about 1/5 the size of the ordinary.

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88 mm burst. This could be caused by several reasons, one being that the shells of one particular lot had a faulty explosive charge. Flak was as anticipated as the enemy has a very heavy defense from the bombline to the Rhine River in this area.

Horrem Town	322 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	20
% A/C Battle Damaged	39.21%

Both boxes reported moderate accurate heavy flak between Erkelenz and the IP (F-0077). The first box then turned right and encountered flak to the target area. This flak followed the formation through the turn off target to Duren. The second box continued on to Zulpich and encountered weak to moderate inaccurate heavy flak. Weather conditions probably prevented the flak from being as accurate as could be expected. However, the intensity of the fire is what could normally be expected from the defenses that the enemy has concentrated in the immediate rear of the battle lines.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1046½ to 1258½

At 1155, the 391st Group sighted two Me 109s below the formation at 4-640350. The e/a did not attempt an attack.

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PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HQS, France: Battling weather that closed in to zero visibility less than 15 minutes from the targets, Marauders and Invaders pressed home attacks against communications and infantry-defended positions in seven towns in north west Germany Thursday.

Without the aid of special bombing technique, the Ninth Bombardment Division mediums searched out their objectives in some of the worst weather of the winter offensive. As many as five bomb runs were made by several crews, only a few of which caught a glimpse of results through freakish breaks in the clouds over one of the day's objectives.

All located in northwest Germany, the targets were vital communication centers and strong points in the towns of Calcar, Emmerich, Elten, Cleve and Immeran, southeast of Nijmegen, and Groenlo and Doetinchem, east of Arnhem. Flak was slight to nil, and the Luftwaffe failed to appear in the pea-soup skies. Results were almost totally unobserved.

Other formations of Marauders and Havocs, employing pathfinders, dropped high explosives on a railroad yard at Gravenbroich, 16 miles northwest of Cologne, and the town of Horrem, 5 miles to the southeast.

From all the day's operations, one Havoc is missing.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HQS, France: An armored unit officer, Captain Chester D. Christie, 27, got into the war in the air for the first time today, flying on a bombing mission over Germany in a Ninth Air Force Marauder.

Captain Christie, an operations officer with 9th Armored Division, is one of the first ground officers to spend several days at a bomber base and fly on missions if they desire. For several months, flying crews of the Ninth Air Force have been learning about life in the foxholes at first hand. Now it is the ground men's turn to learn of the war from the air.

Describing today's mission, Christie commented: "When I heard the bombardier yell 'Bombs Away', I watched our bombs go stringing down on the German town we had been briefed to hit. According to the briefing, the target was filled with supplies and Krauts. I'm sure we damaged both plenty. I was glad to get a ground-hugger's view of aerial power at work."

Captain Christie, whose home is at 2939 Kingsley Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, flew in the waist gunner's position in "Vulgar Vulture," a Marauder of the Tiger Stripe group, which bombed Calcar, a German town 20 miles southeast of Nijmegen, Holland.

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To: C.G., 9th Bomb. Division, Att: A-2
G.G., 97th Combat Wing, Att: A-2

From: 416 Bomb Group

Opflash for 6 February 1945.

A. 416 Bomb Group

B. Berg. Gladbach Storage buildings

C. 12 A-20 A/C; ²⁷ A-26 A/C

D. Information from ³³ A/C lacking - diverted to A-69.

E. 1 A-20 A/C failed to bomb - lost formation going through overcast. Joined onto B-26 formation until this formation turned back at 1158 hours at grid coordinate L351251.

4 A-26 A/C failed to bomb when flight leader in above-mentioned A-20 lost formation.

1 A-26 A/C returned early - wheels would not retract.

Information lacking on 33 A/C diverted to A-69.

F. ²⁰ X 1000 G.P. bombs returned, by A-26's

4 X 500 G.P. bombs returned by A-20

G, H, I, J, K, L, & M - Nil as per ⁵⁶ aircraft that have returned - in formation lacking on 33 A/C diverted to A-69

~~G. Nil~~

~~H. Nil - information lacking on 33 A/C diverted to A-69~~

~~I. Nil - information lacking on 33 A/C diverted to A-69.~~

~~J. Nil - information lacking on 33 A/C diverted to A-69~~

~~K. Nil~~

~~L. Nil~~

~~M. Nil~~