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TARGET UNNH ORD. DEPOT DATE 28/2/45 NO. A/C 41 MISS. # 217
 COORD. H-966299 F.O. # 769 STATUS ATTACHED
 BRIEFING OFFICER _____

P.R.C.

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 17/27 OP OF

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2240A
TO : COMBOMDIV IX
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

BT

/ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER.

ADVANCED INFORMATION OF PARA. 5 (COMMUNICATIONS) OF F.O. TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) WAYSIDE
- (3) SHUTDOWN
- (4) RIPSAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) PEDLAR
- (3) POWER
- (4) RIPSAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) SKINDEEP
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) RIPSAN

COMBOMDIV 97

BT 27/2240A

UCB AR

ITA R.....27/2250A EG AROTF

JES R.....27/2250A JW AR

JKI R.....27/2250A UFG AR

JPO R.....27/2250A DD AR

ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 18/27 OP-OP
T-ITA PASS TO JJF

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2330A
TO : COMBOMDIV IX
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.
1ST PROV, PATHFINDER SQDN.

FX684
0050
28 Feb
SAL

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

F-247-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769.

- (1) TARGET: UNNA ORDNARCE DEPOT AT A-966298. TARGET GN-5809 OR 5107E/4412/F/1. FOR DESCRIPTION OF TARGET, SEE INFORMATION SHEET IN THESE FILES.
- (2) WITH THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE AND THE TARGET BEING THE KEY DEPOT SUPPLYING ADVANCE DEPOTS OR THE WESTERN FRONT, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ATTACK IS EVIDENT. ALL THREE GROUPS OF THE 97TH WING ARE TO ATTACK THIS TARGET UNDER PLAN "A" OR "B", AND NO OTHER GROUPS WILL ATTACK. A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK MIGHT WELL HAVE FOR REACHING CONSEQUENCES.

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- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE

----- BB 73 PRINT 8093 AND 8094
BB 72 PRINT 9070
5107E/4412 AND 4412/1
3(K) 34/2 AND 34/1

THE 409TH OGROUP HAS ITS OWN STRIKE ATTACK PHOTOS OF FEB, 16.

- (4) FLAK. ON FEBRUARY 16TH THIS TARGET WAS ATTACKED UNDER TWO TO FIVE TENTHS CLOUD. BY THE 409TH -416TH AND 386 GROUPS THE 409TH REPORTED INTERSE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET AND LOST THREE SHIPS. THE 416TH REPORTED CONTIOUS MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK FROM COESFELD (A-610700) TO TARGET AND BACK, WITH THREE SHIPS MISSING (INCLUDING ONE PPF) THE 386TH REPORTED MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET, AT HALTERN (A-623508), HAMM (B-060433), MUNSTER (A-925740), AND ~~REXXMX~~ BETWEEN HAMM AND SOEST, LOSING ONE HIP NEAR MUNSTER.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 27/2330A

WCB AS AR

ITA R.....28/0021A CLEV AR K

JES R.....

JKI R.....28/0021A RSS AR K

JPO R.....28/0021A JHS AR KK

HVTO

GROUPS COME IN PLS ITA ARE YOU THERE PL

GIVE ME THE FIRST LINE OF AFTER PHOTO COVER AGE
HERE IT IS

PHOTO COVERAGE

----- BB 73 PRINT 8093A

ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 01/28 (INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0005A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

FX 683

0050
28 Jul 54

BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

SUPPLEMENT TO ADVANCED INFO COPY OF PAR. 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

ADD:

5. X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORTS
USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE
YOUR MISSION". IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT IS NOT MADE, THREE
GREEN FLARES WILL BE FIRED.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0005A

AR

SS

ITA R	28/0025A	JP	AR
JES R	3//28/0025A	EJK	AR
JKI R	28/0025A	RSS	AR
JPO R	28/0025A	JHS	AR
V			

ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA J 02/28 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0055A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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Reid
28/0210

BT

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F-248-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

1. PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- SEE US 10/D749 WHICH GIVES PRESENT STATUS OF TARGET,
AS A RESULT OF ATTACK ON FEBRUARY 16. VERY LITTLE DAMAGE APPEARS.

2. THE FLAK INFORMATION GIVEN FROM THE LAST ATTACK WAS BASED ON A ROUTE COMING IN FROM THE NORTH. THE ROUTE FROM THIS MISSION SEEMS CONSIDERABLY BETTER, AND HAS BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY FOR ATTACKS ON BERG GLADBACH (JUST EAST OF KOLN). ACCURATE NAVIGATION IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID TRIER AND TO KEEP MIDWAY BETWEEN COBLENZ AND LIMBURG. IN THE TARGET AREA, DORTMUND AND HAMM MUST BE AVOIDED. THE RIGHT TURN OFF TARGET IS PREFERRED AS IT IS TURNING AWAY FROM THE STRONGER AREA, BUT THIS TURN MUST AVOID HAMM TO BE COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL. THE ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB THE FLAK POSITIONS AT UNNA IN THE IMMEDIATE TARGET AREA, AND THIS SHOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0055A

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SS

ITA R				
JES R	28/1XX	28/0130A	JAB	AR
JKI R	28/0130A	RSS	AR	
JPO R	28/0130A	JHS	AR	

ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 04/28 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0235A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

FX689

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

0305
28 Feb
SAC

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

F-250-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

AMMEND PAR. 5. X. (11) TO READ:

FIGHTER ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES IN TARGET AREA.
LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORT AT THE I P
USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE YOUR MISSION".
IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT CANNOT BE MADE WITH FIGHTER ESCORT, GROUP
LEADERS WILL FIRE THREE GREEN FLARES AT THE I P AS A SIGNAL FOR
FIGHTER ESCORT TO BEGIN THEIR ATTACKS.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0235A

AR

SS

ITA R	28/0244A	HCB	AR
JES R	28/0244A	JAB	AR
JKI R	28/0244A	RSS	AR
JPO R	28/0244A	JHS	AR

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ITA JPO JES JKI JJF V JEA 06/28 OP - OP
T (ITA PASS JJF)

FROM 97 COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0910A
TO COMBOM DIV IX
412 COBOMGP
409 COBOMGP
416 COBOMGP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
28 FEBRUARY 1945

ANNEX NO 2. TO F.O. 184- 769 F-251-E

ADD TO PAR 1. B (2)
2ND T.AF. SPITFIRES WILL FURNISH AREA COVER IN TARGET AREA.

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

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0910A
AR SH
ITA R.....28/0937A LBC AR
JES R.....28/0937A JMB AR
JPO R.....28/0937A SK AR
JKI R.....28/0937A WJF BB TO ITA

FX 615 Dist
5-2
5-3
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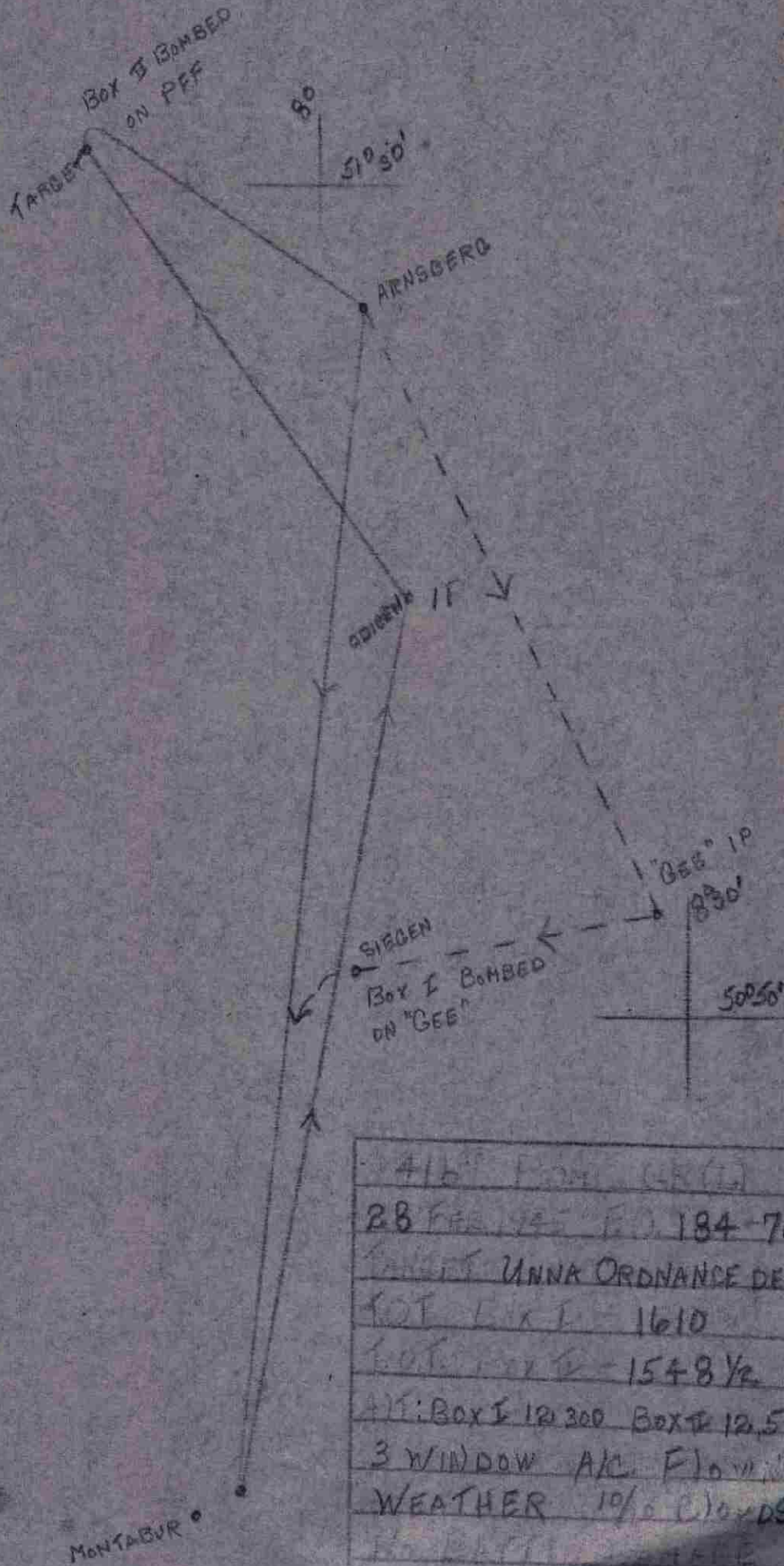
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FLIGHT PLAN & RECORD													
PILOT JACOBSEN				START IN.				BOEING IN				BASE	
NAVIGATOR HARRIS				TAXI OUT				T.P.				R.D. ALT.	
PLANE				TIME OF				TARGET				TWOPT ALT.	
MISSION				1200 COURSE				FLYING POINT					
DATE				1417				1550					
POSITION				1454				BOEING OUT					
FROM				TO				DR.				TO RUN	
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				M/A				M.H.				ALT.	
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Description & Date Signal Corps U.S. Army

Chart ML-167, Atmospheric Cross Section

Target / 28 Feb 1945

ISA/Oct 2003/Edition 4 (Test)

Zero 1200
Target ²A 966298

From ops at 2400
SAZ
Transposed from Linder
Checked w/FO at 0215

PLAN A

FR 29TAC at 0-20

Base to ^{LUXEMBOURG} P 8413 (FR) to ^{RJ South of BIERFELD} L 4313 - ^{WITTLICH} L 3954
to ^{EDIGER} L 5767 to ^{NASTATTEN} M 0978 to ^{HOLBACH} G 1205
to ^{ARNSBERG} B 2311 (IP) to target - Right turn
to ^{ARNSBERG} B 2311 (RP) and retrace.

MP1 Illus (K)(34)12

409 & 410 20 minutes ahead.

In case no fighter rendezvous - alternate target -

PLAN B

Zero 1300

FR 29TAC 0+14

TOT Zero +65

Base to ^{LUXEMBOURG} P 8413 to ^{RJ South of BIERFELD} L 4313 to ^{WITTLICH} L 3954
to ^{EDIGER} L 5767 to ^{NASTATTEN} M 0978 to ^{HOLBACH} G 1205
to ^{ODINGEN} G 2887 to target - Right turn
to ^{ARNSBERG} B 2311 to G 1205 and retrace.

PPF Ref. GSGS

96472970

1. MPI'S UNDER PLAN 'A'

Illustration 3(K) 34/2 one flight on each of the following references

00 88 0155

01 60 20

03 05 0270

040 032

Two flights on each of the following references

024 024

041 025

2. Alternate target on the event fighter rendezvous is not made

BIRKENFELD L 5917

MPI's

MISSION NO. 217

LOADING LIST

28 FEBRUARY 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 501 W
Major L.F. Dunn
Lt. W.E. Brewer
Lt. A.H. Malthy
Col. T.R. Aylesworth
S/S S.J. Majewski

4. 330 P
Lt. W. Mangrove
S/S M. Kicker

2. 492 E
Lt. J.R. Blomgren
Lt. G.G. Johnson
S/S L.R. Fleming

5. 307 H
Lt. R. Ford
Cpl D.J. Murro

3. 416 S
Lt. E.G. Bishop
Sgt M.C. Harriss

6. 286 D
Lt. A.R. Turman
S/S L.L. Leahigh

FLIGHT II

1. 505 Y
Capt. C.B. Stanley
F/O J.H. Blount
Sgt J.G. Esburn

4. 209 H
Lt. F.R. Parker
S/S S. Kochen
Lt. L.R. Zimet

2. 508 Z
Lt. O.F. Jacobsen
F/O L.M. Harvest
Sgt A. Pettinocchi

5. 305 V
Lt. J.C. Blavins
Pvt D. Hawk

3. 325 L
Lt. W.L. Hale
S/S J.F. Geyer

6. 361 H
Lt. W.H. Laceter
Sgt R.M. Cross

FLIGHT III

1. 481 P-1
Capt. C.J. Andersen
Lt. W. Babbage
S/S P.G. Egan

4. 274 S
Lt. L.J. Frucha
T/S G.G. Wilson

2. 495 G
Lt. R.G. Buchanan
S/S G.L. Galabrese

5. 385 D-1
F/O H.G. Quakel
Sgt L.J. Grana

3. 321 T
Lt. J.H. Carver
Sgt A.B. Stewart

6. 378 C-1
Lt. W.L. Annin
Sgt J.L. Pauker

SPARE

334 G-1
Lt. J.G. Savell
Sgt D.B. Richards

WINDON

1. 498 R
Lt. W.R. Heake
Lt. M.O. McNatt
Sgt G.R. Van Wert
S/S A. Teran

2. 213 A
Lt. W.A. Merchant
Sgt J.J. Ruskiewich
Sgt V.S. Stypenski

3. 229 B
Lt. E.R. Hayter
S/S F.P. Basford
Sgt. A.A. Dalton

BOX I

MISSION NO. 217

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

28 FEBRUARY 1945

1. 503 I
Lt. R.J. Rooney
Lt. R.L. Kirk
Lt. O.R. Koch
Sgt R.J. Kamischko
2. 499 G
Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
S/Sgt T. Connery
3. 2315 L
Capt. R.O. Grunzsmacher
S/S W.L. Kidd
S/S J.J. Ricketsen

4. 215 B
Lt. J.R. Warren
Sgt O.G. Streup
5. 224 E
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
Lt. A.R. Kimball
6. 320 S
Lt. J.F. Wallace
Sgt R. Plant

FLIGHT II

1. 497 E-1
Capt. R.J. Fatt
Lt. J.T. Beck
Sgt W. Wood
2. 300 K
Lt. W.R. Johnson
Sgt E.J. Groeden
3. 239 N
Lt. F.W. Henderson
S/S R.G. Schrom

4. 249 F
Capt. L.J. Sutton
Sgt C.N. Garkin
5. 297 T
Lt. G.L. Milhorn
Sgt D. Chest
6. 332 P
Lt. D.A. Kero
S/S T. A. Skelton

FLIGHT III

1. 521 N-1
Capt. B.D. Stebbins
Lt. A.S. Calleyway
S/S W.T. Brown
2. 344 G
Lt. E.G. Martin
Sgt L.B. Draft
3. 252 D
Lt. O.M. Anderson
Sgt J.H. Deatherage

4. 314 H
Lt. M.W. DuBose
S/S D.L. Griffin
5. 354 S
Lt. R.H. Mackley
Sgt H.A. Keens
6. 271 N-1
Lt. A.W. Dwyer
Sgt R.W. Gillespie

SPARE

9315 F-1
F/O J.A. Green
Sgt A. Kubjalke

MISSION NO. 217
28 FEBRUARY 1945
BOX II

$$h/c \frac{u}{v}$$

BOX

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 350 ON Second.: BATTLE DAMAGE

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED



JETTISONED

FLUK:

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 X X

INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTER. FORM

PILOT Bishop A/C# 46 BOX I

CASUALTIES nil

BOOMBS :	<u>6 X 500</u>	ON <u>Leigen</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: one burst at bomb line - 3 mile off to left -
 Gunner observe flak at other formation 3 mile
 to each side of course 1 minute after making
 1st turn in Germany -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: ~~two believed to be Spitfire~~
~~one~~

OBSERVATIONS: 5 minutes from field - 1701 - lots of
 black smoke + something burning in open
 field.
 white trail of smoke in left area.

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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      F
      X
    (X) X
      X
      X X
    
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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
    
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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
    
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L.S.P.
 INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

CASUALTIES

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

I

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

X				X
X	X			X
X	X	(X)		X

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INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERFORM

PILOT Shale A/C# 325 BOX I

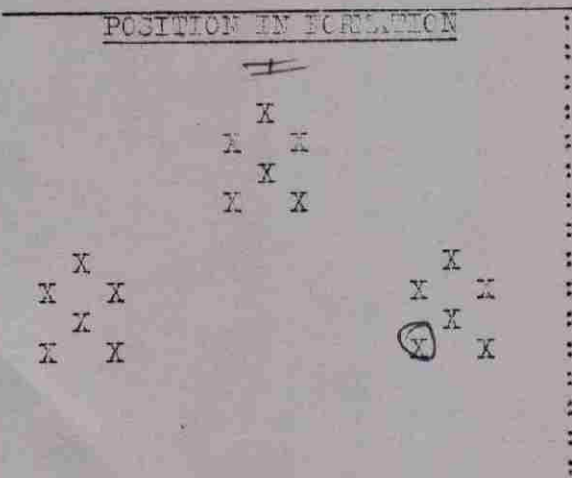
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>500</u>	ON <u>Seigen</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED			<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED				

FLY: in at another formation -
now at the formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS:



PSR
INTERROGATOR

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INTER. POINT

PILOT

 $\frac{1}{2} / C \frac{11}{2}$

BOB

CASUALTIES

BC:BS :

6 750 10

ON Leigen

BATTLE DAMAGE

25

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

observed flock at 1530 - at another formation N.W.
25 miles -
Phosphorus flock -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: *nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN CORRELATION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

INTERVIEW OF

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CASUALTIES

FLAK:

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 X
X X

MAZ

INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____

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INTER. FORM

PILOT

Ammin

A/C#

348

BOX

1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

4 1500 INCH Secondary

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

FLAK:

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 X
X X
X X

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CASUALTIES

BOEBS :

6. 500 IN ^{SEC} ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Camero.

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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X X
X X
X X

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PILOT Blevins A/C# 305 BOX I

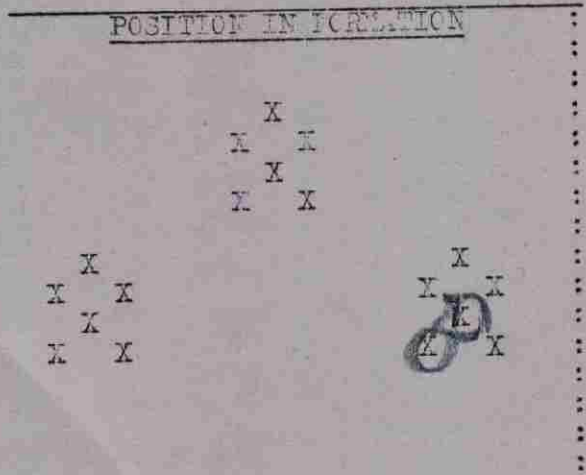
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>und</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE	<u>und</u>		
		<u>X</u>			RETURNED			"I-C"	"E"
		<u>X</u>			JETTISONED				

FLK: und

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
und

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Tarman A/C# 286 BOX I

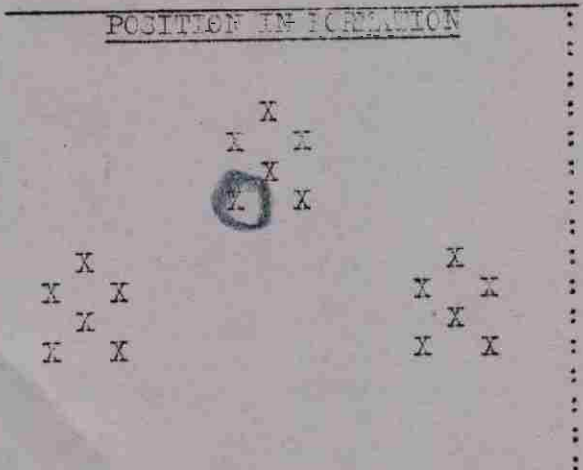
CASUALTIES

BOOMBS :	<u>6</u> X	ON <u>Search</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE	<u>nil</u>		
	X	RETURNED		"A-C"		"E"
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK:
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
nil

OBSERVATIONS:
Sold account



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ECLES :

7500

BATTLE DAMAGE

~~RETURNED~~

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FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X
X X

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BOY

mil

6 x 500

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

2

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLASK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Did not bomb primary - apparent PPF failure on P.T. run. So bombed secondary on GEE - 15 secs after ~~the~~ bombs went away at 1610 - GEE fix was 4.7 - 34.0 - so apparently hit town of SIEGEN
GEE jam over P.T.

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1610

alt

12,300

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POSITION IN CORRELATION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

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BCLES :

BOULES : 6 X 500 ON 2nd

BATTLE DAMAGE

24

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

20 bursts inacc. probably of
bomb line (1520 hrs)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Saw buildings burning (1644 hrs)
on route out.

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

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BOLEBS :

X 500 ON 2nd

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLICK:

burst on way back probably of
bomb line.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1 run dropped on ~~Lee~~
solid overcast

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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BOLBS :

6 1500 ON Second

BATTLE DAMAGE

25

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLYK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Bombed on box leader on
secondary. Good pattern of bombs
14/10 clouds.
no obs on ground.

f.o.t. - 1610 at Siegen

alt. 1250

210145-

2640 heading

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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X X

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X X
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PILOT *Sumner* L/C# 501 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON Second : BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK: 2 burst & tracer

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: cloud break near target

1410 clouds most all the way.

D rapped on Bee by ropes.

2nd bat PFF worked.

PFF did contact bat leaders when he turned off before target at release point. Did not have time to make Bee run on primary.

t.o.t. - 1610

alt. - 12300 - 245° heading 2001AS.

could not obs. bomb bursts.

POSITION IN FORMATION

(R)
 X X
 X
 X X

X X
 X X
 X X

X X
 X X
 X X

PFF briefed to make contact with G.S.S.

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BATTLE DAMAGE

JETTISONED

FLAK: 2 Bursts - White, between Coblenz, on
turn do ~~at~~ Left - on way in.

X

OBSERVATIONS:

16/10. Cover

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X

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X
X X
X X
X X

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CASUALTIES

BOULES :

L. X SON SECOND BATTLE DAMAGE

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BOX

2

RETURNED

JETTISONED

FLK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FC RELATION

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X X
X X X

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X X X
X X X

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$$\Delta / C_{\frac{11}{11}}$$

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CASUALTIES

ECIES :

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BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X



X

X X

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X
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X X (X)

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PILOT Johnson L/C# 300 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6 500</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: out at lgt - saw some off to left 10 mile or
more.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: observed trail from jet in
- lgt area -

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		<u>II</u>	
		X	
	X	X	
		X	
	X	X	
X	X		X
X	X		X
X	X		X

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PILOT Laskovich A/C# 499 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	ON <u>P.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:		:	"L-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK: 1 Burst at Bl. (off course)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

On PPF. Good lead
ETA - (abt 1548)
2 minutes late

Brown - below plane burning
a ground fire
+ enemy.

Fighters reported
on radio - com

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

TOT - 1548 1/2
alt - 12600.

200 MPH

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BCBS :

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RETURNED

JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

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FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN COLLECTION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

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CASUALTIES

BCIBS :

6

X 500

ON

RETURNED

JETTISONED

: BATTLE DAMAGE

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FLK:

Pie plates (white) at isolated intervals on course - few & far between. Possibly windows

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

mit

OBSERVATIONS:

mit

Clusters had not yet opened when they went into clouds

POSITION IN COLLECTION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

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X
Y X
X X

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON _____	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>2</u> X <u>100</u>	RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
<u>1</u> X <u>1</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		
<u>1</u> X <u>1</u>				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN ECCELATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
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PILOT Wallace A/C# 320 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

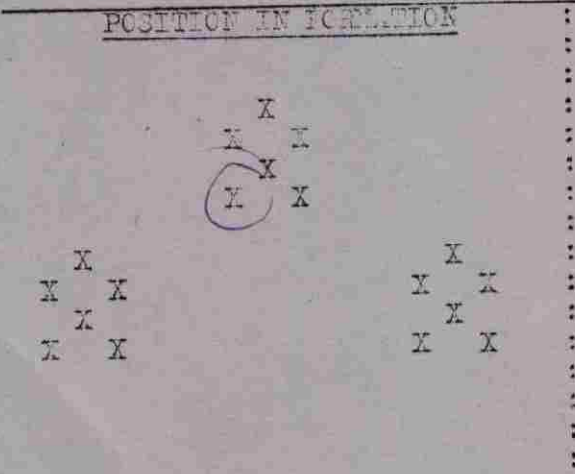
BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PT : BATTLE DAMAGE

	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"
X RETURNED					
X JETTISONED					

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTER: nil

OBSERVATIONS: one first run on fl lead



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BOLTS :

6. $\frac{1}{2}$

ON



: BATTLE DAMAGE

YF-1-C

77-78

25

RETURNED

27

JETTISONED

FLK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1640 - town of the
good sized town
Smoke to low

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

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CULTURES

BOLEBS :

6 x 500 ON PT

BATTLE DAMAGE

 $\bar{x}$

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLICK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 Dropped on PPF

POSITION IN CONNECTION

X
X X
X
X X

X X

X X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

TOT 1448 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hd 323
alt 12500

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BOMBS :

6 x 508

ON *D*

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 cloud cover.
Small vapor trail. passed in front of
A/C close to target area. 5 mi away.

7.07

alt. -

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X X
X X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

X X
X X
X X

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BOEBS

4 X 500 CN ~~1000~~

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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CASUALTIES

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1st is Claude
no obs.

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X X
X X
X (X)

X X X
X X X
X X X

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BOX

CASUALTIES

BOLEBS :

C X 358 ON P

: BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

14. clouds
one do.

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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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

- 6 x 500 ON P

: BATTLE DAMAGE

5

RETURNED

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JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN COLLECTION

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

BOMBS :

6 X 500 ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

4.07 - 1548 1/2 - behind 3 minute late.
alt - 12500 - 195/18. Heading 318
PFF. ok. on lead all way.

1410 clouds.

no obs.
specially white object leave trail
seen going down from above alt.
about 20 miles to left. Close to IP.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X
X
X X

X
X X
X X

State flap flap.
on leg to next station
behind from Kehlenger
window A/C did
good job. PFF & th up
window out on way out
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on way in

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PILOT Sutton A/C# 249 BCN II

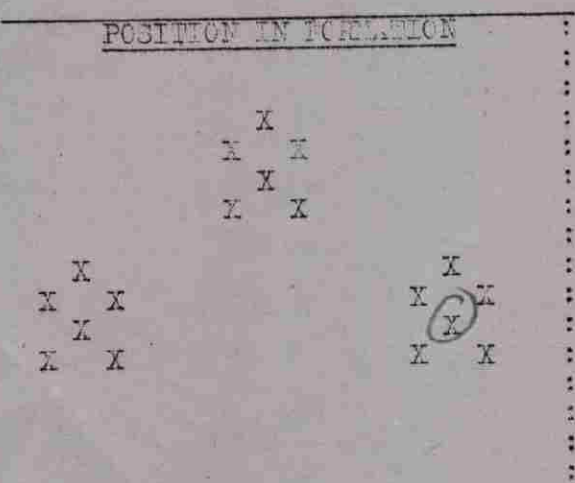
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>5</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>P.I.F.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	X				
		X			RETURNED	:				"A-C"	:	"E"
	<u>1</u>	X	<u>500</u>		JETTISONED	:					:	

FLAK:
X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
X

OBSERVATIONS: One Bomb fell out when
Bomb bay doors opened
Here 19/10



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PILOT Fero A/C# 332 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED				"A-C"	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED					

FLAK: 1515-XXH at another formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: - 19/10 - Cloud cover

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 Montgomery A/C# 2315 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON <u>PCT</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

- One burst of flak one mile to rt of course of Thier -
1522-XXH - at sighters -
1524 - off to left. smoke, from flak

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS

6

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RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

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FLICK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X

X
X X
X (7) X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

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A/C#

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Window

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A-C"

"E"

X

RETURNED

nil

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

*300 ft below form
1-1 1/2 ahead
spread good.
supp OK.*

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 *Hecker*

A/C#

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Window

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Primary started drop 1537 - 1 mile
300' below formation stopped 1548 after completion
of turn

Secondary 1603 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile ahead 300'
below stopped at 1610 after completion of turn
~~1610~~
scattered out good.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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Box #	CpsTl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
		25 Feb 45				Mr. [unclear]	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATI	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
No.	Person	T S O	P S J P R	T D A A C B E D P D K V M				
1	501							
2	492							
3	416							
4	330							
5	307							
6	286							
1	505							
2	508							
3	335							
4	309							
5	305							
6	361							
1	481							
2	495							
3	321							
4	294							
5	385							
6	378							
6	334							

19
114
328

114

Wardens Ship
Jante
498
213

Alman
501
Blind
416
Munich
330
Jamaica
286
307

Alman
481
Green
301
495
325
308
309
305
361
305
334

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TO: C.G. 9th Bombardment Division, Att: A-2
C.G. 97th Combat Wing Att: A-2

FROM: 416 th Bombardment Group (L)

CONFIDENTIAL Operational Priority.

A. 416 th Bombardment Group.

B. Unna Ordnance Depot.

C. 41 A-26 A/C

D. 19 A-26 on Primary
19 A-26 on Secondary, Seigen M/Y (0200-535)

E. 2 A-26 A/C carried window only.
1 A-26 A/C carried window only returned early, mechanical malfunction.

F. 114x500 incendiary clusters on Primary.
114x500 incendiary clusters on secondary. Seigen M/Y (0200-535)
P.F.F. A/C leading box #1 turned out of formation just before reaching bomb release point. No contact was made with the box leader and not enough time remained to make a Gee run on the primary. Secondary target was bombed on Gee.

G. Box #1 Unobserved on Secondary.
Box #2 Unobserved on Primary.

H. Nil.

I. Nil.

J. Nil.

K. Nil.

L. Box #1 12,300 feet.
Box #2 12,500 feet.

M. Box #1 1610 hours.
Box #2 1548 1/2 hours.

X. Three white objects came up near formation and spiralled down leaving white trails near (Bo55-125)
One silver colored A/C, believed to be A-26, seen burning on ground at (0-935-230)

W. Anderson
Capt A-

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FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) APO 146 US ARMY.

TO HQS 9TH BOMB DIV (M) APO 146 US ARMY.

HQS 97TH COMBAT WING APO 146 USARNAVY.

SECRET GOC BT

FAX 296-D

B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT.

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 281630A

DM SEND TO ITA

JEAR.....28/1657A

UCD

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ITA R.....281659A

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HK

281630A

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416th Bomb Gp (L)

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TO COMBOMIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
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- A. VS - 04
- B. 28 FEBRUARY 1945 (1855-1756)
- C. W-WILLIAM AND X-RAY REPORTED TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET
- D. PPF MISSION
- E.
- F.
- G. W-WILLIAM CALLED ESCORTING FIGHTERS BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY.
HE THEN CALLED F.C.C. AS TO INFORMATION ABOUT FIGHTERS AND UPON
COMPLETION OF CALL ESCORTING FIGHTERS JOINED HIS
FORMATION.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE

---AYLESWORTH CODOGER 416---

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ITA R.....26/2010A EN AR
JEA R.....26/2006A LCB AR

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 281925A
TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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ATTN: A-2
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FAX-298-D

- A. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP.
- B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT.
- C. 41 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.
- D. 19 A-26 ON PRIMARY
19 A-26 ON SECONDARY, SEIGEN M/Y (F200-535)
- E. 2 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
1 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY RETURNED EARLY. A/C WAS LOSEING EXCESSIVE OIL AFTER TAKEOFF.
- F. 114 X 500 INCENDARY CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY.
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
114 X 500 XXXX INCENDARY CLUSTERS ON SECONDARY. SEIGEN M/Y (F200-535) P.F.F. A/C LEADING BOX I TURNED OUT OF FORMATION JUST BEFORE REACHING BOMB RELEASE POINT. NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE BOX LEADER AND NOT ENOUGH TIME REMAINED TO MAKE A GEE RUN ON THE PRIMARY. SECONDARY TARGET WAS BOMBED ON GEE.
- G. BOX I UNOBSERVED ON SECONDARY. 10/10 CLOUD COVER.
BOX II UNOBSERVED ON PRIMARY. 10/10 CLOUD COVER.
- H. NIL.
- I. NIL.
- J. NIL.
- K. NIL.
- L. BOX I 12,300 FEET.
XXXXXX
BOX II 12,500 FEET.
- M. BOX I 1610 HOURS.
BOX II 1548 1/2 HOURS.
- X. THREE WHITE OBJECTS CAME UP NEAR FORMATION AND SPIRALLED DOWN LEAVING WHITE TRAILS NEAR (B055-125)
ONE SILVER COLORED A/C, BELIEVED TO BE A-26, SEEN BURNING ON GROUND AT (O-935-230)

BT 281925A

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ITA R.....282003A SB K

JEK R.....28/2003A LCB

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ITA JEA V JKI 11/26 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 281925A
TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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- 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP.
UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT.
41 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.
19 A-26 ON PRIMARY
19 A-26 ON SECONDARY, SEIGEN M/Y (F200-335)
2 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.
1 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY RETURNED EARLY. A/C WAS LOSING EXCESSIVE OIL AFTER TAKEOFF.
114 X 500 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY.
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BT 281925A

DM DEBDD

ITA R.....282903A SD K

JEK R.....28/2003A LCB

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

AUTH: CO STA 4-69
DATE: 2 March 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. 591 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 23 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 217 97th CGS P.O. #184-759.

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Base Ordnance Depot
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1943 Landing time 1744
Time over target Box 1-1610, Box 2 1543 Altitude 12,300
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 10/10 over target
Results Observed due to cloud cover
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 41 A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

<u>2 A-26's</u>	<u>Window</u>
<u>19 A-26's</u>	<u>Base Ordnance Depot (Primary)</u>
<u>19 A-26's</u>	<u>Wagon (Secondary)</u>
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 (window a/o) returned early - excessive fuel pressure and oil leak
 - (4) Other: None
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) None
8. Sorties 40 A-26's

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

154.15

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air

70,300 x .50 cal.

b. Expended on operations

1,010 x .50 cal. (testing)

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air:

114 x 500 lb incendiary clusters-25 sec. delay
114 x 500 lb incendiary clusters-25 sec. delay

b. Expended on operations:

230 x 500 lb incendiary clusters

(List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on
missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

None

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

None

b. Prob. Dcs

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP(L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

APD 140, U S ARMY,
28 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : 1. RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS 9TH BOMB-
ARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, US ARMY

1. RCM DISPENSING 45
2. 28 FEB 1945
3. NO FLAK
4. 51° 10N 8° E
5. 51° 32N 7° E
6. 3
7. 26 BOXES
8. 260° AT 29 MPH
9. 12,300 TO 12,500 FT
10. TEN TENTHS
11. NONE
12. ---
13. ---
14. ---
15. NO FLAK DIRECTED AT FORMATION, THEREFORE RESULTS OF WINDOW
COULD NOT BE EVALUATED

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON
1ST. LT, CAC,
RADAR OFFICER.

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO. COPY
97TH COMBAT WING INFO. COPY
1ST PATH FINDER SQUADRON

416BG F _____ E CONFIDENTIAL 28 FEBRUARY 1945 (2115)

PTF REPORT FOR 28 FEBRUARY 1945

THE PATH FINDER SHIP FOR THE FIRST BOX DID NOT DROP AND MADE A GRADUAL RIGHT TURN OFF THE TARGET WHEN BRIEFED TO MAKE A SHARP PEEL UP TO THE LEFT IN THE EVENT OF A MALFUNCTION. THE PATHFINDER DID NOT CONTACT FORMATION LEADER AND TELL HIM THAT HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE. THE BOMB RUN WAS MADE AT 13,000 FEET INSTEAD OF 13,500 FT AS BRIEFED. THE PATHFINDER HEADING THE SECOND BOX MADE BOMB RUN AT 12,500 FEET INSTEAD OF 13,000 FEET AS BRIEFED. THE PTF LEAD WAS VERY SATISFACTORY THROUGHOUT.

AYLESWORTH COBOMER 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1ST., AIR CORPS.
Ops Stat Officer

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

PRIORITY

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT WING (L) (INFO COPY)

ATTN: RADAR OFFICER

416BG F E SECRET

1 MARCH 1945

1130

JAMMING WAS FOUND ON BOTH THE HEINE AND RUHR GEE CHAINS ON MISSION OF 23 FEBRUARY. HEINE HAD "TRAILING" JAMMING WITH ABOUT 11 RAILS PER MAIN TIME BASE LINE. THESE WERE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE CHAIN. IT BEGAN AT ABOUT 1444 AT "B" AND "C" COORDINATES 6.00-36.90 AND WAS LOST ABOUT 1616 AT "B" AND "C" COORDINATES 5.4-33.3. ANTI-JAM SWEEPING WAS NOT OF APPRECIABLE HELP.

RUHR CHAIN HAD ABOUT 20 NON SYNCHRONIZED RAILS PER MAIN TIME BASE. THEIR BEGINNING WAS NOT NOTICED BUT THEY SUDDENLY INCREASED IN STRENGTH AT 1513. THEY WERE LOST AT ABOUT 1555 WHEN THE FORMATION WAS ABOUT 25 MILES NORTH OF SIEGEN. STILL WELL INSIDE GERMANY. RECEPTION WAS EXCELLENT FROM THEN ON WHILE THE FORMATION BOMBED A SECONDARY TARGET ON GEE AND RETURNED TO ITS BASE.

AYLESWORTH CORONER 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. HONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

The attack on the Unna ordnance depot was made by two boxes of 19 A/G, with a B-26 PPF plane leading each box. Weather over enemy territory was generally 10/10 overcast with an occasional break in the clouds. The PPF plane in the first box told Major Dunn leading the formation that his equipment was working well as the planes turned onto the bomb-run. Evidently a last minute equipment failure prevented him from bombing. Major Dunn led the first box to the secondary target, Seigen, which was attacked using Gee equipment in Major Dunn's plans.

PPF equipment in the second box worked well so that the 2nd box was able to attack the primary target.

Results were unobserved due to cloud cover.

One or two bursts of very inaccurate flak was reported from the Trier area. That was the only flak along the route.

There were no enemy fighters reported by the crews. The formation had an escort of P-47's.

The only phenomena reported was white smoke seen spiralling downward from about 15,000 to 17,000 feet. There were no further observations.

JES JKI JPO VIA JEA V JJF NR 6/28 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 28/1900A

TO C G'S IX BOMB DIV. 99TH, 98TH AND 97TH COMBAT WINGS ATTN: A-2
 C O'S 386TH, 344TH, 391ST, 322ND, 394TH, 323RD, 387TH, 397TH,
 409TH, 410TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS.

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-390-D

- Rec 721*
28 5230
- Diet. 5-2+*
5-3
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. UNNA ORD. DEPOT RA 9629
 - C. 2 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. 1 B-26 MECHANICAL LEFT ENGINE TROUBLE-ABORTED AT 1408 AT VT 3080
 - F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. NONE
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13500 PRIMARY
 - M. 1522 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: FIGHTERS SHOULD NOT MAKE HEAD ON APPROACH TO BOMBER
 FORMATION "C" CHANNEL TOO CROWDED

ANNEX: PFF DID NOT CALL AS GROUP LED INTO AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. UNNA ORD, DEPOT RA 9629
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
1 B-26 CASUAL OSTERSPAI WL-9483 ON "GEE" DUE TO EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MEAGER INACCUR AT TRIER WL-2129
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 CASUAL
13000 PRIMARY
- M. 1605 CASUAL
1548 PRIMARY

ANNEX 1: CONTACTED RIPSAP TWO ANDXXXXXXXXXXXXX NONE HALF MINUTES INTO
 AREA AND RECEIVED DESIRED FIX.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
- B. COLBE RAILROAD BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. ONE BLUE GRAY ME109 SEEN IN AREA SOUTH OF BOPPARD WL-3880 WITH
NO ATTACK BEING MADE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1614 PRIMARY

ANNEX 1: CONTACTED RIPSAP ON MINUTE AFTER ENTERING AREA AND RECIVED
 IN CLEAR AND INACCURATE.

- A. 397 - BOWMAN
- B. MAYEN RR BRIDGE WL-6393
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 ON PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500
- M. 1425 - PRIMARY

ANNEX: CALLED RIPSAP AND RECIVED FIX 1 MIN INTO AREA.

- A. 323 BOOKMARK
- B. VLUUNHEID-RA-1616
- C. 1 B-26
- D. NONE
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. NONE
- M. 1425

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE (TAF) AREA NOT BRIEFED TO CALL.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
- B. NIEDERSCHELD RAILROAD BRIDGE WG 3935
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I..
- XXXANNEX:
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRV/69.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECIVED FIX THREE MINUTES LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. UNNA ORD. DEPOT RA 9629
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE UNABLE TO DROP ON FIRST BOX BECAUSE FLIGHT OF LOW BOX WAS DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH.
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1503 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION: TRAILS OF WHITE SMOKE LIKE VAPOR TRAILS SEEN IN TARGET AREA NEAR FORMATION WITH BURST WITH BLOSSOM LIKE EFFECT.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPS AW 5 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA AND RECIVED FIX.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP
- B. NIEDERSCHELD RR BRIDGE WG 3935
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF - DAHLHEIM WL 9879
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1509 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION: FIGHTERS A LITTLE TALE AT F. R.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPS AW 5 MINUTES BEFORE ENTERING AREA AND RECIVED FIX.

A. 386 - BRAMBLE
 B. COLBE RR BRIDGE WG. 7352
 C. 1 B-26
 D. NONE
 E. 1 B-26 - MECHANICAL-GAS LEAK. ABORTED AT V47585 AT 1335.
 F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
 G. NONE
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. NONE
 L. NONE
 M. NONE

A. 394 - BOOT JACK
 B. KAMP RA.1523
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 ON PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. VK 3995 - MEAGER INACC (BEHIND BOMBLINE)
 K. SAW JET (UNIDENTIFIED) TGT AREA RA 1523 - NO ATTACK
 L. 12,400
 M. 1406 PRIMARY

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE TAF AREA NOT BRIEFED TO CALL

A. 387 - BRIMSTONE
 B. MAYEN RR BRIDGE WE 6393
 C. 1 B-26
 D. 1 B-26 ON PRIMARY ON "GEE" (EQUIPMENT FAILURE)
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. NONE
 L. 12,500
 M. 1405 - PRIMARY

ANNEX: CALLED RPSAW ON ENTERING AREA. RECIVED FIX 5 MINUTES LATER.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.
 BT 28/1900A
 MT/MB/RELAYED BY WCB BB
 JES R.....28/2305A DC K
 JKI R.....28/2205A DM KKK
 JPO R.....28/2205A WAC K
 B

JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF NR 12/28 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 28/2000A
 TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3
 C G 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3
 C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-396-E
 "OPEPFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"
 DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 1945
 PILOT : LT STONE

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS:
 GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS:
 RENDVOUS

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.
 BT 28/2000A
 MT/BAD AR
 SS (RELAY)
 JKI R 01/0440A

FD AR

Q

JKI COME INPLS JKI ERE KK

R-5

JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF NR 13/28 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 28/2000A

TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3
C G 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3
C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-397-E

"PFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"
DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 1945
PILOT: LT NICHOLS

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS:

GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS:

RENDVOUS

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

FLIGHTS OF 1ST BOX WERE STACKED DOWN AND PFF SHIP COULD NOT FLY
ON HIS ALTITUDE WITHOUT FLYING IN PROP WASH.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.

BT 28/2000A

MT/BAD BBBB

SS (RELAY)

JKI R 01/0435A

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)FO # 140
March 1945MISSION SUMMARY #54

28 February 1945

Section I

Field Order #769

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
394 BG	Kamp (A-153237) Road Junction	Undet. (FFF)
387 BG	Mayen (L-630928) Railway Bridge	Undet. (GEE)
397 BG	Mayen (L-630928) Railway Bridge	Undet. (FFF)
391 BG	Niederscheld (G-398358) Railway Bridge	Undet. (FFF)
322 BG	Niederscheld (G-398358) Railway Bridge	Undet. (FFF)
409 BG	Unna (A-966299) Ordnance Depot	Undet. (FFF)
410 BG	Unna (A-966299) Ordnance Depot	Undet. (FFF)
416 BG	Unna (A-966299) Ordnance Depot	Box I - Undet. (GEE) Box II - Undet. (FFF)
344 BG	Colbe (G-735527) Railway Bridge	Undet. (FFF)
386 BG	Colbe (G-735527) Railway Bridge	P.N.B.
323 BG	Vluyn (A-163163) Road Junction	Box I - Undet. (GEE) Box II - No Attack

One complete box failed to attack when "GEE" mechanism was inoperative at Secondary after FFF failed to bomb Primary.

GROUP NARRATIVE

Eight groups plus one box of a ninth group attacked three railway bridges, one road junction and an ordnance depot. One box from each of two other groups attacked two towns. All results were Undetermined. One group attacked Other target.

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Kann (Road Junction)

394 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 34 dropping 66 X 2000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 1 spare, 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: Mechanical.

No losses, damage, casualties.

No call for fix made due to operations within TAF area.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.

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

Maven (Rail Bridge)

387 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 32 dropping 124 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF called "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead ("GEE") from 11,700 - 12,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover, but "GEE" fixes indicate release at proper time.

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 34 dropping 132 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, 1 a/c damaged by falling bomb spinner, no casualties.

PFF called "Ripsaw" one minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 11,600 - 12,420 feet.

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

Niederscheld (Rail Bridge)

391 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 33 dropping 63 X 2000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary, 2 window a/c dropping 4 X 2000 GP on window Primary (Eller Rail Bridge - L-571667) on "GEE". 1 of the above a/c jettisoned 1 X 2000 GP, which had hung up, at G-070045, approximately 2 miles NE of Montabaur (enemy territory). Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Gonflans.

1 a/c failed to bomb: Mechanical.

No losses, casualties, damage.

PFF called "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

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

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322 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 31 dropping 60 X 2000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Rosieres-en-Hays.

5 a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical; 3 other - 1, "GEE" jammed in lead window a/c; 2, leader did not drop.

No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Two crewmen of 1 a/c bailed out at Braine (S-950920) (friendly territory). Pilot heater switch was wired on "Safe" position. In descent through clouds co-pilot broke wire to turn on heat and may have accidentally hit emergency alarm switch. These crewmen escaped injury.

PFF contacted "Ripsaw" 6 minutes before entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 12,500 - 13,500 feet.

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

Unna (Ordnance Depot)

409 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (including 31 A-26, 10 A-20, 2 PFF), 31 A-26, 7 A-20, 1 PFF dropping 218 X 500 GP on Primary. 2 window a/c.

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

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

PFF contacted "Ripsaw" 5 minutes after entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

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

410 BG: 45 a/c dispatched (including 43 A-20, 2 PFF), 38 A-20, 1 PFF dropping 232 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which is missing.

2 a/c (1 A-20, 1 PFF) failed to bomb: Mechanical.

The A-20 mentioned above as missing left formation at Luxembourg when pilot advised formation of his intention to land at Verdun because of fuel shortage. No further word of this a/c. 3 crewmen are missing.

No losses, 12 a/c battle-damaged.

PFF did not call fighter control for a fix as group led formation into tactical area, and group reports no call.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

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

416 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (including 41 A-26, 2 PFF), 19 A-26, 1 PFF dropping 114 X 500 IB, 4 X 500 GP on Primary; 19 A-26 dropping 114 X 500 IB on Secondary; 1 PFF dropping 4 X 500 GP on Other (Osterspai - L-920835) because of equipment failure at Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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PTF called "Ripsaw" 2½ minutes after entering tactical area and obtained the desired fix.

Bombing by boxes (Box I on group lead "GHE", box II on PTF) from 12,300-12,500 feet.

Box I - UNDETERMINED. Bombed Saigon E/Y (F-200535) when PTF failed at Primary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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

Colbe (Railway Bridge)

344 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 PTF), 18 dropping 68 X 1000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 10 a/c which landed away from base (6 at St. Dixier, 3 at Conflans, 1 at Reims). 4 X 1000 GP jettisoned safe 6 mi. NE of Luxembourg at F-933189, due to engine trouble. 8 a/c failed to bomb: 2, weather; 1, mechanical; 5, other - leader did not drop.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PTF contacted "Ripsaw" one minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PTF from 14,000 feet.

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

386 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 34 A-26, 1 PTF), 25 A-26's dropping 100 X 1000 GP on Other, 6 A-26 dropping 12 X 1000 GP on another target.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 3 (2 A-26, 1 PTF), Mechanical; 1, Weather.

No losses, casualties, damage.

Group leader contacted "Ripsaw" 2 minutes before IP and obtained fix.

Visual bombing by boxes and flight from 9,900 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flights A & B - P.N.B. PTF a/c aborted. Formation was directed by Parade to bomb Secondary target, St. Wendel (Q-588966). Flights A & B made visual run on S. end of M/Y with Superior results. Concentrated pattern blankets selected DMPI (center of S. end of M/Y opposite roundhouse). Hits observed on roundhouse, RR tracks and RR cars in yards. Possible hits or near misses on factory area 550' SSW of DMPI. M/Y is blanketed by pattern rendering choke point temporarily unserviceable.

Flight C - P.N.B. Flight C was unable to follow formation because of engine trouble to flight leader. Flight made visual run on town of Tholey (L-485005). Concentrated pattern centers 1000' SSE of center of town (believed DMPI). Pattern blankets secondary hwy with possible hits on residential type buildings.

Box II - P.N.B. This box bombed secondary target (St. Wendel, Q-588966) for the same reason as Box I, Flights A & B. Formation made visual run on W. end of M/Y with Excellent results. More than 50% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI ("Y" connection at W. end of M/Y). Pattern centers 850' N. of DMPI. Bomb bursts covered choke point at W. end of M/Y. Other bursts blanket single track SE to NW. RR and about 30 residential buildings W. and NE of DMPI also covered by pattern.

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Vluyn (Road Junction)

323 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 13 dropping 26 X 2000 GP on Secondary. 3 window a/c.

21 a/c failed to bomb: 2, Mechanical; 19, Other (17, leader did not drop; 2, in steep bank at time of bomb release).

No losses, damage, casualties.

No call made for fix due to operations within TAF area.

Bombing by box on Group lead ("GEE") from 12,400 feet.

Box I - UNDETERMINED. Due to PFF failure to bomb Primary this box attacked Rheinberg (A-215260), Secondary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box II - NO ATTACK. Box leader's "GEE" was inoperative at Secondary after PFF failed at Primary.

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Unna 409 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Visibility unlimited above cloud.

Unna 410 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Scattered high cloud above 20,000 ft. Air to air visibility 10 to 15 miles

Unna 416 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Visibility 8 to 10 miles.

Colbe 344 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6-8000 ft. Visibility 10 to 15 miles.

Colbe 386 BG: 3/10 patchy stratocumulus between 4000 and 6000 ft, 3/10 cirrus. Visibility 6 to 8 miles in light haze.

Vluyn 323 BG: 8/10 cirrus above 18,900 ft. 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Air to air visibility unlimited.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	MECHANICAL FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
386	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	405
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C MISSING	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	14
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	3.45%

Kamp Road Junction	394 Gp.
Maven RR Bridge	387, 397 Gp.
Colbe RR Bridge	344, 386 Gp.
Vluyn Road Junction	323 Gp.

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

The only flak reported was weak inaccurate heavy near Koblenz at L-9396 and at Langscheid (B-251071). The flak at Langscheid was probably from two 3-gun positions located at B-0509 and B-0911.

Niederscheld RR Bridge	391, 322 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	2
% A/C Battle Damaged	2.81%

The 322nd Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak at Boppard (L-895812). The flak probably came from the two flak barges located in the Rhine River at this point. These guns have been active only spasmodically.

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(More Public Relations Press Release)

Small forces of Invaders bombed communications centers at St. Wendel, 18 miles northeast of Saarbrücken, and at Siegen, 42 miles east of Bonn.

All of the attacks were carried out with instruments because of clouds that prevented observation of results. Some flick was reported, but no bombers were lost. One Me. 109, which did not attack, was seen.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Feb. 28 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined operations of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Wednesday:

Aircraft dispatched	424
Aircraft over enemy territory	405
Marshalling Yards hit	2
Railroad bridges attacked	3
Defended communications centers hit	2
Road junctions attacked	1
Ordnance depot attacked	1
Railroad cars destroyed	20
Railroad cuts	35
Roundhouses destroyed	1
Bomber losses	0
Bomb tonnage	621.5
Buildings destroyed or damaged	40
Factories destroyed or damaged	1

Figures given for damage assessment are incomplete. Strike photo coverage was limited to one group which attacked a marshalling yard at St. Wendel and the communications center of Theley.

First phase photo interpretation indicated the marshalling yard at St. Wendel probably was rendered unserviceable by hits on choke points within the yard. Additional hits were scored on the roundhouse and cars on sidings.

It was the eighth straight day of operations for the division's medium and light bombers and their 24th day of operations for the short month of February.

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