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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 02/02 (INFO-INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 02/0040A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.



BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADV. INFO COPY OF PARA. 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" AND "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (992084)
(2) MANGO
(3) NICODE
(4) RIPSAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (356699)
(2) CIRCLE
(4) ROSELEE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (992084)
(2) BESTMAN
(3) BULLSEYE
(4) RIPSAN

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BT 02/0040A

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JKI R	02/0103A	WJF	AR
JPO R	02/10 0103A	JHS	AR

ITA JJF JES JKI V JEA JEA 03/02 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 02/0115A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH BOMB GROUP
414TH BOMB GROUP
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.



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

R-16-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 186-771

(1) TARGET: ISERLOHN WAREHOUSES AND M/T BUILDINGS A-992084
TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE: IT IS A VERY ACTIVE M/T DEPOT.
SMALL PARTS AND MOTOR REPAIR SHOPS. TWO B-26 GROUPS WILL
ATTACK ANNOTATED AREAS "B" AND "D" REFERENCE XXIX TAC/T-99

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE:

NINTH A F 2ND PHASE REPORT XXIX TAC/T-99
" " " " " " IX TAC T/293
US 31/4132 PRINTS 1005, 1014, 1015, 2004
106W323 9 MAY 4 PRINT 3123
5107E/4612
US7/1650 PRINTS 8009, 8010.

MAP COVERAGE:

----- GSGS 4414 SHEET 4612
GSGS 4416 SHEET Q-2

(3) FLAK: FOR HEAVY FLAK SEE CURRENT POLTTED POSITIONS ACCURATE NAVIGATION WILL BE NECESSARY TO AVOID THE HEAVY FLAK AREAS OF COBLENZ AND LIMBURG.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE ONLY KNOW LIGHT FLAK DEFENSE WITHIN THE STRAFING AREA:

G-2335 6 POSSIBLY 9 LIGHT

THE FOLLOWING ARE KNOWN DEFENSES OUTSIDE THE STRAFING AREA:

G-2693	3 LT
G-2187	3 LT
G-0677	9 LT AND BALLOON DEFENSE
F-9446	3 LT POSSIBLY HY DEFENSE
F-9231	2 LT
G-0309	3 LT
G-0907	3 LT
G-1131	6 LT

NOTE: FIGHTER BOMBERS REPORT THAT TRAINS THAT ARE NOT REPEAT NOT MOVING ARE USUALLY STOPPED IN FLAK FIELDS AND MAYBE CONSIDERED AS A TRAP. FOR SUGGESTIONS AS TO STRAFING TARGETS WHICH MAYBE FLAK DEFENDED SEE FOOTNOTE TO FLAK BULLETIN 576. FLAK IS ON ALL SIDES OF THE STRAFING AREA, INCLUDING THE POINT OF EXIT. LOW LEVEL FLYING SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THE DESIGNATED AREA.

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BT 02/0115A
BBBBBB TO ITA ONLY (FOR F.O.)
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ITA R	02/0401A	DILL	KK
JES R	02/0410A	MC	KKK
JKI R	02/0410A	WJFS	AR

ITA JJF JES JKI JPO JEA

JEA 5/32

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T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 02/0130A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMCP 409
 COBOMCP 410
 COBOMCP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

R-17-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 2 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 126-771

MAPS : NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 29TH TAC WILL PROVIDE P-47 ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ON PLAN "A" AND PLAN "B".
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR : 02/1000A
 PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR : 02/1040A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5550 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR.
 - (5) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE REPORT 29 TAC/T-99. ANNOTATED AREA "F".
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 - (1) SINNERSDORF ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-356699)
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHT OF 4 A/C.
 - (4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 11,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) F-2450
 - (8) GEN. WSW TO ENE.
 - (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 4946. 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID COORD. 35456990. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 35456990, 35856975. AND 35757015.
 - (10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) K-9872.
 - (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.
 - (13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH 9TH BOMB DIV. CIPHER. F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE B
 - (14) COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5550 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.
 - (5) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE REPORT 29 TAC /T-99. THREE FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ANNOTATED AREAS : "B", "D", UND "F"
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

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

- (5) TARGET - ISERLOHN WAREHOUSES (A-992084)
 (6) A/C REQ - MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO M-2978 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE
 (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 11,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (10) I.P. : G-1685
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK - GEN SE TO NW
 (12) R.P. : G-1685.
 (13) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, GROUPS WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN FOLLOWING PRIORITY :
 (A) GEE
 (B) TARGET E.T.A.
 (14) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS DO NOT MAKE RENDEZVOUS OR PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED, GROUPS WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH 9TH BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)
 (15) ENROUTE TO BASE FROM TARGET, GROUPS WILL STRAFE ANY SUITABLE MILITARY TARGET SIGHTED WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD : G-2114 TO G-2411 TO G-3582 TO G-1221 AVOID AREA IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF GRID. COORD. G-2335. DROP TO 8,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. IF NO SUITABLE MILITARY TARGET IS LOCATED, REGAIN 10,500 FEET ALTITUDE AFTER PASSING G-1226 IF A SUITABLE MILITARY TARGET IS FOUND, IT WILL BE STRAFED IN ELEMENTS OF 2 A/C. AFTER STRAFING, RENDEZVOUS AT 8,000 FEET OVER TARGET STRAFED. REGAIN 10,500 FEET AFTER RENDEZVOUS.

PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5558 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 31 MIN. WITH P P F A/C OVER FIELD.
 (9) MPI: 9TH AF 2ND PHASE REPORT 29 TAC/T-99 ANNOTATED AREA "F" TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. P P F MPI: TWO BOXES ON GRID. COORD.: 99132972
 (10) 6 X 500 GP FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/80 SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINUTES.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) SINNERSDORF ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-356699)
 (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 P P F A/C
 (3) WITH 1 P P F A/C OVER FIELD.
 (4) BASE TO K-5085 TO K-5086 TO TARGET.
 (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO F-0459 TO BASE.
 (6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET.
 (9) MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET 4926. 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD.: 35656990. 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDS.: 35456990, 3585/975, AND 35757015. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. GRID. COORD.: 35656990 AND 35456990 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. P P F MPI: GRID. COORD. 35656990.
 (10) 6 X 500 GP FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR.
 (13) COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.
 (14) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH 9TH BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5558 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 51 MIN. WITH P P F A/C OVER FIELD.
 (9) MPI: 9TH AF 2ND PHASE REPORT 29 TAC/T-99. TWO FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ANNOTATED AREAS: "B", "D", AND "F", TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. ANNOTATED AREAS "B" AND "D" TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. P P F MPI: 1ST BOX: GRID. COORD.: A-99132972, 2ND BOX: GRID. COORD.: A-99233254.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
 (12) TOT: ZERO HOUR PLUS 100 MINUTES.

X. (1 - A) NO CHANGE

FOR 409TH AND 416TH GROUPS ONLY

- (5) TARGET: ISERLOHN WAREHOUSES (A-999887)
- (6) A/C REQ: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P P F A/C
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F R TO M-0978 TO G-2273 TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-1685 TO M-0978 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB: 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 2,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (10) 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. IF BOMBING CS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE G-1685 AS A VISUAL I P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - A. P P F
 - B. GROUP "GEE"
 - C. TARGET E.T.A.

~~(11) IN THE EVENT~~

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- (11) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS DO NOT MAKE RENDEZVOUS OR PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED, GROUP WILL BOMB AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH 9TH BOM. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45)

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" AND "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (992084)

- (2) MANGO
- (3) NICE DATE
- (4) RIPS AW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (356699)

- (2) CIRCLE
- (4) ROSELEE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (992084)

- (2) BESTMAN
- (3) BULLSEYE
- (4) RIPS AW

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BT 02/0130A

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JES R 2 / 0345A MC KKK

JKI R 02/0345A WJF KKK

JPO R UNDER PLAN "B" FOR 409 AND 416 ONLY IMI THRID L LINE NUM

3. A. 3 IS THAT THE ONE YOU WISH PLS K

ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 7/02 OP OP

T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 02/0450A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.



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

R-18-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
2 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.186-771.

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

IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PAR.3.B.(6) TO READ :
(6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING
IS 8,000 FEET.

IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PAR.3.B.(9) TO READ :
(9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET (4906) 3 FLIGHTS
ON GRID. COORD : 35456990. ONE (1) FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE
FOLLOWING GRID. COORD : 35456990, 35856975, AND 35757015,
TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. GRID. COORD.
35656990 AND 35456990 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND
BY BOXES. PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD. 35656990.

IN PLAN "B" ADD TO PAR. 3. C. (10) AS FOLLOWS:
(10) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

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BT 02/0450A
CES AR
JES R....02/0555A MC AR
ITA R....02/0553A CLEV AR K
JKI R....02/0553A WJF AR
JPO R.....02/0553A SL AR
V

ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 08/02 (S.S. - S.S.)
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: MSG. CEN. JEA 02/0610A
TO : ITA
JES
JKI
JPO
JJF

ATTEN: MSG. CEN.

IN ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. 186-771

3RD PARA. SHOULD READ:

"IN PLAN "B", CHANGE PAR. 3. B. (9) TO READ:
OL MPI: MAP SERIES GSGS 4414 SHEET 4906 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID.
COORD.: 35656990 ONE (1) FLIGHT" (AND SO ON)

MSG. CEM. JEA.

BT 02/0610A

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*File in Mission
Summary*

To: OG 97th Bombardment Wing Att: A-2

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L)

Operational priority.

1. If visual conditions exist at the primary the MPI's will be
 - 2 flights on area B Ill T-99 Ref 05140090
 - 2 flights on area D Ill T-99 Ref 03150075
 - 2 flights on area F Ill T-99 Ref 03860420
2. If PFF equipment fails and it is impossible to bomb the primary visually, M/Y and RR Workshops at Siegen will be bombed visually, on Gce or ETA. *64052*
3. If contact is not made with fighter escort Simmern M/Y will be bombed. *48554*

JEA V JKI JKI 05/02 OP OP
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 02/1155A
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-34-D PERIOD

1. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT THE PRIMARY THE MPI'S WILL BE
2 FLIGHTS ON REA B I11 T-99 REF 05140090
2 FLIGHTS ON AREA D I11 T-99 REF 03150075
2 FLIGHTS ON AREA F I11 T-99 REF 03880420
2. IF FRX PTF EQUIPMENT FAILS AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BOMB THE
PRIMARY VISUALLY, M/Y AND RR WORKSDHOPS AT SIEGEN G-200520
WILL BE BOMBED VISUALLY, ON GEE OR ETA.
3. IF CONTACT IS NOT MADE WITH FIGHTER ESCORT SIMMERN M/Y L-350540
WILL BE BOMBED.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 0271155A
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FO771, 2-3-1945

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Intelligence

1. 503 R
Capt. R. H. Brown
Lt. J. H. McCarthy
Sgt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

2. 505 Y
Major J. J. Foster
Lt. J. H. Brown
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

3. 506 L
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

4. 507 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

5. 508 C
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

6. 509 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

7. 510 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

8. 511 C
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

9. 512 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

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10. 513 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

11. 514 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

12. 515 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

13. 516 R
Major J. J. Foster
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

14. 517 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

15. 518 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

SECRET 11

SECRET 111

16. 519 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

17. 520 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

18. 521 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

SECRET
309 R
Lt. J. H. Brown
Sgt. J. H. Brown

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2 March 1945
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LOADING LIST

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NO. 11

1. 181 F
 Captain C.A. Anderson
 Lt. W. Sappington
 Lt. R.M. Shultz
 S/Sgt. E.J. Schaeffer

2. 187 F
 Captain R.F. Fair
 Lt. J.H. Gorman
 S/Sgt. R.E. Fowler

3. 173 G
 Lt. F.W. Smith
 Sgt. C.J. Kozinski

4. 182 H
 Captain R.D. Stebbins
 Lt. J.B. Calloway
 S/Sgt. W.J. Brown

5. 243 G
 Lt. C.M. Anderson
 Sgt. J.H. Deatherage

6. 114 H
 Lt. R.C. Martin
 Sgt. L.O. Smith

1. 193 G
 Lt. C.J. Brown
 Lt. J.B. Brown
 S/Sgt. H.R. Swartzland

2. 109 H
 Lt. J.B. Spirens
 Sgt. L.F. Davis

3. 100 H
 Lt. R.M. Van Noorden
 S/Sgt. G. Thompson

4. 174 H
 Lt. L.S. Trench
 S/Sgt. C.C. Wilson

5. 115 H
 Lt. R.M. Long
 Sgt. J.V. McCarthy

6. 105 H
 Lt. R.M. Locking
 Sgt. C.M. Hicks

1. 172 H
 Lt. J.H. Allen
 S/Sgt. C.W. Vassay

5. 114 H
 Lt. R.M. Buckley
 Sgt. C.T. Mack

6. 111 H
 S/O R.C. Webb
 Sgt. M. Bartholomew

1. 119 F
 Captain A.C. Smith
 S/Sgt. J.E. Smith

5. ~~139 H~~
~~Captain S.C. Brown~~
~~Sgt. A.W. Smith~~

6. 107 F
 Lt. J.H. Wright
 Sgt. R.D. Smith

NAME
 1. 11 F
 Lt. J.H. Gorman
 Sgt. R.M. Smith

1. 187 F
 Lt. R.M. Carroll
 Lt. R.M. Smith
 S/Sgt. A. Carter
 Sgt. R.A. Smith

2. 115 G
 Lt. A. Kozinski
 S/Sgt. J.H. Brown
 S/Sgt. G. Smith

3. 113 H
 Lt. J.A. Ballard
 Sgt. C.V. Smith
 Sgt. R.A. Smith

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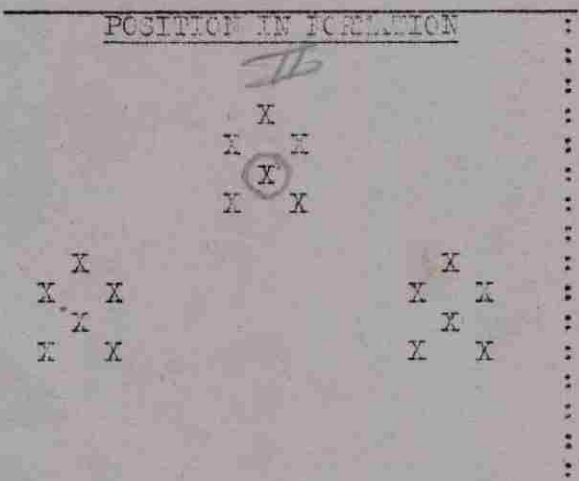
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BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X 50 lb</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:		:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK: nil - observed some of fighter 4/c in vicinity of land IP.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil -

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Russell A/C# 244 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ^{IN²}	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	X	RETURNED	:		:		:	
	X	JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

9-10/103

Camera

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X							
	X		X						
		X							
		(A)	X						
			X						
	X				X				
X		X			X	X			
	X				X				
X		X			X	X			

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PILOT Sewell A/C# 338 BOX L

CASUALTIES nil

BOOMBS : 6 X 100 ON BATTLE DAMAGE

Dropped on 7th leader X RETURNED nil "A-C" "E"

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Saw 6 P47 escort

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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411
219

$$\begin{array}{r} 95 \\ 108 \\ \hline 203 \\ 13 \\ \hline 216 \\ 66 \\ \hline 222 \\ 22 \\ \hline 222 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ 22 \\ \hline 22 \end{array}$$

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PILOT Sewell A/C# 334 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>1500</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

10/18

Saw 4 P45's

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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JETTISONED

hi

~~10~~ nil

heart ok.

(0)

Called to know
if 16 were there
we count 11

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X X
X X
X X

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

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

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PILOT Singeltary A/C# 501 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK: ml

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

PPF made continuous turns making S's. hard to follow.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Bower A/C# 224 BOX /

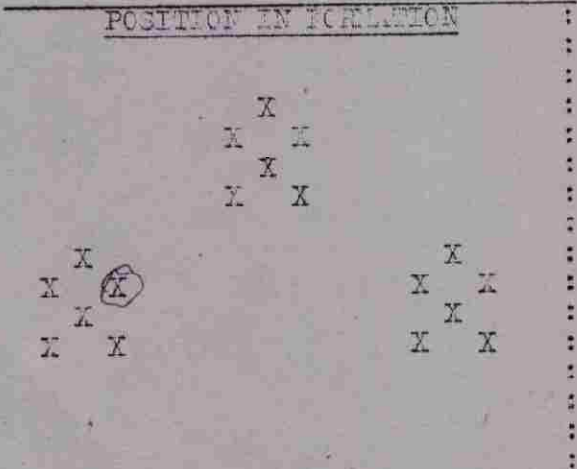
CASUALTIES

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

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
nil

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Parker A/C# 264 BOX /

CASUALTIES _____

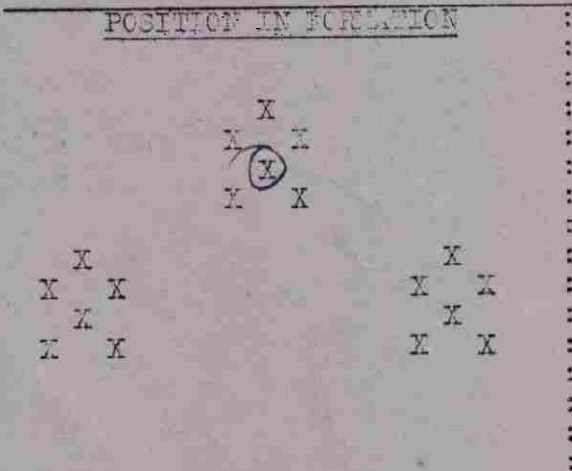
BOOMBS : 6 X ON Accid. BATTLE DAMAGE _____

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

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Only saw ground after turn off target. No activity



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PILOT Barausky A/C# 286 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

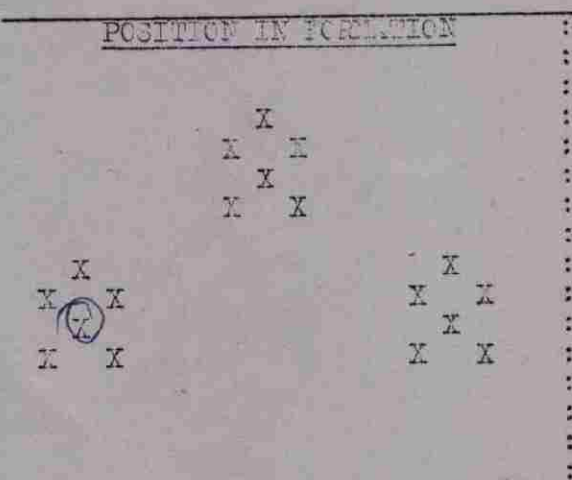
BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X100</u>	<u>Incendi</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"I-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil

6-8 P47's seen.
in escort.



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FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT 1227 $\frac{1}{2}$
alt 13,400
axis 350° mag.

Started on course
from rendezvous
& then fighters ^{came}
intercepted us at
1831.

Lost 4 minutes circling
over Charleville in
order to hit FR on time.
7 minutes posted ETA
was faster on way back.
Came out over Liepenburg

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Coontabenne A/C# 416 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>incendious</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
				ON	:		:	"A"	:	"E"
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:		:		:	
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:		:	<u>nil</u>	:	

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: weather { 9/10 over target. Big hole where we dropped our bombs

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      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 Farms A/C# 2315 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> <u>7500</u>	<u>ON</u> <u>P/H</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: nilENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nilOBSERVATIONS: 1254 - observed Convoy of 20 to 25
vehicles - (believed)

POSITION BY FORMATION

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

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mid

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

JETTISONED

mid

live

bombs away 1228 $\frac{1}{2}$ -
alt. 13,200 -



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PILOT Turner A/C# 9313 BOX 1

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Jettisoned bombs in Germany at 1157.
~~Pilot~~ landing lights were down unknown
to pilot causing a/c to vibrate violently
and pilot returned early ~~the following day~~*

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

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BOEBS :

6 $\neq$ SAC

CN

P.T

: BATTLE DAMAGE

77 8

VI I - C VII

18-5-31

RETURNED

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12

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: 1250- on way back - 1st train
2 trains 15 to 20 cars, one moving other
stationary, — heading So moving train
was going, No 1

POSITION IN TELETYPE UNIT

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

X
X X
X
X (X)

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

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PILOT Philips A/C# 495 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>P.1</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:		:	
		<u>X</u>			RETURNED	:		:		:		:	
		<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	:		:		:		:	

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X ✓ 12-P-47OBSERVATIONS: - 10/10 cover over Tgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
    X X
   X (X)

X  X
X  X
X  X

      X
     X X
    X X
   X X

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BOX

NIL

: BATTLE DAMAGE

 Σ

RETURNED

1 x 500

JETTISONED

ENTER (SEE OPFLAS U)

NIL

Nil

Pilot landed at A85 because he became ill.
Returned to base. OK.

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

X
X X
X X

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

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FLAK:

OBSERVATIONS:

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PILOT Van Noorden A/C# 300-11 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK: 8-at 1245 - 2 1/2 to 3 mi away - on right
Bursts

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

8/P 47 -
5/P 38 -

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 - cover -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Huxon A/C# 239 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Returned early

POSITION IN ECLIPSE

X
X X
X X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

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PILOT Pair A/C# 497 BOX 11

CASUALTIES nil

BOEBS : 6 X 500 Acidhears : BATTLE DAMAGE
Dropped : "A" : "A-C" : "E"
On PPF : X : RETURNED : " " : " " : " "
A/C : X : JETTISONED : nil : " " : " "
Deputy SO : " " : " " : " " : " " : " "
briefed : " " : " " : " " : " " : " "

10 miles away on way out
 from DILLENBERG (SE of SIEGEN)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT 1229 1/2
 alt 13,200
 axis 3310

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 Anderson A/C# 481 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK: Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

PPE- took over fuel
seemed to have
trouble making
air speed - he
S's too much &
ran across flights
so we pulled
back.

Box did
not call FGC,
didn't know
if PPE died.
5-6 minute run
was ok.
we worked
on Box II PPE.

air speed at
just after take off.
Deputy lost in
so field.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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BOX

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X X
X X
X X

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PILOT Stebbins A/C# 521 BOX 11

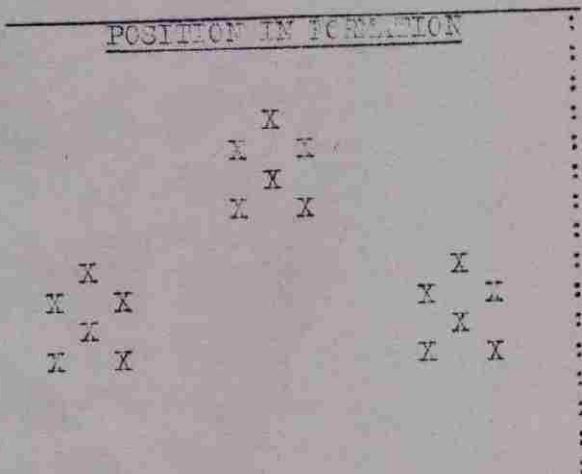
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT

Andersen

$$H/C_{7H}$$

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

IX 500

ON

PT

BATTLE DAMAGE

77

91A-C

1848

22

RETURNED

36

JETTISONED

FLAK:

mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

saw 12-P47's

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

X
X X
X
X X

X X X

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PILOT Loester R/C# 305 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	6 X 500 ^{lb} ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

9-10/103

POSITION INFORMATION

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

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$A/C\frac{11}{14}$

BOX

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
		"A"	"B"	"C"	"E"
6	ON PT				
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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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PILOT

Spires

A/C#

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BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 *X* *500*

ON *PT*

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

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*

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BOY

rip

K

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

11-0111

99 14 99

X

RETURNED

Y

JETTISONED

mil

FLAK:

about 5 minutes before exit over bombline -
at least 2 miles from formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

mil

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped window for about 15 minutes - IP & return to it.

alt 13100 while dropping window

POSITION IN CORRELATION

X
X X
X X

X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X

X X
X X
X X

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Window only

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PILOT Cornell A/C# 487 BOX _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : Window : BATTLE DAMAGE

	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
RETURNED	nil		
JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

Dropped window from 1213 to 1228. I P to target and return. Flown as briefed

Alt. 12,700 Gunner saw 8 P472

TOT - 1225 escorts.

POSITION IN RELATION

Window

X		
X	X	
	X	
X		X

X		
X	X	
	X	
X		X

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13 1/2
96

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader
II		9/3/45				Anderson

A/C	Feil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb List	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.																
Pos. No.	Reason	F	S	O	T	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	A	C	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
1	481																					
2	497																					
3	378																					
4	474																					
5	335																					
6	305																					
1	521																					
2	553																					
3	214	263																				
4	271																					
5	354																					
6	351																					
1	499																					
2	809																					
3	856	300																				
4	449																					
5	239	Returned Empty																				
6	297																					
1	321	Spare																				

314 - 1180007.

96 6 1

831
Cannon

497 239 351 354
Wright Hyatt Smith Hardslag

249 301
Seane Allen

356 209 314 252
Ward Spikes Martin Anderson

499 521
Barnes Stillborn

305 335
Boatler Perry

274
Pruitt

481 20325m Dist.
Anderson 12x500 ft.
497 1x500 ft.
378 4x500 ft.
Cannon Power 1100

40 - 4000 3 miles low
34.4c observed from
27c ft. front
141c unknown

Alindon

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FROM COBOMGR 416 #21700A
TO COMBOMBI NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIC 97 (INFO)
BT

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A - VS - 47
B - 2 MARCH 1945 (Q (1029-1328)
C - P - PETER ANDSN - NAN REPORTER "OPS" COMPLETE TO PARADE.
D - PPF MISSION
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR416
BT #21700A
CC: WA PETER AND N ETC
DELETE S.
EJ BBBB K

ITA R.....:1111:0 .875 9
ITA R.....:11: .8759

ITA R.....#2/1705A MILT
JEN R.....#2/1705A KFK K

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JEA ITA V JKI JKI 15/02 OP OP

FROM HQS , 416TH BOMB GP (L) APO 140, U.S. ARMY 021700A
TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIV (M), APO 140, U.S. ARMY
HQ, 97TH COMBAT WING APO 140, U.S. ARMY
BT

SECRET 416BG R-46-D

B. ISERLOHN WAREHOUSES.
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 021700A

EJ BBB K

ITA R.....; ; ; ; ; , ?) . 8) 5 9

ITA R.....

JEA R.....02/1703A LCB KKK

ITA R.....02/1703A MILT

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO: CG, 9th Bomb. Division, Att A-
CG, 9th Combat Wing, Att A-

FROM: 416 Bomb. Group
OFFLASH FOR 2 MAR 1945

A. 416 Bomb. Group

B. 1 SERLOHN WAREHOUSES (A-992084)

C. 40 A26 A/C (INCLUDING 3 WITH WINDOW ONLY)

D. 35 A26 A/C ATTACK PRIMARY

E. ~~1 A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR (HAS NOT RETURNED TO BASE)~~

3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.

2 A/C JETTISONED BOMBS (ENEMY TERRITORY - SEE PAR. F.)

F. 209 X 500 M₁₇ ON PRIMARY

12 X 500 M₁₇ JETTISONED

1 X 500 M₁₇ RETURNED

{ ONE A/C WHOSE BOMBS DID NOT RELEASE
ON NORMAL PROCEDURE BECAUSE OF
RELEASE MALFUNCTION, RECEIVED LEADER'S
APPROVAL TO JETTISON BY SALVO AT
G-200425. ANOTHER A/C JETTISONED AT
H-070290 APPROXIMATELY G-070290
BECAUSE OF SEVERE VIBRATION OF A/C.

G. UNOBSERVED (10/10 CLOUD)

NIL

H. ~~1 A/C HAS NOT RETURNED TO BASE - UNACCOUNTED FOR.~~

NIL

I. ~~1 CREW (PILOT AND GUNNER) IN A/C WHICH HAS NOT RETURNED.~~

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. ~~13,500 - 13,000.~~

M. 1227 1/2 - 1229 1/2
~~1227 1/2 - 1229 1/2~~

2-120750

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 19/02 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 02/1715A

TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION

CG, 97TH COMBAT WING

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-50-D PD

OPSFLASH: FOR 2 MARCH 1945.

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

B. ISERLOHN WAREHOUSES (A-992084)

C. 40 A-26 A/C (INCLUDING 3 WITH WINDOW ONLY)

D. 35 A-26 A/C ATTACKED PRIMARY

E. 3 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY

2 A-26 A/C JETTISONED IN ENEMY TERRITORY (SEE PARA.F.)

F. 200 X 500 M17 ON PRIMARY

13 X 500 M17 JETTISONED

1 X 500 M17 RETURNED (MECHANICAL)

ONE A/C WHOSE BOMBS DID NOT RELEASE ON NORMAL PROCEDURES BECAUSE OF RELEASE MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION, RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM LEADER OF BOX TO JETTISON BY SALVO AT G-200425. (6 X 500 M17)

ONE A/C JETTISONED AT APPROXIMATELY G-070290 BECAUSE OF SEVERE VIBRATION OF A/C ON WAY TO TARGET. (6 X 500 M17)

ONE A/C JETTISONED A SINGLE 500 M17 BY SALVO AFTER IT HUNG UP WHEN THE OTHER 5 RELEASED ON NORMAL PROCEDURE.

* APPROXIMATE POINT OF RELEASE AT G-120750. (1 X 500 M17)

G. UNOBSERVED (10/10 CLOUD)

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. 13,500 - 13,000

M. 1227 1/2 - 1229 1/2 HOURS.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

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

AUTH: CO STA
 DATE:
 INIT:

TO:

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 233 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 2 March 1943
 Mission or Operation No. 212 97th G. S.C. 212-771

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Isar/ohn Warehouses
 Place of take-off Station A-50
 Place of landing Station A-50 1 A/C at A-50
 Take-off time 1027 Landing time 1112
 Time over target 1228 Bombing Altitude 13500-13000
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None
 Weather 10/105 clouds
 Results Unobserved due to cloud cover
 Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 40 A-26

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

3 - A-26 Window
33 - A-26 Isar/ohn Warehouses

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None

(2) Personnel: None

(3) Mechanical: 1 - A-26 bombs failed to release - detonated later by salvo.

(4) Other: 1 - A-26 - Pilot's stick helmet accidentally tripped landing light switch - ship became hard to trim and pilot

Turned back not knowing what exact trouble was.
 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) 143:33b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by caliber:

a. Total carried into air 82,070 X 50 Cal.b. Expended on operations 1025 X 50 Cal. (Test)c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: 282 X 500lb M-17 incendiary clusters fuzed to open at 5000 feet.b. Expended on operations: 208 X 500lb M-17
(List targets separately)c. Jettisoned 13 X 500 lb M-17d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c Nonee. Total Returned 1 X 500 lb M-17

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 circling):

a. Destroyed Noneb. Prob. Destroyed Nonec. 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

APC 140, U S ARMY,
2 MARCH 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO 1 RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS, 9TH BOMB-
ARDMENT DIVISION (M), APC 140, U S ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 47
2. 2 MARCH 1945
3. NO FLAK
4. 50 DEGREES 47 NORTH 8 DEGREES 4 EAST
5. 51 DEGREES 19 NORTH 7 DEGREES 42 EAST
6. 3
7. 18 BOXES CHAF TYOE 2B (3)
8. 320 DEGREES AT 60 MPH
9. 13,500FT
10. TEN TENTHS
12. ---
13. ---
14. ---
15. NO REMARKS.

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

PRIORITY

FROM: 116TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)ATTN: RADAR OFFICER
(INFO COPY)

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2 MARCH 1945

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JAMMING WAS NOTICED ON BOTH HELMS AND HUMB GEE CHAINS AT ABOUT 1135 NEAR EASTOGNE DURING TODAY'S MISSION. THE HELMS CHAIN CLEARED AT ABOUT 1300 NEAR LUXEMBOURG. THE HUMB WAS STILL JAMMED AT THE TIME AND NO REPORT WAS GIVEN AS TO WHEN IT STOPPED TODAY 11 TO 15 "RAILINGS" PER MAIN TIME BASE WERE SYNCHRONIZED WITH OTHER GEE SIGNALS ON BOTH CHAINS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS GROUP HAS OBSERVED THIS TYPE OF JAMMING ON THE HUMB CHAIN. X ANTELJAN BEUD WAS OF SLIGHT HELP THERE WAS DEFINITE INDICATION THAT THE JAMMING SIGNALS DID NOT "BREAK" THE STRESS TIME BASE LINE AS ONE NAVIGATOR WAS ABLE TO USE THIS METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING TRUE SIGNALS.

ALLES-ORTH COBOMER 416

I certify that this is official business:

ELDON E. HISH,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)
 97TH COMBAT WING (L) (INFO COPY)
 COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV.)

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THE NAVIGATION OF THE LEAD PATHFINDER WAS VERY POOR. ALSO LEAD PATHFINDER AIRCRAFT
 MADE ALTERNATE RIGHT AND LEFT TURNS CONTINUOUSLY FROM THE BOMB LINE TO THE I.P.
 THE SECOND PATHFINDER WAS SATISFACTORY.

AYLESWORTH COBHAM 416

I certify that this is official business:

ELDON B. KEE,
 1st Lt., Air Corps.

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EVER ONE BE SURE THEY HAVE PLANEY OF PAPER

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 JKI ERE KKK
 OK JKI KKKK HOW ABOUT YOU JES AND JPO
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 JPO ERE KK

JES JI

JKI JES JPO VIA JEA V ITA JJF 18/02 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 02/1330A
 TO : CG, IX BOMB DIVISION ATT : A-2

CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 98TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 99TH COMBAT WING
 CO, 410TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 386TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 344TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 323RD BOMB GROUP
 CO, 397TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 322ND BOMB GROUP
 CO, 391ST BOMB GROUP
 CO, 387TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 394TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP
 CO, 409TH BOMB GROUP

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1ST PFF SQ PROV R-30-D OPS-FLASH REPORT

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 323RD BOMB GROUP
- B. ELLER RAILROAD BRIDGE WL-572670
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED - 10/10TH
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,100 PRIMARY
- M. 1041 1/2 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS : WINDOW PLANES - GOOD GROUP FORMATION - GOOD
 ANNEX : GROUP CALLED AND GOT FIX FIVE MINUTES AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. SINNERSDORF COMMUNICATION CENTER WF-356699
 - C. ONE B-26
 - D. NONE
 - E. ONE B-26 - EQUIPMENT FAILURE - GROUP LOST PFF ON TURN BACK COULD NOT CATCH UP SO RETURNED TO BASE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
 - G. NONE
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. MODERATE INACCURATE HFF TARGET AREA WF-356699
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13,500 PRIMARY
 - M. 1041 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS : WINDOW PLANES AND GROUP FORMATION - GOOD
 ANNEX : CALLED ROSELEE RECEIVED FIX ONE MIN AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA
 RCD FIX IN CLEAR

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
- B. MECKENHEIM COMMUNICATION CENTER WF-495253
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 9/10TH
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK ACCURATE HFT AHRWEILER WF-548160
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1102 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS : WINDOW PLANES - GOOD GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT
 ANNEX : CALLED RPSAW RECEIVED FIX ONE MIN AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP
- B. SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE WL-839530
- C. ONE B-26
- D. NONE
- E. ONE B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE - GROUP DECIDED TO BOMB SECONDARY -
 DUE TO LACK OF TRANSPORT PFF CREW DID NOT KNOW GROUP'S SECONDARY -
 THEY DID NOT GET TO BRIEFING
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1100 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION : WINDOW PLANES GOOD GROUP FORMATION FAIR
 ANNEX : CALLED RPSAW COULD NOT CONTACT

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 397TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ELLER RAILROAD BRIDGE WL-572670
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 CASUAL AT WL-465573 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE - BOMBS RELEASED
 ACCIDENTALLY WHEN BOMBARDIER WAS PUTTING LEVER INTO SELECT POSITION
 BETWEEN "C" & "D" - LEVER WENT INTO SALVO.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED 9/10TH
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,000 CASUAL
- M. 1100 1/2 CASUAL

OBSERVATION : GROUP FORMATION GOOD
 ANNEX : CALLED RPSAW RECEIVED FIX TWO MIN AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ISERLOHN M/T DEPOT RA-999087
- C. TWO B-26'S
- D. TWO B-26'S PRIMARY 1ST BOX ON EQUIPMENT 2ND BOX DROPPED ON FIRST
 DUE TO EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 9 TO 10/10TH
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,500 AND 13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1124 AND 1124 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION : WINDOW PLANES GOOD GROUP FORMATION GOOD
 ANNEX : 1ST BOX CALLED RPSAW GOT ROSALEE RECEIVED FIX FOUR MIN AFTER
 ENTRY INTO TAC AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
- B. SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE WL-839530
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1120 1/2 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION : WINDOW SHIPS FAIR GROUP FORMATION GOOD
 ANNEX : CALLED RPSAW 30 SEC BEFORE ENTRY INTO TAC AREA RECEIVED FIX
 FOUR MIN AFTER FIRST CALL

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ISERLOHN M/T DEPOT RA(992085
- C. TWO B-26'S
- D. ONE B-26 SECONDARY GROUP LEADING ON NORDEN TREIS WLOYOITR
- E. ONE B-26 - 2ND BOX ENTERED ENEMY TERRITORY APPROX 50 MILES NO
 FIGHTERS SO TURNED AROUND AT 1108 HOURS TWO MILES EAST OF KRATZBURG
 WL 872761
- F. 4 X 500 GP SECONDARY 1ST BOX - 4 X 500 GP RETURNED 2ND BOX
- G. UNOBSERVED 9/10TH
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 12,000 SECONDARY
- M. 1110 SECONDARY

OBSERVATION : WINDOW PLANES POOR TOO HIGH AND TOO FAR BACK

N N N GROUP FORMATION
N GOOD

ANNEX : GROUP CALLED

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. ISERLOHN M/T DEPOT RA-991097
 - C. TWO B-26'S
 - D. TWO B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 8 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. MEAGER INACCURATE HFF AT WITTLECH WL-389551
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12,270 AND 13,000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1210 AND 1212

OBSERVATION : 1ST BOX WINDOW PLANES GOOD 2ND BOX TOO LOW GROUP
N FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX : CALLED RIPSAN DID NOT RECEIVE FIX WAS TOLD TO STAND BY.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 386TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. MECKENHEIM COMMUNICATION CENTER WF-495253
 - C. ONE B-26
 - D. ONE B-26 ON PRIMARY EQUIPMENT FAILURE ON NORDEN PFF LEADING
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 - G. JUST SHORT OF TOWN
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF TARGET AREA WF-495253
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13,500 PRIMARY
 - M. 1243 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

ANNEX : CALLED RIPSAN ONE MIN AFTER ENTRY INTO TAC AREA RECEIVED FIX FIVE
MIN LATER

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - B. ISERLOHN M/T DEPOT
 - C. TWO B-26'S
 - D. TWO B-26'S ON PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 8 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
 - G. UNOBSERVED 8/10TH TO 10/10TH
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. MEAGER INACCURATE HFF AT KOBLINZ WL 890960
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13,000 AND 13,600 PRIMARY
 - M. 1225 AND 1227 - PRIMARY
- "RIPSAN" CALLED, SAID THAT THEY COULD NOT GIVE FIX...ASKED PFF SHIP
"WHERE" THEY WERE GOING?
EXCELLENT FORMATION FLOWN BY GROUP...

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

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CC. UNDER THE 394TH BOM GROUP SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

D. ONE B-26 SECONDARY GROUP LEADING ON NORDEN TREIS WL-698854

JES R.....03/0015A WS AR

JKII R.....03/0020A MEP AR

JPO R.....03/0015A JHS AR

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FROM 1ST PATHDER SQ 03/001A
 TO CG IX BOMB DIV
 CG 97 BOMB WING
 CO 416 BOMB GROUP
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ R-33-E

DATE PFF PILOT FOSTER TIME MORNING

- A. FORMATION :
 1. CLASSIFICATION : EXCELLENT
 2. REMARKS :

- B. WINDOW SHIPS :
 1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
 2. REMARKS :

- C. NAVIGATION :
 1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
 2. REMARKS :

- D. INTERPLANE MCOMMUNICATIONS GOOD

- E. BRIEFINGS : VERY GOOD

- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS : NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

BT 0001/03

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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 03/001A

TO CG IX BOMB DIV
CG 97 BOMB WING
CG 416 BOMB GROUP

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ R-33-E

DATE

TIME MORNING

PFF PILOT FOSTER

A. FORMATION :

1. CLASSIFICATION : EXCELLENT

2. REMARKS :

B. WINDOW SHIPS :

1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD

2. REMARKS :

C. NAVIGATION :

1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD

2. REMARKS :

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS / GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS : VERY GOOD

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS : NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ.

BT 03/001A

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RELAYED BY CES AR

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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 03/0003A
TO : CG IX BOMB DIV
CG 97TH BOMB WING
CO 416TH BOMB GROUP

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ G-35-E

DATE TIME MORNING
PFF PILOT SUENSON

A. FORMATION :
1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: EXCELLENT

B. WINDOW SHIPS :
1. CLASSIFICATION :
2. REMARKS : GOOD

C. NAVIGATION :
1. CLASSIFICATION :
2. REMARKS : GOOD

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATION : EXCELLENT

E. BREIFINGS : EXCELLENT

X. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS : NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

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RELAYED BY SH
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Dist 5-2 + 5-3

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3 March

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
3 March 1945MISSION SUMMARY #56
(Morning Mission)

2 March 1945

Section I

Field Order 771

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
410 BG	Sinnersdorf (F-356699) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Undet. Box II - Undet.
323 BG	Eller (L-572671) Rail Bridge	Undet. (PFF)
397 BG	Eller (L-572671) Rail Bridge	N.A.O.
386 BG	Meckenheim (F-494255) Communications Center	Fair
344 BG	Meckenheim (F-494255) Communications Center	Excellent (PFF)
391 BG	Simmern (L-839530) Rail Bridge	Box I - Excellent (PFF) Box II - Unsat. (PFF)
387 BG	Iserlohn (A-999087) Motor Transport Depot	Undet. (PFF)
409 BG	Iserlohn (A-999087) Motor Transport Depot	Undet. (PFF)
416 BG	Iserlohn (A-999087) Motor Transport Depot	Undet. (PFF)
322 BG	Simmern (L-839530) Rail Bridge	No Attack
394 BG	Iserlohn (A-999087) Motor Transport Depot	No Attack

Two full groups were unable to attack; one because of PFF equipment failure and "Gee" jamming; one due to failure of fighters to rendezvous, "Gee" jamming, and cloud cover which prevented visual bombing.

In the above "Mission Results", and in the group narrative which follows, the letters "N.A.O." denote "No Aiming Operation".

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eight groups attacked two communications centers, two rail bridges, and a motor transport depot, recording Excellent to Undetermined results. One group bombed Other target.

Simmersdorf (Communications Center)

410 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 38 dropping 224 X 500 GP on Primary. 2 window a/c.

3 (including FFF) a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures; 1 of these a/c, due to engine and prop trouble, jettisoned 6 X 500 GP safe at K-421720, in friendly territory.

35 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman injured (bailed out due to excessive gas fumes). No losses.

FFF called Roseles and obtained desired fix 1 minute after entering tactical area.

Visual bombing by flights, due to FFF equipment failure, from 12,000 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 85% of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 765 ft. SSW of DMPI. At least 5 direct hits and several near misses on main highway leading SSW to town of Pulkheim.

Flights B & C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Both flights released almost simultaneously. Bursts are centered in fields 3200 ft. SSW of DMPI but cannot be assigned to either flight.

Box II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results for any of the 3 flights in this box.

Eller (Rail Bridge)

323 BG: 19 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 15 dropping 27 X 2000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called "Ringsap" and obtained fix 5 minutes after entering tactical area.

Bombing by box on FFF lead from 12,800 ft. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

397 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 16 dropping 27 X 2000, 4 X 500 GP on Other target. 3 window a/c.

13 a/c failed to bomb: 3 mechanical (1 of these a/c jettisoned 2 x 2000 GP armed in vicinity of troop line at L-150470 - friendly territory, while losing altitude due to engine failure); 1 personnel failure; 9, other (3 - did not open bomb bay doors in time to drop on FFF; 6 - did not see FFF drop).

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

FFF called "Ripsaw" and received fix 2 minutes after entering tactical area.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,200 - 13,200 feet.

Box I & II - N.A.O. While FFF bombardier was attempting to place lever in "select" position it fell into "salvo", causing premature release at L-465573, approximately 10 miles SW of Primary. 15 group a/c dropped on the lead. No photo coverage or visual observation of results.

Mockenheim (Communications Center)

386 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 35 dropping 208 X 500 GP on Primary. 1 a/c dropped 6 X 500 GP at Eckfeld (L 3656'6), 35 miles SSW of Primary, due to rack malfunction at target.

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

FFF called "Ripsaw" 1 minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 5 minutes later.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead (FFF dropped visually due to equipment failure) from 13,100 - 13,500 feet.

Box I & II - DMPI - FAIR. About 30% of all bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Bursts of Box I occur in a concentrated pattern centered 1000 ft. SE of DMPI. Possible hits or near misses on main N-S highway running through town, and hits on a secondary N-S road on the west edge of town. Pattern blankets about 15 residential type buildings in the south end of target area. Split pattern of Box II bombs is in a field 2000 ft. south of DMPI.

344 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 35 dropping 272 X 500 Comp B, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

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

FFF called "Ripsaw" and obtained desired fix 1 minute after entering tactical area.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 13,000 - 13,600 feet.

Box I & II - FFF - EXCELLENT. More than 50% of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Target obscured by clouds but a large concentration of bursts is seen through breaks 760 ft. SE of DMPI. Strikes in eastern part of town, covering residential buildings and two roads.

Simmern (Rail Bridge)

391 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 34 dropping 132 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP on and in vicinity of Primary. 3 window a/c dropped 10 X 1000 GP, by dead reckoning, on Eller Rail Bridge with unobserved results. 1 spare a/c

No losses, damage, casualties.

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FFF called "Ripsaw" 30 seconds before entering tactical area and obtained desired fix 4 minutes later.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,700 - 13,100 feet.

Box I - FFF - EXCELLENT. About 50% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPL. Tight concentration fell 1000 ft. ESE of DMPL, hitting across RR tracks, RR junction, RR over highway bridge, main roadway, and in open fields.

Box II - FFF - UNSATISFACTORY. All bombs more than 1000 ft. from DMPL. Split pattern, with one large concentration hitting about 1800 ft. E of DMPL across the end of M/Y and on roundhouse, and main roadway. Two small patterns fell 1900 ft. SSW of DMPL in open fields.

Iserlohn (Motor Transport Depot)

387 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 33 dropping 256 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure (this a/c, with one engine cutting out, jettisoned 8 X 500 GP safe in friendly territory near Dohis (C-420350).

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called "Resales" and obtained desired fix 4 minutes after entering tactical area.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,500 - 13,600 feet.

Box I - FFF - UNDETERMINED. Box II photos show indistinct bursts from this box within 1000 ft. radius of DMPL. However, pattern cannot be determined.

Box II - FFF - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Target area completely obscured by clouds.

409 BG: 29 A-26, 11 A-20, 2 FFF dispatched; 29 A-26, 7 A-20, 2 FFF dropping 210 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 A-20 a/c carried window.

1 A-20 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area, was told to stand by, but did not obtain desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,350 - 12,850 feet.

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

416 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 39 dropping 229 X 500 Frag. on and in vicinity of Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and was informed that fix could not be given.

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

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

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Simmern (Rail Bridge)

322 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF); none bombed Primary. 1 window a/c dropped 4 X 1000 GP at briefed target (Stromberg - M-026495) on "Gee".

36 a/c failed to bomb: 2 (window a/c) weather; 1 (FFF) mechanical failure; 33, other (FFF) equipment failed at Primary and "Gee" was jammed. Group leader called "Ripsaw" to request vector to target. Due to traffic on channel "Ripsaw" referred leader to "Jukebox". Contact could not be established so formation returned to base.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Iserlohn (Motor Transport Depot)

394 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF); none bombed Primary. 1 FFF a/c dropped 4 X 500 GP at Treis (L-698854), when group attempted to attack the secondary target visually due to failure of escort to rendezvous. 3 window a/c.

32 a/c failed to bomb: 1 mechanical failure; 31 (including 1 FFF) other (fighter escort did not rendezvous. Group leader attempted to attack the briefed secondary target (Cochem - L-590720) visually but was unable to do so because of cloud cover. "Gee" was jammed in all lead a/c, so formation returned without bombing).

Group leader attempted to call "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area but could not establish contact.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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