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TARGET MARBURG DATE 5 Mar 45 NO. 40 MISS. # 222
 COORD. G-731472 F.O. # 777 STATUS ATTACKED
 BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. LURIA

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 13/04 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 04/2305A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
COBOMGP 410TH
COBOMGP 416TH

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER

ADVANCED INFO OF PARA 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

---PLAN "A" & "B"---

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (731474)

- (2) BYLAW
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (731474)

- (2) KINGPIN
- (3) POKER
- (4) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (731474)

- (2) FUTURE
- (3) SHOWDOWN
- (4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

- (11) COMMUNICATIONS ON CHANNEL B/B SHOULD BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

COMCBTWIG 97.
BT 04/2305A
LEG AR

JKI R04/2350A WJF AR
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J. W. W. W.
J. W. W. W.

ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA 14/04 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 04/2330A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQBN.

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

R-46-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 4 MARCH 1945

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.191-777

(1) TARGET : MARBOURG M/Y G-731474

(2) MAP COVERAGE
 G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5118

PHOTO COVERAGE
 US 7GP/3291 PRINT 8004
 INTERPRETATION REPORT F/791
 US 7/3290 NR.4007
 106 G 2735 NR.1042

(3) TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE

(4) FLAK : SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL NOT BE USED.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT/04/2330A BT 04/2330A

AR CES

JJF RR.....	04/2350A	MT	AR
ITA R.....	04/2355A	DEG	AR
JES R.....	04/2355A	JMB	AR
JPO R.....	04/2355A	WAC	AR KK
JKI R.....	04/2355A	WJF	AR

M

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 0215
 5 mark
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JEDM JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 01/05 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 05/0045A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
 A P O 140
 05 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 191-777 R-47-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) 8TH AIR FORCE FIGHTERS WILL PROVIDE CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING. GROUP FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE FLARES IN THE FOLLOWING COLORS FROM 30 SECONDS BEFORE TILL FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS AS AN AID TO IDENTIFICATION: 409TH GROUP - RED, 410TH GROUP - GREEN, 416TH GROUP - YELLOW.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.
 PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR: 05/1100A
 PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 05/1100A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MINUTES.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.
- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET- MARBURG MARSHALLING YARD (G-731474)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED- MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6
 (7) ROUTE OUT- BASE TO F.R. TO L-1263 TO L-6466 TO M-0978 TO G-1312 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK- TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE- BOMB AT 11,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (10) I.P. G-4036
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK- GENERALLY SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST
 (12) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET 5118 COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM GRID. COORDS. 73024795 TO 73454690.
 (13) BOMBS- 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/100 SECOND TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (14) R.P. G-4036
 (15) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 A. GEE
 B. TARGET E.T.A.
 (16) IN EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH 9TH BOMBER DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE BOMBED.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR.
WITH 2 PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (9) M.P.I. PPF M.P.I. GRID. COORD: G-73124750
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FEET AT
ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES. WITH 1 PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (9) M.P.I. : PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: G-73274720
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINUTES.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FEET AT
ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINUTES. WITH 1 PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (9) M.P.I. : PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: G-73274720
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 100 MINUTES.

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

- (5) TARGET - MARBURG MARSHALLING YARD (G-731474)
- (6) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO L-1863 TO L-6466
TO M-0978 TO G-1312 TO G-3198 TO G-5299 TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK- TARGET TURN RIGHT TO G-4036 TO
G-1312 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (8) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 13,000 FEET (2ND BOX 12,500
FEET FOR 409TH GROUP ONLY). MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF
VISUAL BOMBING 6,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING
TARGET.
- (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET 5113.
COVER MARSHALLING YARD FROM GRID. COORDS. 73024795 ---
TO 73454690 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY
FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF M.P.I.S AS DESIGNATED.
- (10) BOMBS - 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100
SEC. TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET,
BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB
VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 OR
A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY
CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS
VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND
USE EITHER G-4036 OR G-6470 (AT THE LEADERS
DISCRETION) AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER
OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE
FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - A. PPF
 - B. GROUP "GEE"
 - C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (12) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED,
AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5TH BOM.DIV.
CIPMER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (731474)
- (2) BYLAW
- (4), (5) RIPSAN

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (731474)

(2) KINGPIN

(4), (5) RIPSAW

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (731474)

(2) FUTURE

(4), (5) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(11) COMMUNICATIONS ON CHANNEL B/E SHOULD BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

(12) IF ADDITIONAL FIGHTER PROTECTION IS NECESSARY GROUPS WILL CALL RIPSAW. THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF 8TH AIR FORCE FIGHTERS.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 05/0045A

AR SH/JMB

JES R.....05/0158A

WS

AR

JFO R.....05/0158A

WAC

AR

KK

JKI R.....05/0158A

WJF

AR

K

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JEDM JES JPO JKI V JEA 03/05 (INFO) (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 05/0210A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

AMEND ADVANCED INFO COPY OF PARAGRAPH 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO READ
 AS FOLLOWS:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (731474)
 (2) BYLAW
 (4),(5) RIPSAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (731474)
 (2) KINGPIN
 (4),(5) RIPSAN

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (731474)
 (2) FUTURE
 (4),(5) RIPSAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

(11) COMMUNICATIONS ON CHANNEL B/E SHOULD BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE
 MINIMUM.

(12) IF ADDITIONAL FIGHTER PROTECTION IS NECESSARY GROUPS WILL
 CALL RIPSAN. THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF 3TH AIR FORCE
 FIGHTERS.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 05/0210A

AR JMB

JEDM R. 050247A ME AR

JES R. 05/0247A JMB AR

JPO R. 05/0247A WAC AR KK

JKI R. 05/0247A WJF AR

AD

5 Mar 191
 0450
 SAL

JEDM JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 04/05 OP OP
T (JEDM PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97 COMBAT BOMB WING
TO COMBOMDIV. 1X
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.
409TH COBOMGP
410TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP

05/0700A

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
05 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 191-777

CANCEL PLAN "A" REPEAT CANCEL PLAN "A".

PLAN "B" IS IN EFFECT.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 05/0700A

SH AR

JEDM R05/0720A

JES R05/0720A

JPO R05/0721A

JKI R05/0721A

MZ AR KK

WS AR

WAC AR KK

MEP AR

AMQVM



JKI VIA JEA V JEDM 23/05 OP OP
T (JKI PASS TO JEW)

FROM 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) 05/0927A

TO: (1) 97TH COMBAT WING
(2) 98TH COMBAT WING
(3) 99TH COMBAT WING
(4) 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. (PROV)
(5) NINTH AIR FORCE (ADV)
(6) NINTH AIR FORCE (MAIN) (DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH)
(7) 9TH WEATHER RECON SQ.
(8) 2ND TAF MAIN
(9) 9TH TAC
(10) 12TH TAC
(11) 19TH TAC
(12) 29TH TAC
(13) 8TH FIGHTER COMD. FWD.

S-2 S-3
SIG
3-5-45
1035
902

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
SECRET QGX BT

IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
A P O 140
MAR 05 45

ANNEX 2 TO FIELD ORDER 777. 9BD OR-367-E

ON PLAN "B" AMEND PARA. 3. A. (2) TO READ: FIRST GROUP 36 A/C PLUS
2 PFF A/C;
SECOND AND THIRD GROUPS
36 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C.

ON PLAN "B" AMEND PARA. 3. B. (3) (B) TO READ: P-6122 AT 12,000 FEET
AT ZERO MINUS 47 AND ZERO
MINUS 23 MINS.

COMBOMDIV NINE

BT 05/0927A
CHUCKZ/JLP BB
(LCB BBBB)

JKI R. 051015A EJ K

JEASV JKI JKI 3/05 OP - OP

FROM 466TH BOMB GROUP (DL) 05/100A
TO 97TH COMBAT WING
BT

SECRET 416BG R-99-D M.P.I.'S. FOR BOMBING PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS.
TWO FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

SWTH C.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5118
GRID COORDINATES 73454695
73274720
73154740

IN EVENT BOMBING IS BY BOXES, ON E BOX WILL ATTACK GRID COORDINATE
73274720. ONE BOX WILL ATTACK GRID COORDINATE 73154740.

ALTERNATE TARGET IN EVENT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT AFFECTED:
ELLER RR BRIDGE (L575675)
M.P.I. - CENTER OF BRIDGE

ALTERNATE TARGET IN EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED FOR
OTHER REASONS:

DILLENBURG M/Y (G395370)

M.P.I. - ILLUSTRATION 6(D) (VL) 196/2

ANNOTATED POINTS 2 & 10 - ONE BOX ON EACH.

RADESZKY

BT 05/1100A

JF AS

AR AR

JEA R.....05/1143A LCB AR

JEASV JKI JKI 3/05 OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (DL) 05/100A
TO 97TH COMBAT WING

BT

SECRET 416BG R-99-D M.P.I.'S. FOR DOMBING PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS.
TWO FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

GREEN C.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 9118

GRID COORDINATES 73454695

73274720

73154740

IN EVENT DOMBING IS BY BOXES, ON E BOX WILL ATTACK GRID COORDINATE
73274720. ONE BOX WILL ATTACK GRID COORDINATE 73154740.

ALTERNATE TARGET IN EVENT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT AFFECTED:

ELLER RD BRIDGE (L579675)

M.P.I. - CENTER OF BRIDGE

ALTERNATE WARGET IN EVENT PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE DOMBED FOR
OTHER REASONS:

DILLENBURG M/Y (G395370)

M.P.I. - ILLUSTRATION 6(D) (VL) 126/2

ANNOTATED POINTS 2 & 10 - ONE BOX ON EACH.

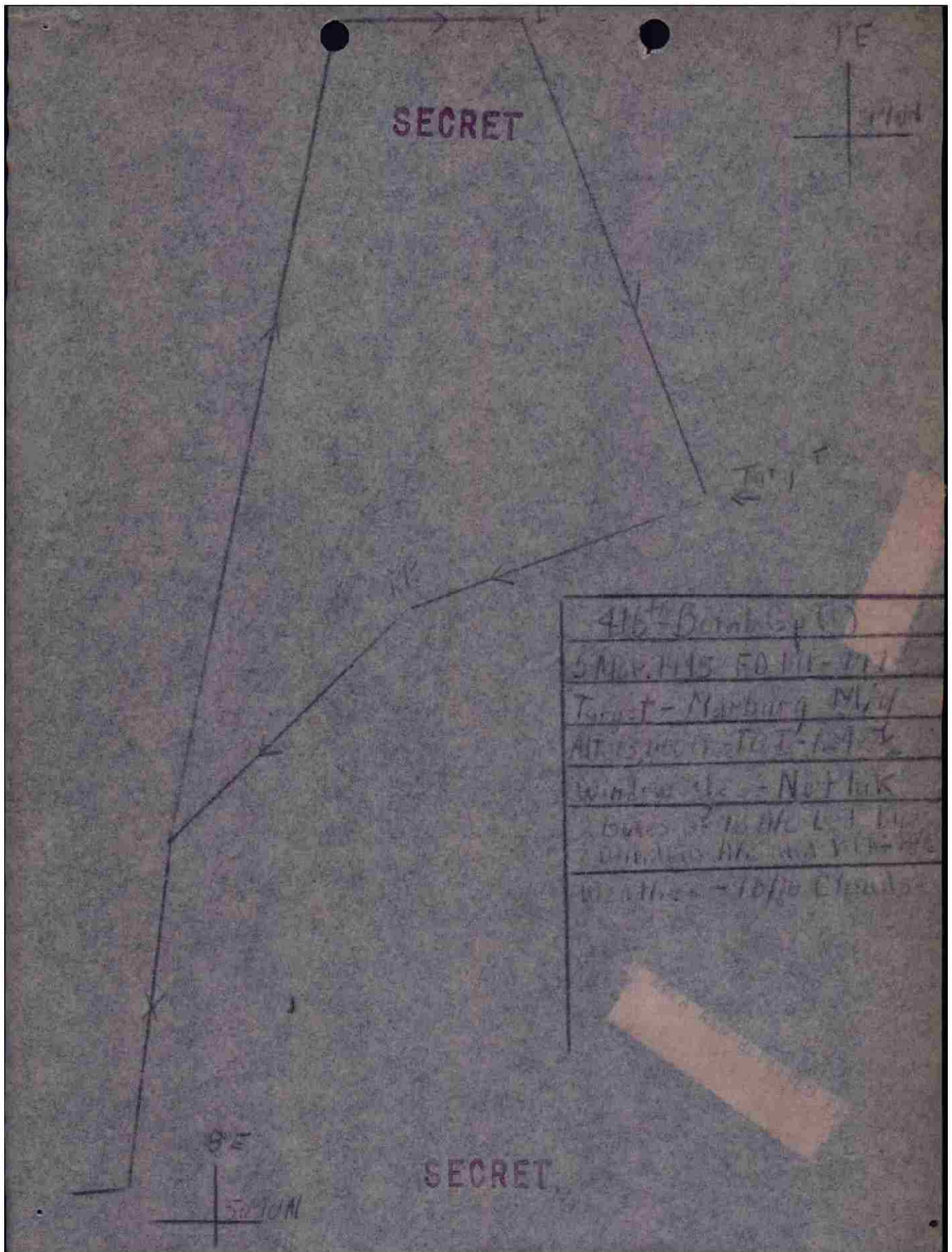
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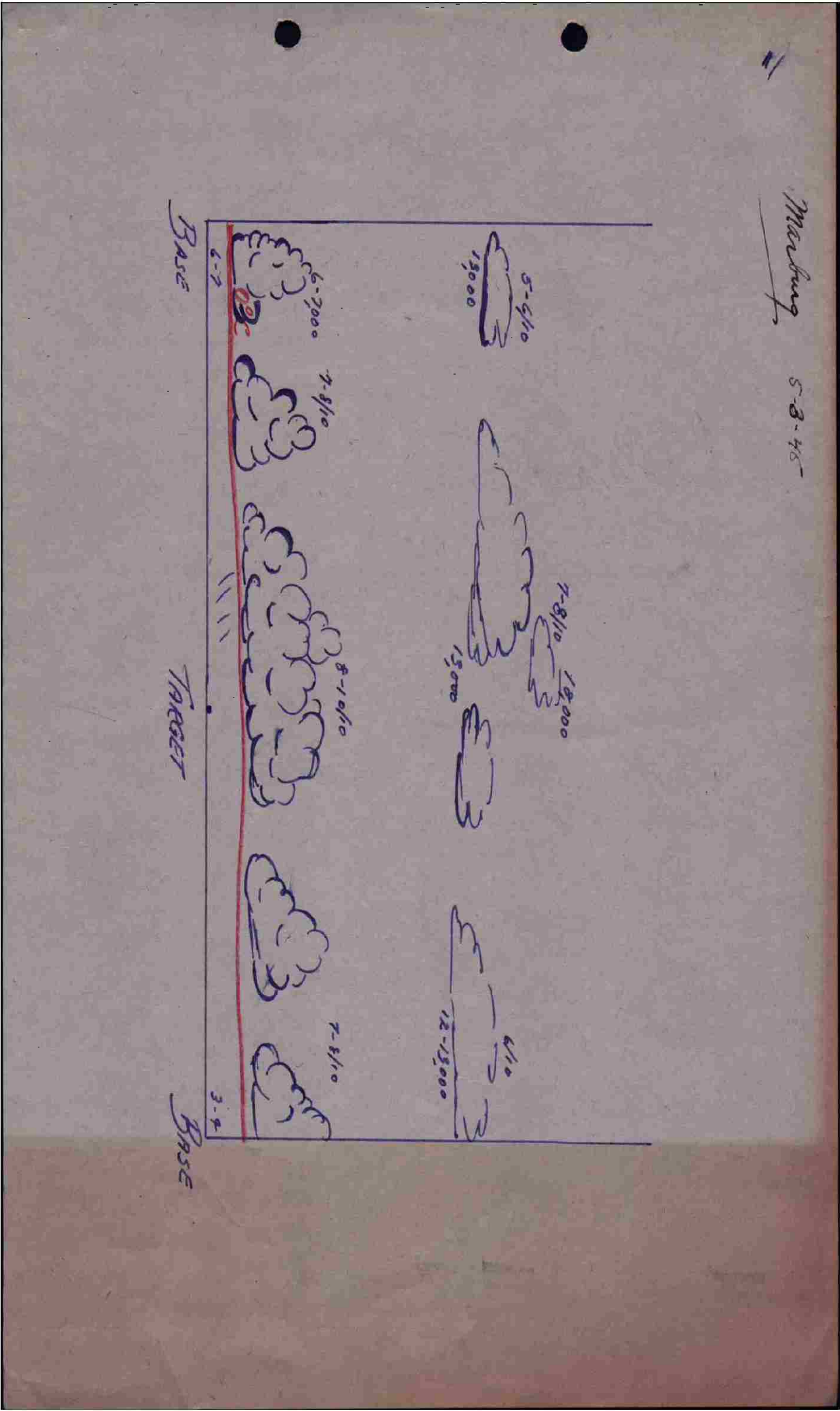
BT 05/1100A

JF AS

AR AR

JEA R*****05/1143A LCB AR





Mission No. 222

LOADING LIST

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 497 E
MAJOR L F DUNN
LT W E BREWER
LT R J BASNETT
SGT J W ROSE

2. 523 N
CAPT H M EVANS
LT T M MCCARTNEY
S/S O N MERRITT

3. 313 B
LT D L WITHINGTON
S/S C F HUSS

4. 209 M
LT T J MURRAY
S/S H S FESSLER

5. 300 K
LT W R JOKINEN
SGT E J CHEDEN

6. 416 O
LT A E BLIVED
SGT L J FARMER

FLIGHT II

1. 521 N-1
LT COL J G HAPNER
LT D W MOORE
S/S R V CARSTENS

2. 351 F-1
LT J A WILLARD
SGT G V HINKER

3. 244 I
LT E C MARTIN
SGT L B DRAFT

4. 362 Y
LT D W SCHNELS
S/S V A MALARA

5. 381 Q
LT E J HENTH
SGT E R BRINDMAN

6. 354 S
LT A W DEINER
SGT R H GILLESPIE

FLIGHT III

1. 492 E-1
LT R H CORNELL
LT R E ENMAN
SGT K A REID

2. 263 G
LT E R HAYTER
S/S A A DALTON

3. 344 C
LT D C TURNER
S/S M R REYES

4. 2315 L
LT C S JORDAN
S/S K F JENSEN

5. 320 S-1
F/O F W SWAP
SGT M SANTANDREA

6. 224 S-2
LT C E WEINERT
SGT R DUBI

SPARE

332 P
LT J H MILLER
SGT W W MAUPIN

223 BW I N D O W

1. 481 F
LT R B HALL
LT T L GOSS
S/S J C OTTAVIANO
SGT D B RICHARDS

2. LT R S BOWER
CPL N A PUSKAS

3. 9315 F
LT J C SENELL
S/S A TERAN

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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

5 MARCH 1945

1. 499 G
LT J A BUSKIRK
LT R C HANNA
LT H C MUIR
S/S G H CORBITT
2. 498 R
lt o j brown
LT J A KINGS
SGT H E SUNDERLAND
3. 299 N
LT T W SPIRES
SGT R W MESSINGER

4. 419 Z
LT W H JAMES
S/S R J BROWN

5. 297 T
LT J R WRIGHT
SGT D O SIMON

6. 356 O
LT G L MILKORN
SGT D CHEST

FLIGHT II

1. 508 Z-1
LT G C NISH
LT R E SHAFT
S/S J H ROBERTS
2. 274 S
LT L J PRUGH
S/S L C FERGUSON
3. 305 U
LT R A RUSSELL
SGT C J KAMINSKI

4. 213 A
LT T D McCREADY
S/S L V METZLER
5. 495 G-1
LT W H ROBERTS
SGT R P WINDINGH
6. 361 M
LT W H LASETER
SGT R M CROSS

FLIGHT III

1. 507 Q
LT D B GRUNIG
LT B C MORRIS
S/S M E DIAS
2. 205 M-1
LT E G BISHOP
SGT M C HARRIS
3. 390 P
LT W D CHINTY
SGT P H RIGGS

4. 286 D
LT P P BARAUSKY
S/S M HALL
5. 307 M-1
LT R FORD
CPL D J MURRO
6. 215 R-1
LT A R TURMAN
S/S L L LEAHIGH

SPARE
250 A-1
LT L W EDSTROM
SGT P A POMPA

MISSION NO. 222
Box II
5 March 1945

INTER. FORM

CASUALTIES *nil*

BOMBS : *1/200* ON : BATTLE DAMAGE

[Handwritten signature] X O RETURNED : : :

WETTERSONED : *Wettersoned* :

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped from I P thru
target to R.P. About
15-20 minutes

only
Gunner, interrogated. Pilot on next
mission briefing

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X X
X X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

INTERROCTOR

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F/O _____ .CONFIDENTIAL INTERR.FORM

PILOT MILLER A/C# 332 BOX 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>200</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>			

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

INTERROGATOR

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had

22-23

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None

none

9/10 - 10/10

Visibility about 1 mile
spot - before reaching

7. P

16-20

Fighter Escort seem
good formation
over target

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INTER. FORM

PILOT- RENTH 4/C# 381 BOX F

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 GN : BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

X JETTISONED : *cut* :

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN POPULATION

X
X X
X
X X

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

X
X X
X X (X)

INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT JORDAN A/C# 7315 BOX I

CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
nil

OBSERVATIONS:
Escort okay.
Saw 8 to 10 P-51's

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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Livia
INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL _____ INTERR. FORM _____

PILOT DUNN A/C# 497 BOX F

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK: Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Nil.
Good PPF led.
Had.

PPF called Ripras
made Rand
OK.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT H / IVKO A/C# 416 ~~244~~ BOX I

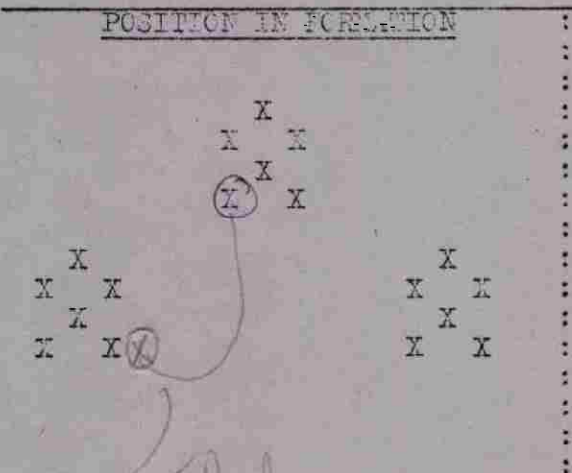
CASUALTIES

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

FLAK: Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
Nil

OBSERVATIONS:



Auto TO
downed
ship

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PILOT SWAP A/C# 320 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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

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PILOT NAPIER A/C# 521 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.F.S. BATTLE DAMAGE
 : "A" : "A-C" : "E"
 : X RETURNED : : :
 : X JETTISONED : : :
 : : : : :

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

9/10 at target
L.O.T. - 1040 1/2
alt. 11800
Head. 155-0
L.A.S. - 195-

Bombs dropped on primary
could not take over fixed. See jammed slightly.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X
    
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PILOT MURRAY A/C# 209 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

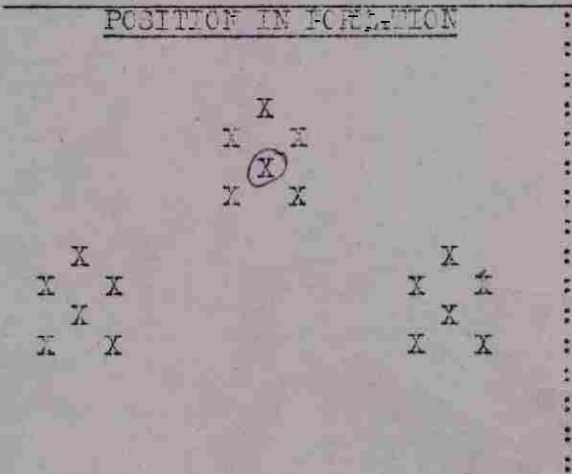
BOMBS :		<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>PRF</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>				RETURNED				
	<u>X</u>				JETTISONED				

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

9/10 clouds.
Could not see target



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CASUALTIES *None*

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>						"A-C"		"E"
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED					
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED					
						None			

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 X

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OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X
X
X

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

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CASUALTIES

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 closed

ms. B.

POSITION IN CREATION

		X	
X			X
	X		
X		X	

X X
X X
X X
X X

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FLICK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

1 rev.
Bombed runway on PPF
(mailing)

POSITION IN CORRELATION

X X
X X
X X

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PILOT CORNE A/C# 492 BOX I

CASUALTIES Nil

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

FLAK: Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT-1243
alt 12,300
160° M.
10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION				:
				:
		X		:
	X		X	:
		X		:
	X		X	:
				:
			X	:
X	(X)		X	:
	X		X	:
X		X	X	:
				:
				:
				:

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PILOT BARAVSKY A/C# 286 BOX II

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>500</u>	ON <u>PV</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	<u>None</u>			

FLAK: None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: None

OBSERVATIONS: Good escort of fighters

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      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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PILOT SPIRES A/C# 239 BOX II

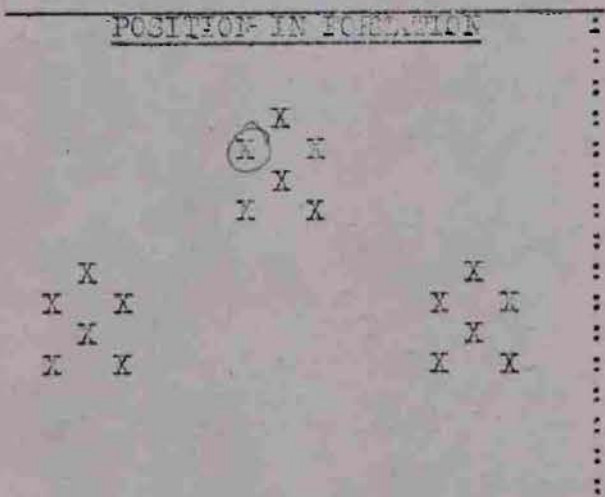
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK:

Returned Early
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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CASUALTIES *None*

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED : 100.00 :

FLICK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Weather balloon passed
at Burnt Line

Good fighter cover
out came thru formation

POSITION IN COLLECTION

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PILOT SEWE 11 A/C# 9315 BOX 7

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Started dropping window at 1238
1 mile ahead of formation 300 ft below
formation. ~~the~~ scattered good. 5 1/2 boxes
stopped dropping 1244*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT RUSSELL A/C# 305 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON nil BATTLE DAMAGE
: " " : "A-C" : "E"
: X RETURNED : : :
: X JETTISONED : : :
: : : : :
: : : : :

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

Playful P-51 got too close. Just missed
Lt Wick's A/C, too.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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 LASETER A/C# 361 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	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:

Concise

POSITION OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT

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

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PILOT FORD A/C# 307 BOX II

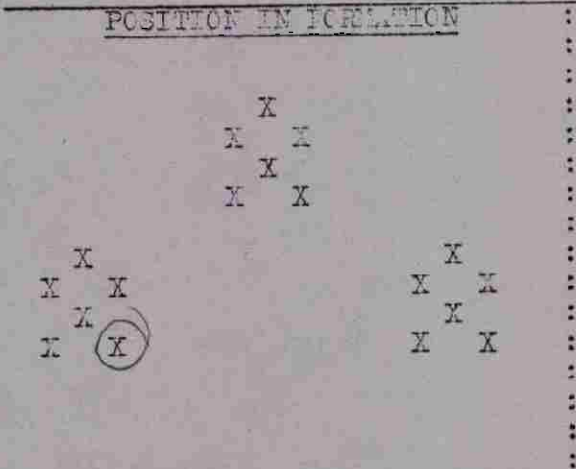
CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
nil

OBSERVATIONS:
nil



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PILOT BUSKIRK A/C# 449 BOX II

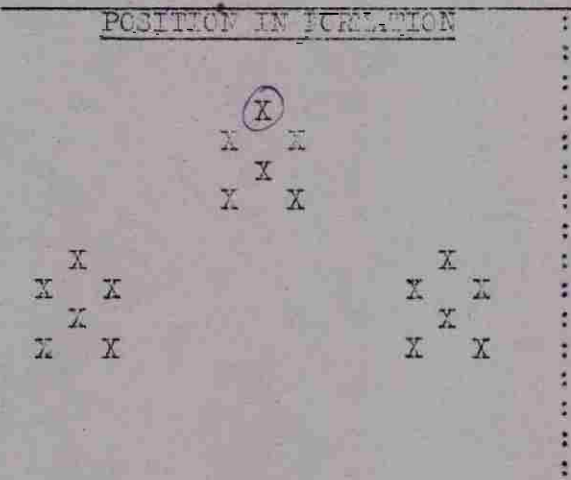
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>4</u> <u>X 300</u> ON <u>PFS</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:
10/18 - at target,
H.O.T. 1242
alt. 11700
IAS - 200
Head - 180°



H.W.S.
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PILOT M. J. HORN A/C# 356 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK: _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: _____

OBSERVATIONS:
no obs.
11/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

Spare in
H. G.

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

Spare advised.

H. G. A.

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FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X X
X
X

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X X
X X
X X

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PILOT BROWN A/C# 498 BOX #

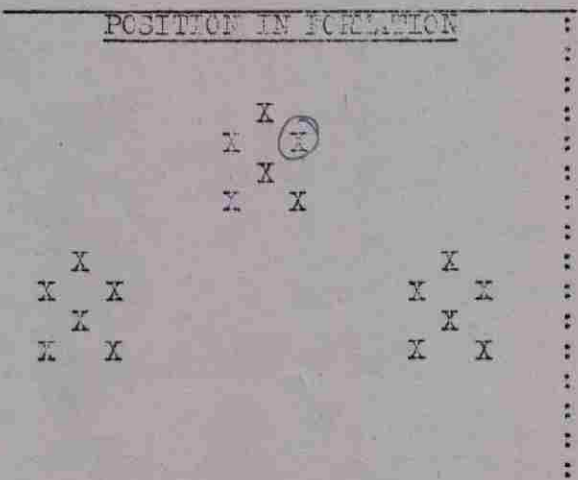
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>7</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE				
		X		RETURNED		:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>
		X		JETTISONED		:		:		:	

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:
nil

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT EDSTROM A/C# 750 BOX II

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK: Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

1245 — blk objects
headed North
abt 5 km from tgt
may have been
tanks or trucks
10,000

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 BISHOP A/C# 705 BOX II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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CASSU.LITE3

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT GRUNIG A/C# 507 BOX #1

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>Pv</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED				"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED		<u>None</u>			

FLAK:

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

None

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

Anti jamming switch on gear equipment
 cleared jamming in position X on
 Rhams Chan - no effect on Rube
 chan

Bomb away

1341 1/2
1248

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

heading 170°
 210 - EAS
 11400 - Alt.

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HALL

A/C#

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BOX

CASUALTIES

nil

BOMBS :

Window
only
X
X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

nil

JETTISONED

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Target - 10/10

Dropped window from 12,500 and from 11,000 ft
from IP thru target to rally point -
about

TOT 1241

POSITION IN FORMATION

Window

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

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Box #	CpsFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
1		5/3/45				DUNN	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fell to Bomb	ATP	Bomb	isp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pos. No.	Reason	T	S	O	T	S	J	F
497								
523								
313								
209								
300								
344	406							
521								
351								
344								
362								
381								
354								
492								
363								
344								
3315								
330								
324								
SPARE 332								

114

497
DUNN

313
WITHINGTON
EVANS

209
MURRAY

344
HIVKO
JOKINEN

521
NAPIER

492
CORNEILL

344
TURNER
HAYTER

363
JORDAN

354
MARTIN
WILLARD

362
SOPREB

330
WEINERT
SWAP

354
DEPNER
RENTH

332
MILLER
SPARE

Box #	CpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Lead	T/O	15 min.
II		5/3/45				BUSKIRK	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fell to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Lisp	A/C Dam	E/A		
Pos. No.	Reason	F 3 O	F S T	F R	N D A A C B E D F D K W M	Fets.		
499			b					499 BUSKIRK
498			b					239 498 SPIRES BROWN
239	Returned Air							419 AMES
419			b					356 297 MILHORN WRIGHT
297			b					
356			b					
508			b					507 508 GRUNIG MISH
274			b					
305			b					
213			b					
495			b					
361			b					330 305 CHITTY BISHOP
507			b					305 374 RUSSELL FRUGHA
205			b					286 213 BAURAUSKY McCREARY
330			b					215 307 TURNAN FORD
286			b					361 495 LABETER ROBERTS
307			b					
215			b					250 EDSTROM
250			b					SPARE

SPARE 108

481
HAI)
9315
SWEET) BOWEN
223

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 051520A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
CG, 97 COMBAT WING ATT: A-2
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-105-D OPFLASH FOR 5 MAR. 1945.

- A. 416 BOMB GP.
- B. MARBURG M/Y (G-731474)
- C. 40 A-26'S (INCLUDING 3 WITH WINDOW ONLY)
- D. 37 A-26'S ON PPF ON PRIMARY
- E. 3 A-26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
- F. 222 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED (10/10 CLOUD)
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. 13,000
- M. 1242 1/2
- X. GOOD LEAD BY PPF.
GOOD CLOSE ESCORT.

BT 051520A
EJ BB TO JEDM ONLY

JEDM R.....051546A AL KKKK
JEA R.....05/1530A RL AR

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FROM HQS, 416TH BOMB GP (L) APO 140, U.S. ARMY 051600A
TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) APO 140, U.S. ARMY ATT: A-2 P.I.
HQ5, 97TH COMBAT WINGN APO 140, U.S. ARMY ATT: A-2 DUTY OFF.

BT

SECRET 416BG R-108-D
B. MARBURG MARSHALLING YARD.
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 051600A
EJ B TO JEDM ONLY

JEDM R.....05/1645A EG KKK
JEDM R.....05/1645W FK AR

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

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AUTH: CO STA *A-69*
DATE: 7 March 1945
INIT: *_____*

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 996 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 5 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 222 97th GSB F.O. 2191-777

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Marburg N/Y
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1031 Landing time 1408
Time over target 12424 Bombing Altitude 19,000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 10/10 cloud cover
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 40 A-26 Including 3 window
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
37 Marburg N/Y
3 Window
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (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)

145:45

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air 236,600 x .50 cal.b. Expended on operations 1900 x .50 cal. (testing)c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air:

232 x 500 lb GP 1/10M 1/100T

b. Expended on operations:

232 x 500 lb GP

(List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned

Noned. Lost or wrecked on
missing a/cNone

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. Des

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Mission # 222--4 March '45 (morning)

Taking off in very bad flying weather two boxes, led by a single PFF plane, went in behind the Ruhr river valley to attack the marshalling yards at Marburg. A cloud cover of 10/10ths protected the target. However, every plane in the formation dropped all of their bombs on the PFF plane attacking the primary target.

With an escort of P-51 Mustangs, there were no enemy encounters, and no enemy planes were reported.

There was no flak along the route. All planes returned safely. The formation was led by Major Dunn; Box #2, by Lt. Buskirk.

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FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 05/1500A
 TO C G IX BOMBER COMMAND
 C G 99TH, 98TH, 97TH COMBAT WING
 C O 397, 394, 391, 387, 386, 344, 323, 322, 416, 410, 409TH BOMB GP
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

R-108-D

OPS - FLASH REPORT

R-22.1

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387 BOMB GROUP
- B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT RA 963 296
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT (FIRST PFF) 2ND PFF DROPPED ON 1ST PFF
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 11000 PRIMARY
12500 PRIMARY
- M. 1117 PRIMARY
1118 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT
 WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPS AW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
 2 MINUTES LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323 BOMB GROUP
 - B. WETZLAR M/Y WG 556 191
 - C. 1 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 CASUAL BOMBED ON GROUP THOUGHT IN VICINITY OF KERBEN
 WL 732 890 "G" DROP
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. KOBLENZ WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY WL 900 850
 - K. NONE
 - L. 11600 CASUAL
 - M. 1102 CASUAL

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPS AW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
 2 MINUTES LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
 - B. WETZLAR M/Y WG 556 191
 - C. 1 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. NONE
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1110 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
15 SECONDS LATER.

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- A. FIKRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 397 BOMB GROUP
 - B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT RA 963 296
 - C. 2 B-26
 - D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY IN TARGET AREA.
 - K. NONE
 - L. 13000 PRIMARY
12000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1138 1/2 PRIMARY
1139 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
1 1/2 MINUTES LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322 BOMB GROUP
 - B. STADT-MECKENHEIM COMM. CENTER WF 495 253
 - C. 1 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 CASUAL ON "G" ADENAU WL 428 980
RECEIVED NO RELEASE ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 - H. NONE
 - I. WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY STADT-MECKENHEIM WF 495 253
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12500 CASUAL
 - M. 1219 CASUAL

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
6 MINUTES LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391 BOMB GROUP
 - B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT RA 963 296
 - C. 2 B-26
 - D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY 1ST PFF ON EQUIPMENT 2ND PFF ON 1ST PFF
 - E. NONE
 - F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. CURATE HEAVY AT NASTATTEN WM 090 775
WEAK INACC. HEAVY AT DALHEIM WL 972 787
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12000 PRIMARY
11700 PRIMARY
 - M. 1159 1/2 PRIMARY
1200 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
15 SECONDS LATER.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
- B. MARBURG M/Y RA 964 297
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY NASTATTEN WM 090 775
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY ELLER WL 580 674
- K. NONE
- L. 13000 PRIMARY
12500 PRIMARY
- M. 1159 PRIMARY
1201 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPS AW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
30 SECONDS LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 344 BOMB GROUP
 - B. STADT-MECKENHEIM COMM. CENTER WF 495 253
 - C. 1 B-2
 - 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 HEAVY TARGET AREA
MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY AHRWEILER WF 550 150
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY GELSDORF WF 4511 211
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY SINZIG WF 669 165
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12000 PRIMARY
 - M. 1241 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPS AW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
1 MINUTE LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
 - B. MARBURG M/Y RA 964 297
 - 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. NONE
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12500 PRIMARY
 - M. 1241 1/2 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION TOO LOOSE

1 MINUTE LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
 - B. MARBURG M/Y RA 964 297
 - 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 HEAVY AT BOMB LINE BETTENFELD WL 305 651
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12100 PRIMARY
 - M. 1220 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
1 MINUTE LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 386 BOMB GROUP
 - B. NUTTLAR M/Y RB 465 075
 - C. 1 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP
 - G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. NONE
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12500 PRIMARY
 - M. 1247 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: GROUP FORMATION GOOD

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAP UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX
1 MINUTE LATER.

COMMENTS:: PARADE USED WORD PATHFINDER BETWEEN 1200 AND 1230 WHILE CAL
CALLING GROUP. SAID "DIDN'T YOU MEET YOUR PATHFINDER
SHIP"?
SHIP W872 WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP PILOT: LT DUBOIS

I CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 05/1500A

JN

MB BBBB K

CC 409 PARA : LINE J. SECOND LINE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY ELLER WP 580 674

CC LAST LINE OF TEXT WA SHIP 872 RPT 872

RELAYED BY CES BBBB

JES R.....05/1813A DJP KKK

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JES R.....05/1813A DJP KK

JPO R.....05/1813A SK KK

JKIIR05/1813A FD KKKK

JKI VIA JEA V JEDM JJF JJF NR 15/06 OF OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 06/0730A
 TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
 C G 970 BOMB WING
 C O 416 BOMB GROUP
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV #227 R127-E

PRF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE

DATE: 5/MARCH /45 TIME: 1241 1/2
 PRF PILOT: BOND

- A. FORMATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS:
- D. WINDOW SHIPS:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD
- E. BRIEFING:
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 06/0730A
 RELAYED BY CES BBP
 JKI R.....06/0915A

JT KK



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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

APD # 140
6 March 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #61

(Morning Missions)

5 March 1945

Section I

Field Order 777



<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
323 BG:	Wetzlar (G-556191) Marshalling Yard	N.A.O. (GEE)
394 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
387 BG:	Unna (A-966298) Ordnance Depot	Undet. (FFF)
397 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
391 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
409 BG:	Marburg (G-731472) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
410 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
416 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
322 BG:	Stadt/Meckenheim (F-494255) Communications Center	Box I - N.A.O. Box II - No attack
344 BG:	" "	Undet. (FFF)
386 BG:	Muttlar (B-465075) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Nine groups attacked three marshalling yards, an ordnance depot, and a communications center. Results are UNDETERMINED due to cloud cover at all targets. One box of a tenth group bombed its primary, dropping on the lead of another group attacking the same target, when FFF failed to receive a release signal and GEE equipment was jammed. The second box of this group abandoned operations. An eleventh group bombed its briefed secondary target.

Wetzlar (Marshalling Yard)

323 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 33 dropping 260 x 500 GP on briefed Secondary target. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

Bombing by boxes on group GEE from 11,000 - 11,700 feet.

Box I & II - N.A.O. (GEE). FFF did not receive release signal at Primary. Group leader attacked briefed Secondary target (Westerburg G-160180) on GEE, FFF dropping on the lead. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

394 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 27 dropping 212 x 500 GP on Primary. 1 a/c, with a badly smoking engine, dropped 8 x 500 GP at Briedern (L-630670), 66 miles SW of Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Sandweiler. 3 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,000 - 13,000 feet.

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

Unna (Ordnance Depot)

387 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 33 dropping 256 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 10,250 - 11,500 feet.

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

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 31 dropping 240 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window, 2 spare a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

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No losses, damage, casualties.

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

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,000 - 13,000 feet.

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

391 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 31 dropping 232 x 500 IB, 8 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c dropped 24 x 500 GP on briefed Secondary target (Siegen G-200530). 1 a/c jettisoned 8 x 500 IB at Hachen (B-170081), 18 miles SE of Primary, due to rack malfunction at target.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 11,500 - 12,000 feet.

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

Merburg (Marshalling Yard)

409 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (30 A-26, 11 A-20, 2 PFF), 41 (29 A-26, 10 A-20, 2 PFF) dropping 221 x 500 GP on Primary. 1 a/c (A-26) with an engine cutting out, jettisoned 6 x 500 GP at L-982775, 64 miles SW of Primary. 1 (A-20) window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,100 - 13,000 feet.

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

410 BG: 41 a/c dispatched (40 A-20, 1 PFF), 39 dropping 232 x 500 GP on Primary. 2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failures.

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

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

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 11,500 - 12,000 feet.

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

416 BG: 41 a/c dispatched (40 A-26, 1 PFF), 38 dropping 226 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 from 13,000 feet.

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

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Stadt/Mackenheim (Communications Center)

322 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 14 dropping 106 x 500 GP on and in vicinity of Primary.

23 a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical, 1 personnel failures; 20, other (did not drop due to PFF failure and GEE jamming - includes Box II and 3 window a/c).

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

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

Bombing by box from 10,500 feet.

Box I - N.A.O. PFF did not receive release signal. GEE was jammed, so group leader made second run and dropped on Box II of the 344 BG, which was attacking the same target. PFF released on GEE at Primary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box II - No Attack. This box attempted to follow Box I on second run, but did not join up in time to bomb. Since GEE was jammed, operations were abandoned.

344 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 32 dropping 248 x 500 Comp. B, 4 x 500 GP on Primary.

5 a/c failed to bomb: 2, mechanical failures; 3, other (GEE was jammed in window a/c).

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

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

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

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

Nuttall (Marshalling Yard)

386 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (35 A-26, 1 PFF), 35 dropping 204 x 500 Comp. B, 4 x 500 GP on Primary. 1 a/c (A-26) with one engine cutting out, jettisoned 6 x 500 Comp. B at L-656655, approximately 80 miles SW of Primary - enemy territory.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

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

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Section II

A/C Off		414
A/C Bombing	361	
A/C Failing to Bomb	34	
Other		
Window	16	
Spare	2	
Bombs of 1 A/C Unaccounted for	19	
Total		414

Bombs on Enemy Territory	626.25
Total Bombs to Date	118,249.78

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	11	(2.71%)
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
323	1	Mechanical	Nose wheel doors would not close.
394	2	Mechanical	1 - Loss of power. 1 - High blower out.
397	1	Mechanical	Gas leak in fuel transfer.
410	2	Mechanical	1 - Fuel selector valve frozen. 1 - Engine malfunction.
322	2	Mechanical	1 - Left engine cutting out. 1 - Bomb bay doors would not open.
	1	Personnel	Did not open doors in time to drop.
	20	Other	GEE jammed after PFF failed to drop.
344	2	Mechanical	1 - Carburetor trouble. 1 - Rack malfunction.
	3	Other	GEE equipment jammed in window a/c.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Wetzlar

323 BG: 10/10 low cloud, tops 8000'. 9/10 alto-cumulus, base 13,500'. Visibility unlimited air-to-air.

394 BG: 10/10 cumulus and strato-cumulus, base unknown, tops estimated 7-8000'. 9-10/10 medium cloud, base variable 11-12,000', tops 16,000'. Visibility 1/2 - 3/4 miles in medium cloud and unlimited between layers. Cloud decks seemed to merge to the east of the target.

Unna

387 BG: 10/10 cumulus, tops 9500', medium cloud base 12,000'. Visibility 5 miles between layers.

397 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus and cumulus with few breaks, tops 9000', with some developed to 12,000' to the north. 10/10 alto-cumulus, base 14,000'. Visibility between layers 15 miles.

391 BG: 9-10/10 cumulus and strato-cumulus, tops 7-8000'. 7-9/10 medium cloud, base 12,500 - 13,000'. Visibility 10-20 miles.

Marburg

409 BG: 10/10 cumulus, tops 7-8000'. 7-8/10 alto-stratus, base 12-13,500'. Visibility unlimited between layers.

410 BG: 10/10 alto-stratus, base 12,500'. 10/10 strato-cumulus and cumulus, tops 9-10,000'. Visibility air-to-air unlimited.

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Marburg 416 BG: 9-10/10 strato-cumulus, tops 6000'. 9-10/10 alto-stratus, base 12,500'. Visibility 1-2 miles in medium cloud. 5-10 miles between layers.

Stadt/Meckenheim 322 BG: 10/10 cumulus, tops 7000'. 5-8/10 alto-stratus 14,000'. 2-5/10 variable thin alto-stratus, tops 12,000', base 11,500'. Visibility unlimited.

344 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus and cumulus, tops 7-8000 3-5/10 cirrus 20,000'. Visibility unlimited.

Nuttlar 386 BG: 10/10 cumulus and strato-cumulus, tops 8000'. 10/10 cirrus 18,000'. 8-10/10 alto-stratus 13,000'. Visibility 3-4 miles between layers.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	405
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	11
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	2.71%

Wetzlar M/Y	323, 394 Gp.
Unna Ordnance Depot	387, 397, 391 Gp.
Nuttlar M/Y	386 Gp.

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

The 394 Gp. reported 10-12 bursts of very inaccurate heavy flak at Wetzlar. At Unna the 397 Gp. and the 391 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak that started about 1½ minutes after the bombs were dropped. The 391 Gp. also encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak east of Koblenz.

Marburg Ordnance Depot	409, 410, 416 Gp.
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A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	1
% A/C Battle Damaged	.81%

The 409 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak near G-130050. Routes over this point have been used extensively and until the last few days the enemy had no defenses to interfere. However, during the past few days the enemy has placed 2 heavy guns at G-130000. These guns are probably the ones engaging this formation. The 410 Gp. reported weak accurate heavy flak at the target and at Cochem (L-6072). No guns are plotted at Cochem and the fire probably came from R.R. guns.

Stadt/Meckenheim Communications Center	322, 344 Gp.
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A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	10
% A/C Battle Damaged	13.88%

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The 322 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak near Ahrweiler on the 1st run on the target. The flak then followed them on the turn off target. On the second run the flak increased in intensity and accuracy but still did not reach a moderate category. Crews reported that the flak was bursting in the window cloud. The 344 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate to accurate fire on the bomb run and at the target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1034 to 1253

One crew of the 397th Group observed a twin-jet fighter at 14,000 feet near Koblenz (L-990050) at 1202.

One crew of the 323rd Group reported that an unidentified jetcraft passed by the formation at 1000-foot range, but made no attempt to attack. Observed between Koblenz and Limburg at 1030. At the same time, a P-51 gave chase to what was believed to have been another jetcraft in the distance.

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