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TARGET BORNEN-BUILT UP AREA DATE 22 MAR 45 NO. A/C 45 MISS. # 248
 COORD. A-396612 F.O.# 219-809 STATUS ATTACKED.
 BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. ANDERSON SHERIDAN

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 13/22 (INFO) (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 22/1040A
 TO COMBOMDIV NINE
 409TH COBOMGP
 410TH COBOMGP
 416TH COBOMGP

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

BT

ADVANCED INFO COPY PARA. 5. COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (523599)
 (2) BRASSNUT
 (5) KENWAY B/B

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (502473)
 (2) CARFAX
 (5) KENWAY B/B

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (396612)
 (2) NINEPIN
 (3) PALLMALL

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(2) ~~XXXX~~ PARADE D/D
 ROSELEE C/C



COMCBTWIG 97

BT 22/1040A

AR JMB

ITA R.....22/1056A HCB AR

JES R.....22/1056A JMB AR

JPO R.....22/1056A DB AR

JKI R.....22/1056 FD AR

ITA JKI V JEA JEA 17/22 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 22/1105A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
416TH COBOMGP

BT

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

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 219-809

97CBW R-247-E

(1) TARGET: BORKEN, BUILT UP AREA (A-396612)
REFER TO INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 F.O. NO. 218-808

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 22/1105A

BB TO ITA

JME

UKI R.....22/1118A FD AR FOR ME

ITA R.....



ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA 4 JEA 21/22 OP - OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 22/1410A
 TO IX BOMB DIV
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

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

97CBW
 A P O 140
 22 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 219-209 97CBW R-249-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
 (2) THE XXIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP. THE 2 T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH BOMB GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR 22/1500A

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) GR. REKEN - BUILT UP AREAS A-523599 FLAK POSITION AT A-51945595.
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C 3 A/C ON FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-7118 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 35 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
- (4) BASE TO E-7118 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-0122 TO A-2394 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO A-2394 TO V-0122 TO Z-8118 TO E-5396 TO E-5957 TO BASE
- (7) A-3883
- (8) GENERALLY NW TO SE
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4108. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORD. 51935950, 51905990, 52625968, 52495945.
 INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (10) 20 X 150 LB. G.P. FUSED INST. NOSE ONLY.
 12 X 260 LB. M-21 FRAGS. FUSED WITH DIAPHRAM FUSE IF POSSIBLE
 OTHER WISE FUSED INST. NOSE NON-DELAY TAIL. (ON FLAK POSITIONS)
- (11) A-3883
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE".
- (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED AND ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE BOMBED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) VISUALLY
 (B) "GEE"
 (C) TARGET E.T.A.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) WULFEN - BUILT UP AREA - A-502473
 FLAK POSITIONS AT A-48054425, A-48424472, A-48604415
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 1 B-26 ON EACH FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-7118 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
- (4) BASE TO E-7118 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-0122 TO A-2394 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO A-2394 TO V-0122 TO Z-8118 TO E-5396 TO E-5957 TO BASE.
- (7) A-4072.
- (8) GENERALLY NNW TO SSE
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4208. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORD. 50034705, 50104750, 50354745, 50404713.
- (10) 4 X 500 LB. M-26 FRAG CLUSTERS FUSED INST. (ON FLAK POSITIONS)
- (11) A-4072

- (12) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED VISUALLY GROUP
BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
(OB) BULLSEYE USING "ROSELEE"
(C) PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE", IF PLAUSABLE
(D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON "GEE"
(E) ALTERNATE TARGET ON TARGET E.T.A.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) BORKEN BUILT UP AREA A-396612
FLAK POSITION AT A-36856055
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
3 A/C ON FLAK POSITION.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR
PLUS 30 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
- (4) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-2122
TO A-2394 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO V-2122 TO Z-8118 TO E-5396
TO E-5957 TO BASE.
- (7) A-1978
- (8) GENERALLY NW TO SE
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4127. COVER BUILT UP
AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORD. 39406090, 39306112,
39726138, 39906120, 39606073.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-76 INCINDIARY BOMBS.
12 X 260 LB. M-81 FRAGS. FUSED WITH DIAPHRAM FUSE IF POSSIBLE,
OTHERWISE INST. NOSE NON-DELAY TAIL (FLAK POSITIONS)
- (11) A-2394
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP
WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE"
- (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED AND ALTERNATE TARGET WILL
BE BOMBED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) VISUALLY
(B) "GEE"
(C) TARGET E.T.A.

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

- (5) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW
8,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (6) IN THE EVENT FIGHTERS ARE NOT MET AT RNDV. GROUPS WILL
PROCEED ON COURSE TO TARGET. FIGHTERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED
TO PROCEED TO TARGET AND FURNISH AREA COVER.
- (7) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
- (8) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT OTHER GROUPS WILL BE OPERATING
IN THIS AREA.

4. NO CHANGE.

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(2) BRASSNUT
(5) KENWAY B/B

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(2) CARFAX
(5) KENWAY B/B

- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (396612)
(2) NINEPIN
(3) PALLMALL

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (2) PARADE D/D
ROSELEE C/C
- (11) ROSELEE AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 22/1410A
FK-DJP-AR

ITA R.....221516A DD AR
JES R.....22/1516A JMB AR
JKI R.....22/1516A WJF AR
JPO R.....22/1516A FB AR
DB DB

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 13/2 OP OP

FROM : 416TH BOMB GP (L) 22/1528A
TO : CG, IX BOMBER DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING

BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-494-D IF XXXX VISUAL CONDITIONS AT THE PRIMARY EXIST
THE FOLLOWING MPI'S WILL BE USED:

G.S.G.S. NO. 4414 SHEET 4107

39606063
39596089
39406110
39546106
39756107
39796119
29686124

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VISUAL BY BOXES

39596089
39686124

SECONDARY TARGET IS ANAUS (A500870)

BT 22/1528 A

AS

WJF BBB TO ITA ONLY

ITA R.....

JE A R.....9K

JE A R.....22/1628A

JMB

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ITAR.....0158 - EV Sent to IX BQ. By Dm.

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LOADING LIST

2 MARCH 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 505 Y
Major R F Shaefer
Lt A R Hand
Lt F A Reeves
S/S O N Merritt
Brig Gen E H Backus

4. 259 H
Lt J E Colquitt
S/S O M Mohr

2. 378 O
Lt R J Lackner
Sgt A J Musarra

5. 274 S
Lt L J Prucha
S/S G O Wilson

3. 385 D
Lt J W Wright
S/S D W VanGelder

6. 264 I
Lt J P Phillips
Sgt W A Miller

FLIGHT II

469 A
1. ~~285xxxxxx~~
Lt R B Hall
F/O T L Goss
S/S G R VanWert

4. 416 O
Lt R B Singletary
S/S A A Cianciosi
S/S F W Elliott

2. 205 M
Lt E G Bishop
Sgt M C Harris

5. 2315 L
F/O S B Boerner
S/S A C Basile

3. 224 E
Lt E C Turner
S/S J Siankiewicz

6. 307 M
Lt W M Balch
Sgt T R Langley

FLIGHT III

1. 501 W
Lt F S Brewster
Lt L W Dennis
S/S W O Clark

4. 564 V
Lt W E Downing
S/S J A Humber

2. 320 S
Lt J F Stankowski
Sgt A H Kimball

5. 330 F
Capt H W Bowman
Sgt R J Ferujo

3. 223 B
Lt J F Wallace
Sgt J O Krantz

6. 383 V
Lt J V O'Brien
Sgt F E Corey

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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

22 MARCH 1945

1. 481 P
Capt C S Stanley
F/O J H Blount
Lt M P Schlefer
S/S J C Edanburn

3. 325 L
Lt W L Hale
S/S J F Geyer
Lt S Reamy (Inf)

5. 321 T
Lt F R Tank
Sgt F B Harmon

2. 495 G
Lt R H Long
S/S C J McCarthy

4. 335 W
Lt W H Lanster
Sgt R M Cross

6. 233 F
Lt J W Elyvins
Sgt F Gentry

FLIGHT II

1. 503 N
Lt J E Blomgren
Lt G G Johnson
S/S L R Fleming

3. 252 D
Lt J F Allen
S/S C F Yezzey

5. 271 R
Lt F G Dunn
Sgt L C Stein

2. 381 Q
Lt W R Hayter
S/S A A Dalton

4. 338 O
Lt D W Sorrels
S/S H I Friber
Lt F W Wills

6. 328 U
Lt R W Haskell
Sgt W W Lee

FLIGHT III

1. 499 G
Lt J A Buskirk
Lt R C Hanna
S/S C H Corbitt

3. 360 L
Lt J C Cary
Cpl A E Scheen

5. 209 M
Capt Z R Moore
S/S H R Davis

2. 326 W
Lt A E Hlivko
Sgt R E Graub

4. 313 D
Lt A Remiszewski
S/S J H Miguez

6. 229 B
Lt T E Graeber
Sgt A H Miller
S/S D W Jordan

BOX II
FLIGHT I

1. 498 R
Capt R J Tutt
Lt L A Orr
Sgt D Schwartzapel

3. 297 T
Lt A J P Winn
Sgt B G Davis

5. 356 G
Lt G L Milhorn
S/S D Chest

2. 352 J
Lt J W Spires
Sgt L E Davis

4. 250 A
Capt S M Hixon
S/S A H Hinson

6. 314 H
Lt L W Edstrom
Sgt F A Pompe

FLIGHT II

1. 304 T
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
S/S M R Reyes

2. 362 Y
Lt D E Smith
S/S S J Kirik

3. 244 I
Lt R W VanRope
S/S W H Klingman
Capt J M Shepard

UNITED STATES

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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INTEFER, POLYMER

CASUALTIES

FLAK : RRP - not firing at our formation.
35-40 bursts - about 1/4 mile
away. Visual R P
XH1 (8 bursts) behind at turn off.

mid

OBSERVATIONS :

TOT - 1619 1/2
alt 12,500

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

IN 2347, 6048M

CASUALTIES

FLAK : 20

mil

mil.

OBSERVATIONS : Contrails high up

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____

CONFIDENTIAL

INTEL. FORM

PILOT O'Brien A/C# 383 BOX I FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>M76 Incend</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE						
		X			RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"A-C"	:	"E"	:
		X			JETTISONED	:		:		:		:
						:	<u>nil</u>	:		:		:

FLAK :

nil

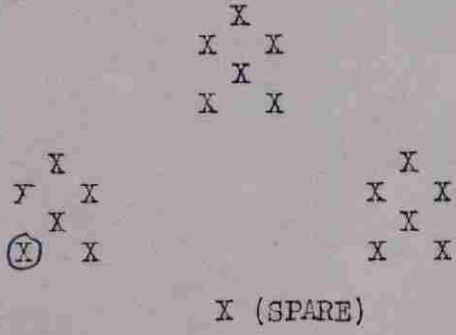
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Overcast of smoke at Pt

POSITION IN FORMATION



INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTR. FORM

PILOT Turner, D.O. A/C# 304 BOX I FIF FLAK

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 12 X 200 ON frog Primary
 X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"
 X JETTISONED

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

See Haze ^{Smoke} dropped
with Bot I on PT.

1619 ¹/₂ TOT

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X X X
 X X X
 X X X

 X (SPARE)

Luria
 INTERROGATOR

FLAK

CONFIDENTIAL

(X)
 X X

F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERNAL FORM

PILOT Van Hope A/C# 244 BOX I FLT FLAK

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>12</u> X <u>2600N</u> <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : 10/10 smoke
Bombed with Box I on PT

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

Luria

CONFIDENTIAL

FLAK
X
(X) X

Flak Target

CONFIDENTIAL

INFLUENZA

PILOT Smith A/C# 362 BOX 1 DIST FLAK

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 12 X 260 ON tray

RATTLE DANCE

X

RETURNED

59 A 62

"A-C"

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X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVATIONS : Due to haze - dropped
with first box on PT. as
an additional flight

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

FLAK

CONFIDENTIAL

$\times$
 $\times$ $\odot$

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERIM FORM

PILOT Stankowski A/C# 320 BOX I FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PIT : BATTLE DAMAGE

		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X -

OBSERVATIONS : - None - due to Smoke + Clouds
over target from I P on 10
2 runs -

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	
	X	
X	X	
X		X
X	X	X
X	X	X
	X (SPARE)	

T.W.S

INTERROGATOR

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INFLUENCE OF FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK : Turn off east turn (left) toward RP,
still limits to SW of us.

get back in byt are: at 17000+

1619

12000

 240° $210 \mu\Omega$

2 Bombs went off before impact.

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

X
X X
X X

1 Re visual by flight
assembled for box m.

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INTERVIEW

CASUALTIES

BATTLE DAMAGE

55A-14

95 A-C 59

2074 41

FLAK : Indifference not at us.
good warrior act

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

me (trails near BL - 8100 ft. above sea level)

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombus in wooded area.

X X
X X
X X

X
Y X
X
X X

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

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

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INTELLIGENCE

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS 2
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POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : 2/3 units for below.
just aft BB down dorch.

Ind.

Fires & smoke - target puff of heavy yellowish smoke before we loaded.

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Black A/C# 307 BOX I FLEW 2

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

Note - course flown too close to water on way out.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X		X	
Y			X	X
	X		X	
X			(X)	X
		X (SPARE)		

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INFER FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK : Behind us in turn off (right)
10 Bursts - msec,

1 - 262 - 840000 ft above target area (10)
at 1600 - turned again jet. (glance)

lots of smoke - like a cloud,

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P/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERCOM

PILOT Boerner A/C# 2315 BOX I FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>M76</u>	ON	<u>P.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
		X		JETTISONED		<u>Nil</u>			

FLAK : Nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
Nil. (vapor trails 10000 ft above.)

OBSERVATIONS :
col of smoke from center of town
at R.P. artillery fire near river.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X (X)

X (SPARE)

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P.M. CONFIDENTIAL INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Phillips A/C# 264 BOX I FLT 1

CASUALTIES

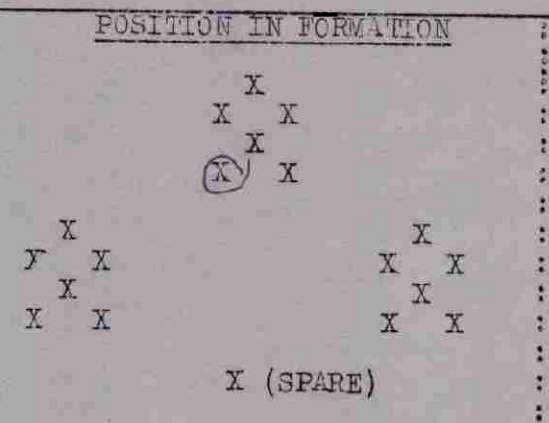
BOMBS : <u>6</u> <u>X500</u> <u>2nd</u> ON <u>P</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XHI below just on turn off target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None reported

OBSERVATIONS :

Dropped by boxes.
Bombs burst in woods, no town
seen.
Heavy smoke in tgt area



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INTERROGATOR

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INFINITUM FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK 50

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

no sb.

heavy smoke
very good bomb pattern.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Turner, E.O. A/C# 224 BOX I FLT 2

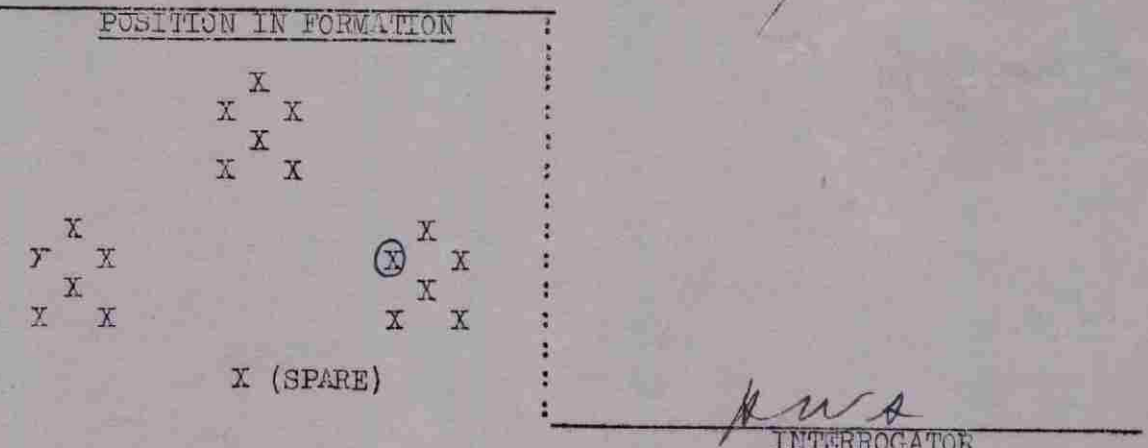
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : none on course.
Flak seen SE of target
+ lark off to left at rally

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS :
forbid Boxer on sea.
Bombs landed in woods



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F/O _____

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INTERFORM

PILOT Shaffer A/C# 505 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : -

TOT - 1619 -

Alt - 12,000 -

Smoke & cloud covered target from I.P.
on in - one visual run, & one G run.
Dropped on "G" -

No observations due to Smoke -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      (X)
      X  X
      X
      X  X

X      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT Bishop A/C# 205 BOX I FLT 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XH1 - behind us at target - 8 bursts

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

S/E

after bombing about 1/2 way of distance over en territory

1 Unidentified E/A at 7 o'clock from below - forces observed fired from 10 o'clock - 800 yds. 4 P-47's took over.

4 launching ramps for V-2 seen near flooded area. Series of barracks (Red color) sufficient

POSITION IN FORMATION

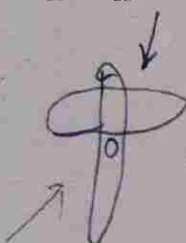
for 1,500 - 2,000 men.

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

X X
X (X)
X X
X X

X (SPARE)



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PILOT Stanley A/C# 481 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>M 76</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X	JETTISONED				

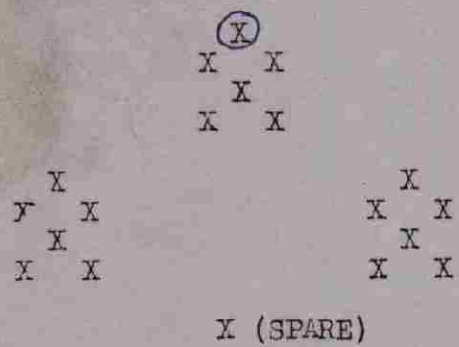
FLAK : nil at this box

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombed on Gee on 2nd run.
PT obscured by smoke and haze. Gee
set up for PT but bombs observed to hit in
field ~~also~~ for no known reason - short.

TOT 1618' h
alt 11,500
azis 179° mag
IAS - 210
G.S. - 271

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Tutt A/C# 498 BOX II FLT 4

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : - Bombs hit in open field - West of town -

TOT 1618 -

Alt 11,300

Bombed on R on Box leader -
one run made as flights 2nd run as boxes -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

  X      X
Y  X    X  X
  X      X
X  X    X  X

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X (SPARE)

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  (X)
 X  X
  X
 X  X

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PILOT Spires A/C# 352 BOX II FLT 4

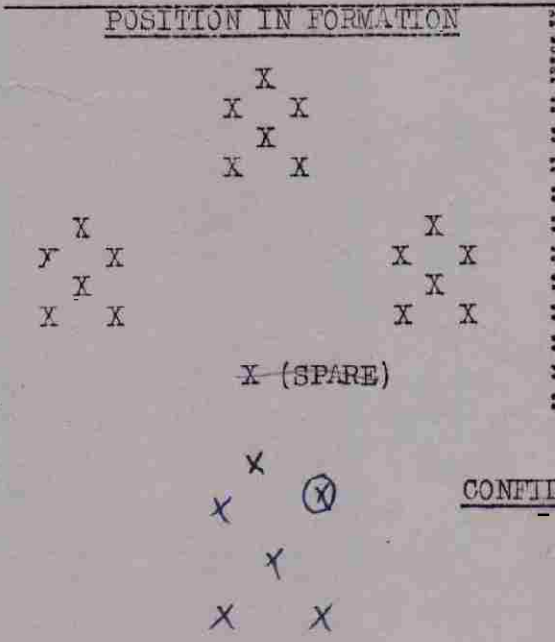
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ^{inc.} ON <u>0</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS : no obs. Smoke & haze



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PILOT Hixon A/C# 250 BOX II FLT 4

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>4</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 : X#1 NW of target about 15 miles not of formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit in field could not see town. Heavy smoke.

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

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

 X (SPARE)

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 X
 X X
 (X)
 X X

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

NO obs. Heavy smoke & haze.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT Winn A/C# 297 BOX II FET 4

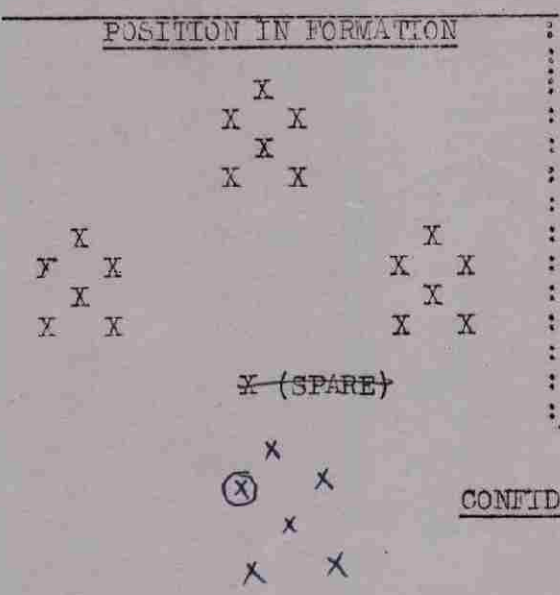
CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :


ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :


OBSERVATIONS :
no obs. Heavy smoke




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PILOT Edstrom A/C# 314 BOX II FLT 4

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

no obs
Heavy smoke at tgt.
1645- next to road about 70 mounds
somewhat like ammo dumps seen.
Large US convoy going up to front
Bombs burst on a road.
Smoke up to about 2000 feet.

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	
	X	
X	X	
X		X
X		X
X		X
X		X
	X (SPARE)	

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CASUALTIES

BATTLE DAMAGE

“A”

"A-C"

115

X JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X
X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Buskirk A/C# 499 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>M71</u> ON <u>P.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>NO</u>		

FLAK :

Nil

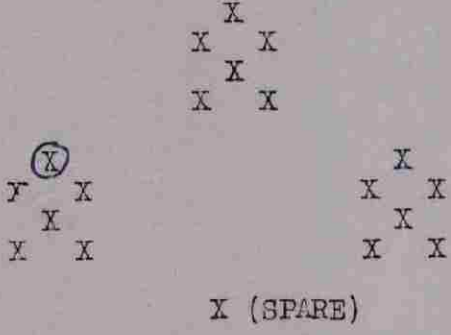
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil (?)

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombed on leader
By five big Boys

POSITION IN FORMATION



1618
200
180°
11200.

Bombing field.

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DT Sorrels A/C# 338 BOX II FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>76</u> ON <u>P.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Gary A/C# 360 BOX II FLIP 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>42</u> X <u>M26</u> ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
_____ X _____ RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
_____ X _____ JETTISONED			
<u>2 x 80mm</u>	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : Stale burst 10 Mi away

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Hang up bombs repeatedly.
Smoke in area - burst burst.
5000 to 8000.

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X				
	X	X			
		X			
	X	X			
	X		X		
(X)	X		X	X	
	X		X		
X	X		X	X	
	X (SPARE)				

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PILOT *Dunn* A/C# *271* BOX *II* FLT *2*

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u><i>6</i></u> X <u><i>76</i></u> ON <u><i>P</i></u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED		<i>Nil.</i>	

FLAK :

Nil

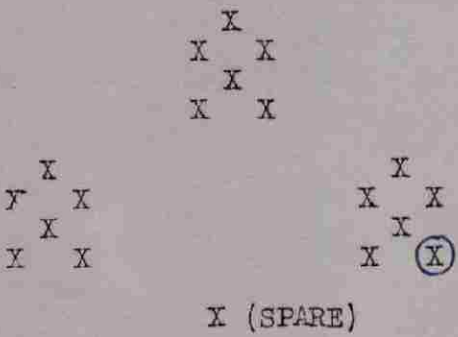
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

Some close to town.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT

Moore

A/C#

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BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6

X

500

ON

P-7

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS :

None Target covered by smoke + cloud -

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Milhorn A/C# 356 BOX II FLT 4

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X —

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit in open field west of town

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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X X
X
X (X)

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PILOT Hale A/C# 325 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES _____

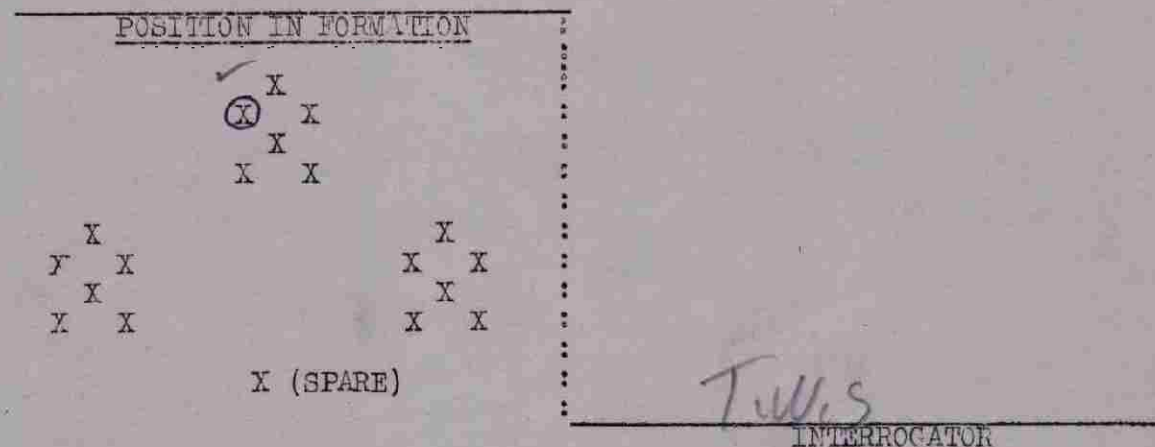
BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON _____	BATTLE DAMAGE <u>X</u>		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : ✓

X

OBSERVATIONS : - Bombs hit in open field -
couldn't see target town due to smoke



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PILOT Laseter A/C# 335 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES

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

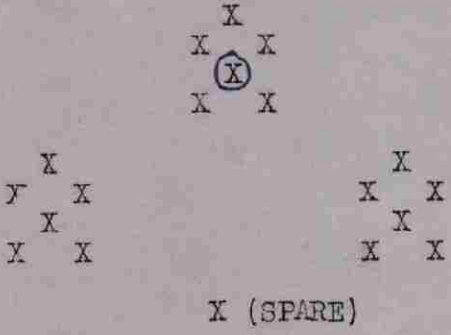
FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X -

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit in open field
could not see town due to smoke & haze
2 towns -

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Graeber A/C# 229 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : Gunner saw bombs hit in center of town - at least 6 to 7 hits

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X X
 X X X X
 X X
 X X

 X (SPARE)

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PILOT Blomgren A/C# 503 BOX II FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : X-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs- straddled 2. Sides
Bombed on Box leader, on 'G'
TOT-16/8
ALT- 11,500.
Bombed on 'G' due to smoke
covering Area from IP to Tot.

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X ⓧ
 X X X X
 X X
 X X X X

 X (SPARE)

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PILOT Allen A/C# 252 BOX 4 FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : None Smoke covered Area

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X
X X
 X
X X

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X (SPARE)

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A/C# 381

BOX

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BOMBS :

6 X 500 ON M76

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

of A 98

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X

JETTISONED

FLAK 30

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

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OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X (SPARE)

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PILOT *Haskell* A/C# *328* BOX *II* FLT *2*

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u><i>6</i></u> X <u><i>500</i></u> ON <u><i>M76</i></u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED		<i>nil</i>	

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS : *Bombs hit in fields*

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

X X

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X X

X (SPARE)

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X (SPARE)

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PILOT Long A/C# 495 BOX II FILE 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>DOWN</u> <u>M76</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

nil Gunner - "bombs appeared to hit outside of target town."

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X (X)
X
X X

X X
Y X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Remiszewski A/C# 313 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>M76</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED		<u>me</u>	

FLAK :

me

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

me

OBSERVATIONS :

Haze & Smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
Y X
⊗
X X

X (SPARE)

X
X X
X X
X X

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PILOT *Shirko* A/C# *326* BOX *II* FET *3*

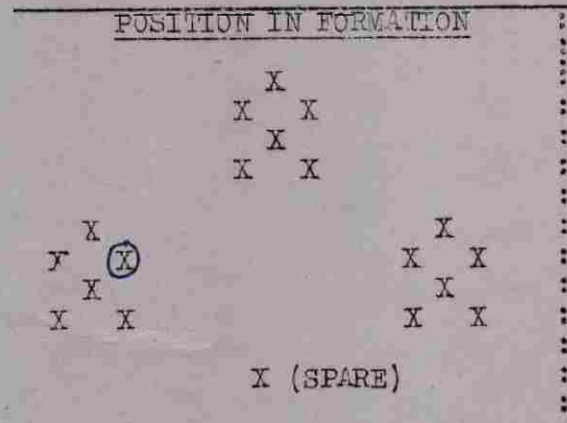
CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <i>6</i> X <i>500</i> ON <i>M76</i>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
☒ X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
☒ X	JETTISONED		<i>nil</i>	

FLAK : *nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *Salvoes about 3 secs late. Switch wouldn't drop them. Salvoed before turn off*



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Box #	CpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		MARCH 22 1945				SHAEFFER	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATP	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
1 505	Reason	T E O	T S J F R	M D A A C B E D P D K W M				
2 378								
3 385								
4 259								
5 274								
6 264								
1 469								
2 205								
3 224								
4 416								
5 2315								
6 307								
1 501								
2 320								
3 223								
4 302 504 ✓								
5 330								
6 383								
1 304								
2 362								
3 244								

FLAK POSITIONS

108 X 500

36 X 260

SHAEFFER 505-V

WRIGHT LACKNER 385-D 378-0

CELESTITE 259-H *

PHILLIPS 264-I * PRUGH 274-S

BREWSTER 501-W

HALL 469-A

WALLACE STANKUSKI 223-B * 320-S

TURNER E. BISHOP 224-E * 205-M

DOWNING 232-K

SINGLETARY 416-O *

O'BRIEN 383-V BORMAN 330-P * 307-N

BOERNER 2315-L

TURNER, D.O. 304-T

VAN ROPE 244-I * SMITH, D.E. 362-Y

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Box #	OpSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		MARCH 22 1945				STANLEY	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Pos. No.	Reason	T	G	O	T	S	J	T
1	481							
2	495							
3	385							
4	335							
5	321							
6	233							
1	503							
2	381							
3	252							
4	338							
5	271							
6	328							
1	499							
2	326							
3	360							
4	313							
5	209							
6	229							

216
36
108
252 + 416 = 668

STANLEY
481-P
325-L 495-G *
HASETER
335-W
BREVINS
233-F 321-T *
BLONCHEN
503-N
BUSHIRK
499-G
GARY
360-L 326-W
ALLEN
252-D 381-O *
REMISZEMSKI
313-B *
SOKREAS
338-O
GRABER
229-B * 209-M *
HASHEH
328-U * 271-R
HIXON
250-A
EDISON
344-H
MILBURN
356-C *

A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATP	Scrb Iisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.
No.	Reason	T	S O T S J F R	M D A AC B E D P D K W M		
1	498		b			
2	352		b			
3	297		b			
4	250		b			
5	356		b			
6	314		b			

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WIN	297-T*	250-N	498-R	TUTT
SPICES	352-V			
HIXON	250-A			
EDSTRON				
MILHORN				
314-H				
356-C*				

TO- GG 9th Bombardment Division - Att A-2
 G.G 97th Combat Wing - Att A-2

From 416th Bombardment Group

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A. 416th Bombardment Group (L)

B. Borken - Built up area-

C. 45-A-26

D 45-A-26 on Primary

E. None

F. ~~252~~ X 500-M-76 ~~round~~ on Primary

36 X 260-Frag. on Primary -

G. Unobserved results, - 2 runs made on target, first run, visually by flights, smoke and haze made it impossible to pick up target. ~~2nd run~~ Bombed on 2nd run, on "G" boxes

H. None.

I. None.

J. None

K. One unidentified S/E, A/C ^{first observed} ~~made one pass at formation,~~
~~from~~ below at 7 O'clock, ~~tracers seen,~~ then pass made
 from 1, O'clock tracers seen, closed to approx 800 yd
 Then P. 47 escort took over. - Reported by one gunner,
 no ~~return~~ ~~fire~~ returned. In area of Z 990 250

L 11,500 ft
 12,000 ft

M. 1618½ hours.
 1619 hours.

X- 3 A/C assigned flank positions were unable to pick up

target, due to haze and smoke, so joined formation and
bombed Primary Target.

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TO: CG 9th Bombardment Division. Attn A-2.
CG 97th Combat Wing. Attn A-2.

FROM: 416th Bombardment Group (L).

Confidential - Operational priority.

Opsflash for 22 March 1945, Afternoon.

A. 416th Bombardment Group (L).

B1 Berken - Built up Area.

C. 45 A-26.

D. 45 A-26 on Primary.

E. None.

F. 252 X 500 - M-76 on Primary. 36 X 260 Frags on Primary

G. Unobserved Results. 2 runs made on target, first run visual by flights. Smoke and haze made it impossible to pick up target. Bombed on second run, on "C" by boxes.

H. None.

I. None.

J. None.

K. One unidentified S/E A/C first observed below at 7 o'clock, then pass made from 1 o'clock. Tracers seen, closed to approximately 800 yds, then P-47 escort took over - Reported by one gunner. No fire returned. In area of 2 990250.

L. 11,500 feet. 12,000 feet.

M. .1618 hours. .1619 hours.

N. 3 A/C assigned flank positions were unable to pick up target due to haze and smoke, so joined formation and bombed primary target.

THOMAS W. SAMPSON
1st Lt, Air Corps.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI19/22 P - P

FROM COBOMCH 416 22/1958A
TO COMCONDIV NINE ATN: SIG O
COMCBTSIG 97 (S, INFO)

BT
CONFIDNEITL 416BC R-561-J

A - YS - 74

B - BKK 22 MARCH 1945 (1427-1787)

C - Y-YORK REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO TARADE.

B-NAM REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE BUT BDKX DID NOT RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. THIS WAS DUE TO FAULTY RECEIVER.

D - REPORTING TO FIGHTER GROUND CONTROL WAS NOT NECESSARY ON THIS MISSION.

E. THRU K. NONE

AYLESWORTH

BT 22/1958A

JF DBB

ITA R.....222342A DF KK

JEJ22/3242A LCB KKK

ITA JEA V JKI JIKI 28/22 OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 22/2811A
TO CG9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WN " "

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-503-D OPSFLASH FOR 22 MARCH 1945,
AFTERNOON:

- A. 416TH BM GROUP (L)
- B. BORKEN - BUILT UP AREA.
- C. 45 A-26
- D. 45 A-26 ON PRIMARY
- E. NONE
- F. 252 X 500 - M-76 ON PRIMARY . 36 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 2 RUNS MADE ON TARGET, FIRST RUN VUXXX VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS. SMOKE AND HAZWXXXX HAZE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PICK UP TARGET. BOMBED ON SECOND RUN, ON "G" BY BOEXXXXXX BOXES.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. ONE UNIDENTIFIED S/C A/C FIRST OBSERVED BELOW AT 7 O'CLOCK, THEN PASS MADE FROM 1 O'CLOCK. TRACER "SS" CLOSED TO APPROXIMATELY 800 YDS, THEN P-47 ESCORT TOOK OVER - REPORTED BY ONE GUNNE NO FIRE RETURNED. IN AREA OF Z-990250
- L. 11,500 FT. 12,000 FT.
- M. 1618 1/2 HOURS . 1619 HOURS.
- X. 3 A/C ASSIGNED FLAK POSITIONS WERE UNABLE TO PICK UP TARGET DUE TO HAZE AND SMOKE, SO JOINED FORMATION AND BOMBED PRIMARY TARGET.

AYLESWORTH

BT 22/2811A

JF B B B

ITA R...../122/2350A MZ KKK AN

JEJ R.....22/2350A LCB KKK

ITA JEA V JKI 23/22 OP OP

FROM HQS. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 P.I. 222300A
TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 P.I.
97TH BOMB WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.

BT
SECRET R-597-D 22 MARCH 1945.

B. GORDEN BUILT-UP AREA.
J. BOMBED ON GEE. NO STTIKXXX STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO SMOKE AND HAZE.
NEGATIVES ARE TOO LIGHT TO REGISTER.

RM 222300A

DM BBBB

ITA R.....230017A AL BB KK

JEA R.....230020A RL K

COMBAT FORM (DAY) 9th B.D. S-2 Report 108C

416 669 205 BORKEN 22/3/45
 (Group) (Sqdn.) (A/C No) (Target) (Date of Mission)

#2 FLT B Box I 315° GOOD 1630 2 990250 12000
 (Pos. in Ftn.) (Heading) (Visibility) (Time) (Place) (Altitude)

Type of e/a: UNIDENTIFIED S/E Story of the attack: GUNNER FIRST SAW
UNIDENTIFIED A/C IN DISTANCE BELOW AT 7
O'CLOCK. LATER E/A MOVED TO 1 O'CLOCK
AND CLOSED TO 800 YARDS. WHERE AND BELOW E/A
OPENED FIRE FROM BELOW SCORING
NO HITS. P-47'S OF ESCORT ENGAGED
E/A IMMEDIATELY. GUNNER DID NOT RETURN
FIRE AND DID NOT SEE THE ENSUING ACTION. PILOT OF A/C WAS UNAWARE
OF THIS ENCOUNTER WHICH WAS NOT WITNESSED BY FROM
 (Be sure the above includes: how e/a attacked; how close he came, how and where he ANY
 broke away, and his position and condition when last observed.) OTHER A/C IN
 Did this e/a take advantage of sun or clouds in approach, attack or breakaway? FORMATION.
 If so, how? _____
 Our Fire: _____
 Name of Gunner Gun Position Bursts or Rounds Distance Hits? If so, Where?
NO FIRE
 Effect of our fire on e/a: _____
 If Marauder did not fire, _____
 was e/a out of field of fire? _____ (Which other of our a/c firing at this e/a?)
 E/A Fire:
800 NIL
 (Bursts) (Yards) (Category Damage to Bomber, if any)
 Number of other e/a attacking same time: NIL Attacking Whom? _____
 Attacking how? Vic Line Abreast Line Astern Other: _____
 (Mark one if possible)
CREW MEMBER UNABLE TO STATE WHETHER E/A HAD RADIAL OR INLINE
 (Special color, markings, characteristics; any other important information) ENGINE.
 Witnesses of Combat:
 Name Position and a/c no. Confirming what?
NONE
 Comment of Interrogator: No CLAIM.
 Dest., Prob. Dest., Dam., No Claim S.A. LURIA, CAPT, AC.
 (Group Opinion; mark one) (Interrogator)
 USE REVERSE SIDE TO DIAGRAM ANY COMBATS NOT CLEAR FROM ABOVE INFORMATION
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COMBAT FORM (DAY) 9th A.D. S-2 Report 108C

416 669 205 Borken 22/3/45
(Group) (Sqn.) (A/C No) (Target) (Date of Mission)

#2 Flt "B" Box 315deg Good 1630 Z 990250 12000
(Pos. in Fmtn.) (Heading) (Visibility) (Time) (Place) (Altitude)

Type of e/a: Unidentified Story of the attack: Gunner first saw Mark clock
unidentified a/c in distance below at 7 o'clock. E/A directions on
moved to 1 o'clock and closed to 500 yards where E/A appropriate line
opened fire from below scoring no hits. P-47's escort APPROACH
engaged e/a immediately. Gunner did not return fire Above _____
and did not see the ensuing action. Pilot of e/c was Level _____
unaware of this encounter which was not witnessed from Below I
any other e/c in formation. BREAKAWAY
Above _____
Level _____
Below _____

NO CLAIM
BS Lewke
FOR THE COMMITTEE

(Be sure the above includes: how e/a attacked; how close he came; how and where he broke away, and his position and condition when last observed.)

Did this e/a take advantage of sun or clouds in approach, attack or breakaway? _____
If so, how? _____

Our Fire:
Name of Gunner Gun Position Bursts or Rounds Distance Hits? If so, Where?

No fire

Effect of our fire on e/a: _____
If Marauder did not fire, _____
was e/a out of field of fire? _____ (Which other of our a/c firing at this e/a?) _____

E/A Fire:
500 Nil
(Bursts) (Yards) (Category Damage to Bomber, if any)

Number of other e/a attacking same time: Nil Attacking Whom? _____
Attacking how? Vic Line Abreast Line Astern Other: _____
(Mark one if possible)

crew member unable to state whether e/a had radial or inline
(Special color, markings, characteristics; any other important information)
engine.

Witnesses of Combat:
Name Position and a/c no. Confirming what?
None

Comment of Interrogator: No claim

Dest. Prob. Dest., Dam., No Claim S.A. Jurie, Capt: AC.
(Group Opinion; mark one) (Interrogator)

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COMBAT FORM (DAY)

9th B.D. S-2 Report 108C

416 **669** **205** **Borken** **22/3/45** **24/6**
 (Group) (Sqn.) (A/C No) (Target) (Date of Mission)

#2 **Plt "P" Bork** **315deg** **Good** **1630** **Z 990250** **12000**
 (Pos. in Ftn.) (Heading) (Visibility) (Time) (Place) (Altitude)

Type of e/a: Unidentified Story of the attack: Gunner first saw Mark clock
unidentified e/a in distance below at 7 o'clock. E/A directions on
moved to 1 o'clock and closed to 800 yards where E/A appropriate line
opened fire from below scoring no hits. P-47's escort APPROACH
engaged e/a immediately. Gunner did not return fire Above _____
and did not see the ensuing action. Pilot of e/a was Level _____
unaware of this encounter which was not witnessed from Below 1
any other e/a in formation. BREAKAWAY
 Above _____
 Level _____
 Below _____

(Be sure the above includes: how e/a attacked; how close he came, how and where he broke away, and his position and condition when last observed.)

Did this e/a take advantage of sun or clouds in approach, attack or breakaway? _____

If so, how? _____

Our Fire:

Name of Gunner Gun Position Bursts or Rounds Distance Hits? If so, Where?

No fire

Effect of our fire on e/a: _____

If Marauder did not fire,

was e/a out of field of fire? _____

(Which other of our a/c firing at this e/a?)

E/A Fire:

800 K11
 (Bursts) (Yards) (Category Damage to Bomber, if any)

Number of other e/a attacking same time: K11 Attacking Whom? _____

Attacking how? Vic Line Abreast Line Astern Other: _____
 (Mark one if possible)

crew member unable to state whether e/a had radial or ineline

(Special color, markings, characteristics; any other important information)

engine.

Witnesses of Combat:

Name

Position and a/c no.

Confirming what?

None

Comment of Interrogator: No claim

Dest., Prob. Dest., Dam., No Claim S.A. Luria, Capt; AC.
 (Group Opinion; mark one) (Interrogator)

USE REVERSE SIDE TO DIAGRAM ANY COMBATS NOT CLEAR FROM ABOVE INFORMATION

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

AUTH: CO STA ⁴⁻⁶⁹
DATE: 24 Mar 1945
INIT:

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 253a for 24 hrs. ending midnight 22 March 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 248 97th CW RD # 219-809

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Berlin built up area.
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1423 Landing time 1806
Time over target 1613 1/2 - 1619 Bombing Altitude 11500 - 12000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Smoke and haze.
Results Unobserved.
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched AS A-26's.
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
AS Berlin built up area.
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 AS

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) 14:45b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air 21,000 x 50 Cal.b. Expended on operations 1050 x 50 Cal. (Testing)c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: 200 x 500 lb M-76 Incendiary36 x 250 lb M-61 Frags Found 7-58-74b. Expended on operations: 200 x 500 lb M-76 Incendiary
(List targets separately) 36 x 250 lb M-61 Fragsc. Jettisoned Noned. Lost or wrecked on
missing a/c Nonee. 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 Noneb. Prob. Des Nonec. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENCKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)AFO # 140
22 March 1945

Field Orders 809, 810

MISSION SUMMARY #87
(Afternoon Missions)

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
386 BG	Stadtlohn (A-438778) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI) Flt. B - Unsatisfactory (SMPI) Flt. C - Superior (SMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Undetermined (SMPI) Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - Undetermined (SMPI)
394 BG	Ahaus (A-500865) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Superior Box II - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Superior
322 BG	Sudlohn (A-402721) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI) Flt. B - Superior (SMPI) Flt. C - Superior (SMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior (SMPI) Flt. C - Excellent (SMPI)
391 BG	Coesfeld (A-609724) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - NAO Flt. C - NAO Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Undetermined Flt. C - Unsatisfactory Box III - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI)
344 BG	Coesfeld (A-609724) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - NAO Flt. B - NAO (Geo) Flt. C - NAO Box II - NAO (Geo) Box III - Flt. A - NAO
416 BG	Borken (A-396612) Communications Center	NAO (Geo)
409 BG	Cross Baken (A-523599) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI) Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - No Attack Box II - Flt. A - Undetermined Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI)
397 BG	Haltern (A-620489) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI) Flt. B - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. C - Excellent (SMPI) Box II - Undetermined (SMPI)
323 BG	Schermbeck (A-405445) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - NAO Flt. B - Undetermined (SMPI) Flt. C - Undetermined (SMPI) Box II - NAO (Geo)

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387 BG	Schorabach (A-405445) Communications Center	WFO (Gee)
410 BG	Mullen (A-592473) Communications Center	WFO (Gee)
FF	Hastatten (A-083778) Marshalling Yard	Undetermined (SGR-584)

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Ten groups attacked seven communications centers, recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results. An eleventh group bombed Secondary and Other Targets. Three Pathfinder aircraft attacked a marshalling yard, reporting good results on the basis of visual observation.

Stettlohn (Communication Center)

386 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, all dropping 698 x 150 GP on Primary

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,400-12,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SFI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier was briefed to select MPI in Target Area. Bombardier selected Road Junction (A-436777) as MPI. All bomb bursts within 1000 ft. radius. Concentrated pattern blankets SFI. Possible hits on Road Junction and other streets in area.

Flt. B - SFI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier was briefed to select MPI and chose Road Junction (A-436774) in center of town as MPI. Center of bomb bursts 4800 Ft. N of SFI. Concentrated pattern is across junction of river and possible anti-tank ditch. Reason for unsatisfactory bombing unknown. Bombardier reports poor results.

Flt. C - SFI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier was briefed to select MPI and chose Road Junction (A-436774) in center of town as MPI. All bomb bursts within 1000 ft. radius. Center of long concentration is 220 ft. N of SFI. Bombs fall in previously bombed area. However, Road Junction and streets are possibly unserviceable due to direct hits.

Box II - Flt. A - SFI - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier briefed to select own MPI. No photo coverage. Bursts do not appear on negative due to sharp turn off target. Bombardier reports bombing SFI on second run with excellent results.

Flt. B - SFI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier was briefed to select MPI and chose Road Junction (A-436777) at Northern edge of town as MPI. Over 80 percent of bombs are within 1000 Ft. radius. Concentrated pattern centers 800 ft. N SFI blanketin North-South road.

Flt. C - SFI - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier was briefed to select MPI. Bursts do not appear on negatives due to sharp turn off target. Bombardier reports bombing SFI with excellent results.

Ahaus (Communication Center)

394 BG: 33 a/c dispatched, 31 dropping 620 x 120 Frags on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Petit Brogel.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,500 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DFI. SUPERIOR. Majority of bombs within 1200 ft. radius of DFI. Long concentration approximately 230 feet N of, and covering DFI. Strikes covered built-up area of town, with heavy damage to personnel and equipment in area.

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Flt. B - DMPI. SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long concentration in smoke of previous bombs, approximately 195 feet NW of, and covering DMPI. Strikes in smoke but hits probably covered built-up area. (Portion of pattern believed in smoke and is probably longer than indicated.)

Flt. C - DMPI. SUPERIOR. Majority of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long concentration approximately 185 feet N of, and covering DMPI. Hits on station area of 1/Y and built up area of town. Damage should be heavy.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI. SUPERIOR. Majority of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Well dispersed concentration approximately 185 feet N of, and covering, DMPI. Hits on several roads and built up area of town. Damage should be heavy.

Flt. B - DMPI. SUPERIOR. (M-20 shot used for coverage because of these bombs. Rating and distances are therefore only estimates.) All bombs appear within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Probably centered about 240 feet SE of, and covering, DMPI. Strikes on built-up area and roads.

Flt. C - DMPI. SUPERIOR. Majority of bombs in 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Well dispersed pattern approximately 230 feet W of, and covering, DMPI. Hits on built-up section of town. Bursts blanketed several roads and depot area of M/T.

Stadlaha (Communication Center)

322 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 12 dropping 150 x 150, 164 x 150 GP on primary. 23 a/c dropped 574 x 150 GP on OTHER targets.

1 a/c failed to bomb; mechanical.

No losses, 10 a/c flak battle-damaged; No casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,250 - 12,250 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - AMPI. SUPERIOR. 2 runs made on primary but smoke and haze permitted no sighting. The center of Ahnus, 11 miles NE of DMPI was selected. About 95% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI, centering 250 feet to the SE, covering the center of town with excellent pattern.

Flt. B - AMPI. SUPERIOR. 1 run made on primary. Impossible to sight due to smoke and haze. Stadlaha town center selected as AMPI. 4 miles NE of DMPI. 95% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI in excellent pattern centering 250 feet SE, covering the town center.

Flt. C - AMPI. SUPERIOR. Smoke and haze prevented bombing primary over which one run was made. Enschade, 19 miles due N of DMPI was selected. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI, centering 150 feet N of AMPI on main street intersection, large buildings and factory type buildings in excellent pattern.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI. SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with no circular error in excellent pattern covering center of town.

Flt. B - AMPI. SUPERIOR. This flight flew over target area for 40 minutes trying to make a sighting run on primary and on fourth run dropped on AMPI, as smoke and haze permitted no run on primary. Dropped on center of Stadlaha 4 miles NE of DMPI. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI with no circular error on buildings and roads.

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Flt. C - AMPI. EXCELLENT. Made one run over DMPI, but smoke prevented sighting. Main intersection in Ahaus, 11 miles NE of DMPI, was selected. Nearly all bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. A good pattern centered 300 feet SW on many bridges, factories and main streets.

Coesfeld (Communications Center)

391 BG: 39 a/c dispatched; 32 dropping 364 x 300, 48 x 500 GP on primary. 3 a/c dropped 52 x 260 Frag on OTHER target.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 3, weather; 1, mechanical failure (this a/c, on single engine, jettisoned 14 x 300 GP safe in vicinity of Fosse (J-858040) - friendly territory).

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

Visual bombing by flights from 9,000 - 12,700 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI. SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern fell about 200 feet E of DMPI, hitting in center of town and on built-up area on edge of town. At least 3 roadways and many residences hit. Poor pictures make more definite assessment impossible.

Flt. B - N.A.O. This flight toggled on Flight A after making 2 runs. All bombs more than 1000 feet from DMPI. Pattern fell about 1600 feet SW of DMPI, across RR station, hitting at least 2 loading platforms and 4 tracks and 4 factory type buildings in town.

Flt. C - N.A.O. This flight toggled on Flight A after making 2 runs. About 35% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern about 1100 feet NW of DMPI, cutting 2 roadways, and hitting at least 15 residential type buildings.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI. EXCELLENT. Visibility was so poor that bombardier could not pick up DMPI. He selected end building in row of buildings between the circular road and RR on W side of town as MPI, 1500 feet WSW of DMPI. About 90% of bombs fell within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern 550 feet NW of SMPI, cutting 4 RR lines and 2 main roadways, and damaging at least 8 residential type buildings.

Flt. B - DMPI. UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera running off on course. Visual observations indicate excellent results.

Flt. C - DMPI. UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier could not make good bomb run due to poor visibility. All bombs more than 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern about 4800 feet ESE of DMPI in open fields.

Box III - Flt. A - AMPI. SUPERIOR. Bombardier could not bomb briefed target, a flak position in target area, due to poor visibility. He selected choke point at E end of M/Y, between some factory buildings at Gronau (V-513025), 9 miles NNE of primary, as MPI. All bombs within 1000 feet of AMPI. Dispersed pattern, bracketing AMPI, hitting across choke point, 3 factory buildings, and at least 10 residential type buildings.

344 BG: 46 a/c dispatched, 27 dropping 216 x 500 IB on primary. 15 a/c dropped 96 x 500 IB and 54 x 260 Frags on OTHER targets. Bomb disposition unknown of 4 a/c which landed at St. Trond.

No losses, 1 a/c crash-landed at St. Trond due to flak damage. 5 other a/c flak battle-damaged. 1 crewman wounded.

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Bombing on Gee from 9,500 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - N.A.O. Entire target area including IF covered by smoke and haze up to 8000 feet. Could not see target on attempted visual run. Tried bullseye procedure but could not make contact. Group lead ordered flights to bomb primary on Gee. While making second run on Gee flight was broken up by flak hits on lead a/c. 3 a/c bombed with other flights. Lead a/c landed away from base. No other information available at this time.

Flt. B - N.A.O. GEE. Same reason as Flight A. Bombed primary on second run. No coverage or visual observation due to smoke and haze layer. Photos of this and all other units failed to pick up any ground detail.

Flt. C - N.A.O. Same reason as Flt. A. Only one run on primary. Abandoned attempt to bomb casual, which proved to be Munster, when hit by flak. Salvaged near A-835744, 3 miles W of Munster. No photographic coverage or visual observation of results.

Box II - N.A.O. GEE. Same as Flight B, Box I.

Box III - Flt. A - N.A.O. Did not bomb primary as Gee operator in this flight did not have sufficient experience to get set up in time. Salvaged inside Germany about 5 miles E of Zwillbrock, at approximately A-455845. No coverage or visual observation due to smoke and haze.

Borken (Communication Center)

416 BG: 45 a/c dispatched, all dropping 252 x 500 LB and 300 x 260 Frags on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing on Gee from 11,500 - 12,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to smoke and haze.

Gr. Reken (Communication Center)

499 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (27 A-26; 8 A-20), none bombed primary. 6 a/c (4 A-26, 2 A-20) dropping 87 x 150 GP on secondary. 18 a/c (14 A-26, 4 A-20) dropping 288 x 150 GP on OTHER targets.

11 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 10, other (2, primary and alternate obscured by smoke and haze; 8, leader did not drop.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,200 feet.

Box I - Flt. A. AMPI. SUPERIOR. Could not bomb primary or secondary because of dense haze and smoke. Selected an AMPI at the rail highway intersection in the town of Nijverdal (V-13251950), approximately 43 miles NW of primary. Pattern is in two parts as one a/c dropped several seconds late. 100% of bombs from a/c which dropped with bombardier are within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. These bombs are in excellent concentration approximately 230 feet WNW of AMPI. Aimed bombs blanketed approximately 350 feet of main E-W Highway through town. Bombs are on or near the AMPI with probable damage to rail line at this point. A/c which dropped late has its bombs along the rail line approximately 1650 feet NW of AMPI. The rail line is probably cut or severely damaged at this point.

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Flt. B - AMPI. EXCELLENT. For reasons stated under Box I - Flight A bombardier was not able to bomb primary or secondary. Bombardier selected a road intersection in the town of Nijverdal (V-13061951). 95% of bombs are within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 350 feet S of AMPI. Pattern blankets the road intersection and approximately 1200 feet of a town street leading to this intersection with the main E-W highway through town. Many buildings adjacent to these streets have been destroyed or damaged.

Flt. C - NO ATTACK. Smoke and haze prevented bombardier from bombing primary or secondary.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI. UNDETERMINED. (Briefed Secondary) Due to haze and smoke at primary, bombed Ahaus, A-500868. No photographic coverage. Both cameras had blown fuses. Bombardier reports excellent results from visual observations.

Flt. B - AMPI. EXCELLENT. Could not bomb primary or secondary, because of dense haze and smoke. Bombardier selected AMPI at road intersection in Sudlohn, A-40117250. Approximately 10.9 miles NW of primary. Because of smoke, haze and incomplete coverage the strikes cannot be completely assessed. Probably 100% of bombs are within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Pattern appears to blanket the main road leading NW from Sudlohn for a distance of 500 feet immediately NW of AMPI.

Haltern (Communication Center)

397 BG: 32 a/c dispatched, 3 a/c dropping 24 x 500 IB on primary. 27 a/c dropped 184 x 500 IB on OTHER targets. 1 a/c salvoed 8 x 500 IB accidentally 1 minute past I.P.

1 a/c failed to bomb; mechanical failure.

7 a/c flak battle-damaged. No losses, casualties.

Bombing by flights from 11,300 - 14,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - AMPI. SUPERIOR. Bombed center of town of Burgsteinfurt, A-730950, 29 miles NE of primary, as a casual target when primary and briefed secondary could not be picked up due to smoke. 100% of bombs evidently within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Estimated center of bombs 150 feet SW of AMPI. Bombs fell across densest part of town.

Flt. B - AMPI. EXCELLENT. Bombed center of town of Ensdetten A-856976, 34 miles NE of primary, as a casual target when primary and briefed secondary could not be picked up due to smoke and haze. Target originally identified by navigators as Burgsteinfurt, A-726946, 7 1/4 miles WSW of primary. One plane joined this flight, dropping Frag bombs. These bombs are the only ones of the flight which are located. Bombs fell 890 feet W of AMPI in long train among buildings.

Flt. C - AMPI. EXCELLENT. Bombed town and road junction Oene, Z-849176, 63 miles N of primary, as casual on return from target area after primary and secondary targets could not be picked up due to smoke and haze. Gee fixes indicated the town of Olst, Z-985168, 2 3/4 miles to the east of Oene. 75% of bombs fell within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Bombs fell along road and among houses.

Box II - AMPI. UNDETERMINED. Primary and secondary not picked up due to smoke and haze. Picked Nordhorn, V-545265, 48 miles N of primary, as a casual. Flights bombed individually, B, C, A.

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Photos from Flight A show fires and smoke over a wide area across town, RR tracks and station. Bombs fell next to large factory building used as ATTI by Box II, Flight C, and across road junctions used as ATTI by Flights A and B. Breakdown into flights not possible due to forging of half run roll of film from Flight B, cameras plane changing positions in box and evasive action.

Scherybeck (Communication Center)

323 BG: 37 a/c dispatched, 16 a/c dropping 317 x 100 Frags on primary. 6 a/c dropped 118 x 100 Frags on secondary target. 15 a/c dropped 300 x 100 Frags on other targets.

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

Bombing by flights on Gee and visually from 11,200 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - N.A.O. Smoke and haze obscure target area on photographs. Bombardier reports bombs fell out when doors were opened, approximately 1 minute after IP.

Flt. B - ATTI. UNDETERMINED. Smoke and haze obscure target area on photographs. Bombardier could not see primary or secondary. Bombed Gr. Roken, 8 miles E of secondary (Borken).

Flt. C - STTI. UNDETERMINED. (Briefed Secondary). Bombed Borken because smoke and haze obscured primary. Because of the nature of the bombs, an accurate assessment is not visible. All bombs are not visible on very poor quality prints. Bombs fell in northern section of town across a row of houses.

Box II - N.A.O. GEE. Smoke and haze obscure target area on photographs. Dropped on primary target.

387 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, 16 dropping 120 x 500 IB and 48 x 260 Frags on primary. 15 a/c dropped 120 x 500 IB on secondary target.

2 a/c failed to bomb, mechanical failure.

No losses, 6 a/c flak battle-damaged. One crewman wounded.

Bombing by boxes on Gee from 11,000 - 13,300 feet.

Box I - N.A.O. GEE. Bombardier used Gee as smoke prevented visual sighting. Bursts fell in irregular pattern on and N of primary scoring hits in town.

Box II - N.A.O. GEE. Chose secondary (Borken, A-396611) as primary was covered with smoke. Bombed on Gee. Bursts on secondary scoring hits to factory and other buildings in town. Others disappeared N. of town in fields and woods.

Mulfen (Communication Center)

410 BG: 43 a/c dispatched, including 40 A-20 and 3 B26; 41 a/c (40 A-20, 1 B-26) dropping 166 x 500 Frags on primary. 2 a/c dropped 8 x 500 Frags on other target.

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

Bombing by boxes on Gee from 12,000 - 12,200 feet.

Box I and II - N.A.O. GEE. Smoke blanketed target area and both boxes bombed on Gee of lead a/c of Box I. No photo coverage due to smoke over target.

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Nastatten (Marshalling Yard)

1st PFF: 3 a/c dispatched, all dropping 16 x 500 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

2 a/c bombed on SCR-584 and the other bombed on Norden when it was "J'd" off. Bombing was from 12,500 feet.

No photo coverage but crews report good results on the basis of visual observation.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS

22 March 1945

A/C OFF		848
A/C Bombing	803	
A/C Failing to Bomb	31	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	3	
Other		
Window	3	
Bombs of 8 A/C Unaccounted for	11	
TOTAL		848

Bombs on Enemy Territory	1,217.765
Total Bombs to Date	132,375.445

A/C Lost (322 BG, 394 BG)	2	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (416 BG, 344 BG)	2	
A/C Battle Damaged	129	15.71%
Killed	0	
Wounded	6	
Missing	12	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		419
A/C Bombing	394	
A/C Failing to Bomb	17	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	3	
A/C with Bombs Unaccounted for	5	
TOTAL		419

Bombs on Enemy Territory	610,435
Total Bombs to Date	132,375,445

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (344 BG)	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	45	10.92%
Killed	0	
Wounded	2	
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>REASON</u>
394	1	Mechanical	One engine out.
322	1	Mechanical	Gas leak.
391	1	Mechanical	Right engine out.
409	1	Mechanical	Fuel tank inoperative.
	10	Other	2 - Flight leaders could not find primaries, so abandoned operations because of type bombs carried. 8 - Leader did not drop.
397	1	Mechanical	Right engine cutting out.
387	2	Mechanical	1 - One engine cut out. 1 - Fuel transfer failure.

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OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Stadthohn 386 BG: 1-2/10 cumulus cloud top 5-6000 feet. 2/10 alto-cumulus cloud base 13,000 feet. Visibility 5-6 miles.

Ahaus 394 BG: 2/10 medium cloud 15,000 feet. Visibility 6 miles down sun on bomb run. Thick haze and smoke from surface to 6-8000 feet.

Sudlohn 322 BG: Clear. Thick column of smoke rising to 10,000 feet. Visibility 2-4 miles up and 5-6 miles down sun in moderate haze.

Coesfeld 391 BG: Clear. Visibility 2-3 miles in heavy haze and smoke from surface to 7000 feet.

344 BG: No cloud. Heavy smoke 10-11,000 feet. Visibility less than 1 mile, air to ground.

Norken 416 BG: Smoke and haze from surface to 12,000 feet. Visibility 1-2 miles up sun and 3-4 miles down sun. No cloud.

Gr. Reken 409 BG: 2/10 cumulus tops 8-9000 feet. Visibility 2 miles in heavy haze and smoke. Entire area was covered by blue smoke to 8000 feet in cloud like form.

Haltern 397 BG: Primary target obscured by smoke. No cloud. Visibility 5 miles up sun and 15-20 miles down sun.

Schermbeck 323 BG: Ground obscured by smoke. Occasional breaks but visibility did not exceed 1/2-3/4 mile. Light haze to altitude.

387 BG: 4/10 altostratus cloud base 16,000 feet. Heavy haze and smoke to 12,000 feet. Visibility 3/4-1 mile.

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Wulfen 410 BG: Screen of smoke from IP to target. Visibility 4 miles up sun and 10-12 miles down sun.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	403
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	45
%A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	10.92%

Stadthorn Communications Center	386 Gp.
Ahaus Communications Center	394 Gp.
Borken Communications Center	416 Gp.

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

All groups reported no flak. It is believed that the bombing of flak positions in this area for the past two days helped in reducing flak.

Sudlohn Communications Center	322 Gp.
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A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	10
%A/C Battle Damaged	28.56%

Although the target was free of flak, moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at Enschede (V-415020) and Hengelo A/F (V-420090). These two points are within the defenses of Hengelo and about 28 guns are within range.

Coesfeld Communications Center	391, 344 Gp.
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A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	8
%A/C Battle Damaged	9.52%

Only the 391 Gp. reported flak at the target. 6 guns are located south of the target and they engaged with weak inaccurate fire. Weak inaccurate flak was also encountered at Vreden (A-380630). The 344 Gp. encountered weak accurate heavy flak at Munster and Rhine.

Gr. Reken Communications Center	409 Gp.
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A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	4
%A/C Battle Damaged	11.76%

Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered from E-732935 to E-664916. This area is along roads and road junctions in the Burgsteinfurt area where flak was encountered on the day's first mission. Weak inaccurate heavy flak was encountered 3 miles NE Dorsten which is within the Ruhr defenses. Weak accurate heavy flak was reported at Rheda (A-281615). 4 guns are located 2 miles west of this point.

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Haltern Communications Center 397 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	7
%A/C Battle Damaged	22.6%

Flak at the target was weak accurate heavy flak. Weak inaccurate heavy flak was encountered intermittantly between Appelhusen (A-780670) and Horstman (A-700870). This Flak was possibly being fired from the Panster defenses. Weak to moderate accurate heavy flak was also encountered at Burgsteinfurt.

Schermbach Communications Center 323, 387 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	12
%A/C Battle Damaged	17.48%

Both groups reported weak to moderate accurate heavy flak fire on the bomb run and during the turn off target. About 25 heavy guns are located in position to engage the formation on the bomb run and at the target.

Mulfen Communications Center 410 Gp.

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	4
%A/C Battle Damaged	9.30%

Weak accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target. Weak inaccurate flak was reported from the following points: Cossfeld, M Dorsten and Deventer.

Nastatten H/I PFF.

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

Flak was not encountered at the target or enroute.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1528 to 1802

One crew of the 416th Group reports that an unidentified aircraft made a pass at the formation from 1 o'clock, opening fire, then breaking away at 800 yards. Combat occurred at about 1600 hours near Z-990250.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	MECHANICAL FAILURES		PERSONAL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
386	100%	0	0	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
391	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
409	30%	2	28%	3	42%
397	100%	0	0	0	0
323	85%	0	0	1	15%
387	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0

PUBLIC INFORMATION
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 22 —A force of 400 medium and light bombers of the Ninth Bombardment Division carried out heavy attacks against ten communications centers north of the Ruhr in a mid-forenoon offensive today.

Carrying their full scale effort against targets in this sector into the second day, with results ranging from excellent to superior, groups of Major General Samuel E. Anderson's bomber force are rapidly sealing off the entire road and rail network leading from the northern sector of the Rhine into central Germany.

Towns hit were Stadthohe, Sudlohn, Borken, Great Reken, Rhade, Wulfen, Haltern, Ahaus, Coesfeld and Doeholt, all located in a twenty-five mile triangle midway between Munster and the Rhine river. Each represents a key junction on the road and rail net leading east from the Rhine.

Although clear weather prevailed over the target area, some crews reported smoke haze over objectives resulting from previous bombings of nearby targets. In one instance, a formation made five runs to insure perfect bombing.

Large fires swept through the target areas following the attacks, which left road intersections cratered and blocked with debris, and destroyed supply depots and other military objectives.

Flak of moderate intensity was experienced over all objectives and early reports indicate one bomber lost to the enemy. There were no fighter interceptions.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 22 —With ten Nazi communications centers battered and still burning from forenoon attacks, Major General Samuel E. Anderson sent his medium and light bombers back for the second time in six hours to continue their offensive against the enemy's road and rail system north of the Ruhr.

The afternoon attacks broadened the scope of the earlier concentrated bombings to take in additional key centers stretching from the Ruhr to Nordhorn just inside the German border fifty miles to the north.

In the day's operations, 800 Ninth Bombardment Division bombers rained 1600 tons of bombs on sixteen key communications centers. Repeat attacks were carried out on six towns hit in the forenoon. They were Stadthohe, Borken, Wulfen, Haltern, Ahaus and Coesfeld. In addition, the centers of Nordhorn, Mierden, Rijssen, Vreden, Enschede and Burgsteinfurt were subjected to the afternoon attack.

Bomber crews encountered much smoke in the area of the morning attacks, resulting from fires that still raged as a result of their earlier bombing. Visual observations were difficult due to reduced visibility, but returning crewmen were unanimous in their belief that results of all attacks were satisfactory.

There were no fighter interceptions and flak defenses against the afternoon offensive were meagre. No planes were reported lost to the enemy.

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TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Communications inside seventeen German towns north of the Ruhr had been battered out of usefulness and smoke still covered entire town areas late Thursday, after some 1400 separate attacks by Ninth Bombardment Division Marauders, Invaders and Havocs. These attacks have been aimed at sealing off the entire road and rail system in the northern sector of the Rhine.

Since the air offensive opened in mid-morning Wednesday, nearly 2700 tons of high explosives and incendiaries have been rained on main road junctions, supply depots and other military installations, in the key German towns. Located in a 50-mile arc running mid-way between Munster and the Rhine, each town is a key in the enemy's chain of communications north of the Ruhr.

Object of the current program is to cut off all road and rail facilities leading east from the northern sector of the Rhine, thereby sealing off the battle area north of the Ruhr valley.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, March 22 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-24 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Thursday:

Aircraft dispatched	848
Aircraft over enemy territory	821
Bomber losses	2
Bomb tonnage	1217.76
Communications centers attacked	13
Gun positions hit	5
Railroad cuts	22
Highway cuts	103
Factories destroyed or damaged	7
Buildings destroyed or damaged	850

It was the medium and light bombers 15th straight day of operations and their 21st operational day of the month. Damage assessment figures given are very incomplete because smoke obscured some targets, preventing strike photographs being taken.

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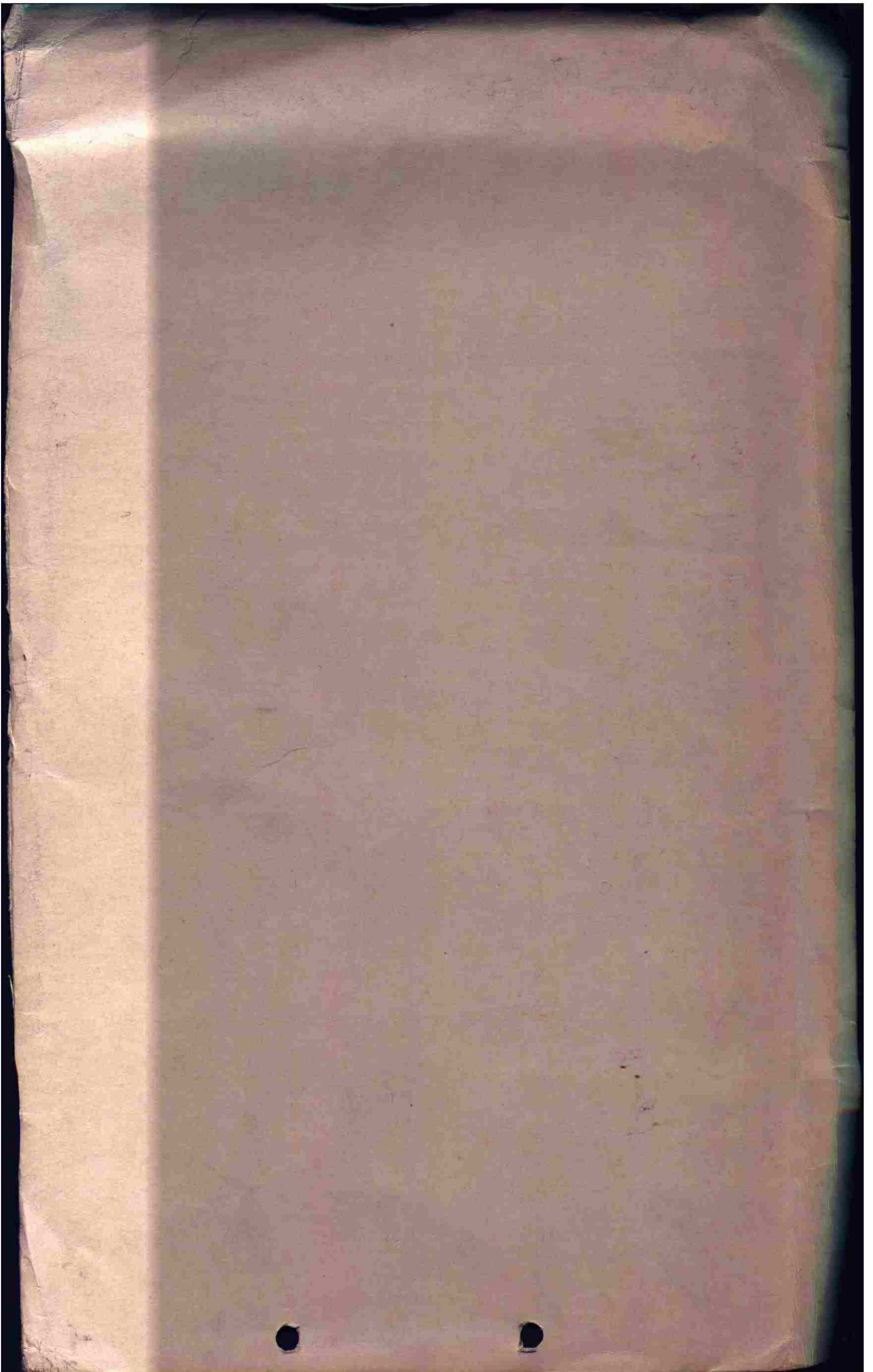
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TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APC #696, U S Army
Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit

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For the Commanding General:

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