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NUMPAGE 104**Title Extensions:****Abstract** CONTAINS TARGET DATA AND MISSION REPORT. TARGET: DINSLAKEN TOWN.**Descriptive Notes:****Title** MISSION 250**Added****Entries****Author:****Subject:****Major Command:****Administrative Markings**

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TARGET DIVSLAHEN BUILT UP AREA DATE 23 MAR 45 NO. A/C 46 MISS. # 250
 COORD. A-305300 F.O. # 221-813 STATUS ATTACKED
 BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. LURIA.

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2. MISSION SUMMARY, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
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P.R.C.

ITA JKI V JEA JEA 10/23 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1200A
TO : 9TH BOMB DIV ATTN: A-2
416TH BOMB GROUP. ATTN: S-2

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

97CBW R-257-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 221-813

(1) TARGET - DINSLAKEN, BUILT UP AREA (A-305300)

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE:

5106E/36

E205 PRINT 4182, 4181

MAP COVERAGE:

4414 SHEET 4406

(3) FLAK: THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 23/1200A

FK-AR

BB ITA

JKI R.....23/1223A WJF AR
ITA R.....231223A MJS AR

TIC

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Recd

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 13/23 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1215A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

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23-3-68

BT

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PARA, 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" AND "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (620498)
(2) CARLOCK
(5) KENWAY B/B

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (402721)
(2) BIGGAME
(5) KENWAY B/B

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (305300)
(2) CARFAX
(3) PALLMALL
(4) ROSELEE

(11) LEADER WILL CALL "BASELINE" ON C/C 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPLINE
STATING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(11) ROSELEE AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE PROCEEDURE.

COMBTWIG 97

BT 23/1215A

DJP AR

ITA R..... 23/1303A MJS AR

JKI R.....2/ 3/ 23/13;3A EJ AR K

JPO R.....23/1303A CEN AR

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 14/23 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1320A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CBW R260-E

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 221-813

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 29 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH GROUP.
2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND
416TH GROUPS.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" 23/1600A
ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" 23/1600A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (1) HALTERN - BUILT UP AREA (A-620498)
FLAK POSITIONS AT A-57684765, A-55104710.
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHT OF 6 A/C.
6 A/C ON FLAK POSITIONS: 3 A/C ON A-57684765
3 A/C ON A-55104710
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FT AT ZERO MINUS 30 MIN.
FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
 - (4) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-0122
TO A-2394 TO A-4378 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO A-7483 TO A-2394 AND RETRACE
ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT
NOT BELOW 8,000 FT. DROP 1,500 FT AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) A-4867
 - (8) GEN. NW TO SE.
 - (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4209.
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.
61914965, 61834985, 62284994, 62354964, 62104945
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FT.
 - (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/40 SEC. TAIL ONLY.
22 X 100 LB. M1A1. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FT. ON FLAK
POSITIONS.
 - (12) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY
TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
B. ALTERNATE TARGET - VISUALLY
C. ALTERNATE TARGET - GEE
D. ALTERNATE TARGET - E.T.A.
 - (13) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

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B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) SUDLOHN - BUILT UP AREA - A-402721
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 50
MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER
RENDZVOUS.

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- (4) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5398 TO Z-8118 TO V-2122 TO A-2394 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) A-2383
- (8) GENERALLY NW TO SE.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4007
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD:
40107235, 40357237, 40307220.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) A-2383
- (12) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
- (A) - BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 - (B) - ALTERNATE TARGET - VISUALLY
 - (C) - ALTERNATE TARGET - GEE
 - (D) - ALTERNATE TARGET - E.T.A.
- (13) EXTREME CAUTION WILL EXERCISE THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMP WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
- (14) IT WILL BE THE GROUP LEADERS DISCRETION WHETHER THE FORMATION HAS ENOUGH GAS TO USE BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) DINSLEKEN - BUILT UP AREA (A-305300)
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (4) BASE TO E-9009 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) A-0808
- (8) GENERALLY SW TO NE.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4406
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD:
30053000, 30203035, 30603050, 30803045, 31403000, 30402930.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-76 INCENDIARY FUSED INST. NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.
- (11) A-0808
- (12) IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
- (A) - BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
 - (B) - ALTERNATE TARGET - VISUALLY
 - (C) - ALTERNATE TARGET - GEE
 - (D) - ALTERNATE TARGET - E.T.A.
- (13) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
- (14) FRIENDLY ARTILLERY WILL NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

----(PLAN "B" TO FOLLOW)----

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 23/1320A
RL/FK/AR

ITA R.....	231414 A	MJS	AR
JKI R.....	23/1414A	WJF	AR
JPO R.....	23/1414A	DB	AR

ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 16/23 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1438A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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

97CBW R-261-E

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

PART II FIELD ORDER NO. 221-813



PLAN "B"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) HALTERN - BUILT UP AREA (A-620498)
FLAK POSITIONS AT A-60626974, A-57684765, A-55104710.
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
6 A/C ON FLAK POSITIONS: 2 A/C ON EACH FLAK POSITIONS.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,500 FT. AT ZERO MINUS
39 MIN. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (4) BASE E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-0122 TO V-1701
TO A-4992 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-7464 TO A-7483 TO A-2393 TO V-1701
AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT: 1ST BOX 13,000 FT.
2ND BOX 12,500 FT.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 8,000 FT.
DROP 1,500 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4209.
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD.
61914965, 61834985, 62284994, 62354964, 62104945 TO BE
USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. - GRID. COORD. 62104970.
- (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/40 SEC. TAIL ONLY. INTERVALOMETER
SETTING 70 FEET.
22 X 100 LB. M1A1 100 FT. INTERVALOMETER SETTING ON FLAK
POSITIONS.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.
- (13) 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-26 BOX LEADERS
AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE
P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB
BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE A-4867 AS A VISUAL
I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET
GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. P.P.F.
B. BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
C. ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
D. " " GROUP GEE
E. " " E.T.A.
- (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS
WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) SUDLOHN - BUILT UP AREA (A-402721)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-4318 AT 12,500 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 48
MIN. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL
FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (4) BASE TO E-4318 TO E-5957 TO E-5396 TO Z-8118 TO V-0122
TO V-2108 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-2394 TO V-0122 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO
BASE.

- (8) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET.
2ND BOX 12,500 FEET.
MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET.
DROP 1,500 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 4007.
COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD:
40007216, 40107235, 40357237, 40307220.
TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID. COORD: 40177228
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 80 MIN..
- (13) 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 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE A-2383 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
(A) - P.P.F.
(B) - BULLSEYE PROCEDURE
(C) - ALTERNATE TARGET - VISUALLY
(D) - ALTERNATE TARGET - GROUP "GEE"
(E) - ALTERNATE TARGET - E.T.A.
- (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.
- (15) IT WILL BE THE GROUP LEADERS DECISION WHETHER OR NOT FUEL SUPPLY IS SUFFICIENT FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

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

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" AND "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (620498)

- (2) CARLOCK
(5) KENWAY B/B

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (402721)

- (2) BIGGAME
(5) KENWAY B/B

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (305300)

- (2) CARFAX
(3) PALLMALL
(4) ROSELEE

- (11) LEADER WILL CALL "BASELINE" ON C/C 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPLINE STATING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (11) ROSELEE AVAILABLE FOR BULLSEYE PROCEDURE.

COMBTWIG 97.
BT 23/1430A
RK/FK AR

JPO R.....23 /1533A D B AR
JKI R.....23/1533A WJF AR
ITA R.....
ITA R..../.....23/1537A DEG KOVV

3055-2953
3031-2975-
3057-2997
3062-2987
3018-3033
3035-3020
3081-3033
3020-3001-

MPI's for
bombing
usually by flights

Alternate target in event primary
cannot be bombed

RAESFELD A 370540

FROM : 416TH BOMB GP (L) 23/1535 A
TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2
BT

1. MPI'S FOR BOMBING VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS:

-30552953
-30312975
-30572997
-30622987
-30183033
-30353020
-30853033
-30203005

2. ALTERNATE TARGET IN EVENT PRIMARY CANNOT BE BOMBED:

RAESFELD (A-370540).

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 23/1535A

WJF AR

JEA R.....230TCTAPPEBO 0002:0

ITA JES JPO JKI JJF V JEA JEA 19/23 OPOP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1720A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

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

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
APO 140
23 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.221-813

CANCEL PLAN "A" FOR THE 409TH AND 410TH BOMB GROUPS.

ADD TO PLAN "A"

3. C. (15) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 50 MIN.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 23/1720A
AR CES
BBB GROUPS

ITA R.....	231730A	DEG	B
JES R.....	23/1730A	JW	K
JPO R.....	23/1729A	HP	K
JKI R.....	23/1730A	WJF	KK

Scale - 1:300,000

SECRET

+5130

115th Bombardment (M)
3 March 45 FO 241-113
Disbanded 10th AF
Air 11400 11400
FO 1 11400 11400
11400 of 8 AF
2 Boxes of 11400 11400
No 11400 11400
Weather (at 11400)
Smoke 11400

+5130

SECRET

MISSION NO. 250

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

23 MARCH 1945

1. 528 T
Major C H Ferris
Lt P G Royalty
Lt M C McNutt
S/S D J Rio
Capt R A Fontaine
2. 416 O
Lt F J Stankowski
Sgt J R Vellinga
3. 2315 L
Capt R O Greutzemacher
S/S J J Rickatson

4. 224 E
Lt E O Turner
S/S J O Belcas
5. 9315 F
~~Lt I V O'Brien~~
~~Sgt H T Wright~~
6. 229 B
Lt T M Balch
Cpl J D Brennan

FLIGHT II

1. 508 E
Capt H M Evans
Lt T M McCartney
S/S C M Sheens
Lt Col H A Radetsky
2. 259 H
Lt J K Colquitt
S/S C M Mohr
3. 325 L
Lt W L Hale
S/S J F Coyer

4. 305 U
Lt W H Lasater
S/S S Kochan
5. 264 I
Lt J P Phillips
Sgt W A Miller
6. 378 O
Lt F R Tank
Sgt F B Harmon

FLIGHT III

1. 505 Y
Lt O F Jacobsen
F/O R W Harvest
S/S H I Goech
2. 274 S
Lt L J Frucha
T/S G C Wilson
3. 495 G
Lt E B Drum
S/S E P Brzezinski

4. 335 W
Lt J K Wright
S/S P J Profita
5. 385 D
Lt J W Blevins
Sgt F Gentry
6. 321 T
Lt R H Long
Sgt C J McCarthy

MISSION NO. 250
23 MARCH 1945
8 FLIGHTS

47 A/C Dispatched

18

MISSION NO. 250

LOADING LIST

23 MARCH 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

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

2. 469 A
Lt J R Warren
Lt T M Forbes
S/S S J Turpin

3. 564 V
Lt W D Chitty
Sgt V B Raccio

4. 205 M
Lt E G Bishop
Sgt M C Harris

5. 232 K
F/O S B Boerner
Cpl K A Eddy

6. 330 F
Lt J F Wallace
Sgt R Faent

FLIGHT II

1. 490 X
Lt J A Buskirk
Lt R C Hanna
S/S J H Corbitt
Capt H W Chidley

2. 239 N
Lt J W Spires
Sgt R W Messinger
Sgt S J Snider (4th COU)

3. 356 G
Lt H M VanNoorden
S/S G Thompson

4. 313 B
Lt A Bemiszewski
M/Sgt J J Wells

5. 352 J
Lt T E Graeber
Sgt A H Miller

6. 209 M
Capt Z R Moore
S/S H R Davis

FLIGHT III

1. 609 N
Lt C S Jordan
Lt R P Mulgrew
S/S K F Jensen

2. 244 I
Lt R W VanRope
S/S W H Klingman

3. 496 L
Lt A W Dwyer
Sgt R H Gillispie

4. 252 D
Lt J F Allen
S/S L R Getgen

5. 271 R
Lt F G Dunn
Sgt J M Fikel

6. 263 G
Lt R W Haskell
Sgt G A Martin
W/O C E Scheuerman (4th COU)

BOX III
FLIGHT I

1. 497 E
Capt R J Tutt
Lt L A Orr
Sgt W Wood

2. 297 T
Lt A J P Winn
S/S G G Stephenson

3. 326 W
Lt D L Withington
S/S C F Huss

4. ~~1487~~ 360 L
Lt J G Gary
Cpl A E Schoen

5. 250 A
Capt R V Wheeler
Sgt C W Williford

6. 328 D
Lt L W Eastrom
Sgt P A Pampa

FLIGHT III

1. 487 J
Capt W F DuFault
F/O G A Cardinale
S/S K E Vores

2. 362 Y
Lt C M Anderson
Sgt C Gilbert

3. 351 F
Lt J A Willard
S/S C V Hinker

4. 338 O
Lt M W DuBose
S/S J H Walters

5. 314 H
Lt R B Harper
Cpl R M Black
Lt J W Britt

CONFIDENTIAL

INTELLIGENCE

PILOT Pruchaz A/C# 274 BOX I TAIL III

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
Reported 8. Mi 8 of area - none seen.

OBSERVATIONS :

Notes into town.
Some bombs of other flights
but outside danger area
out fire. South of our target

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

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Pgm

F.O. _____

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Ferris A/C# 528 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>6</u> <u>X500</u> <u>in</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			

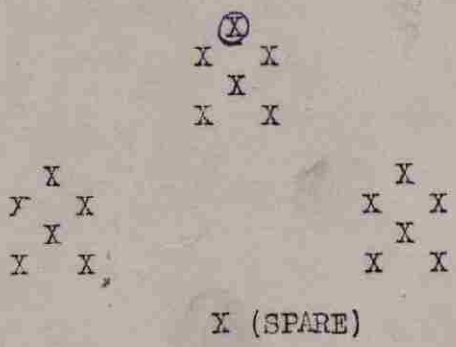
FLAK : reflected at this Fld

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Called for counter battery fire.
On course 3 min early. no answer.
Called again when I was making
one flight. ~~no answer~~ made call
about 5 min before bombing.
Bomb in center of town.
Smoke observed A.P. so
synchronized on base of
smoke.
+07.1719'3
alt. 12700
Head - 50°
IAS - 210.

POSITION IN FORMATION



Kerr
INTERROGATOR

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PM

F.O. _____

CONFIDENTIAL

INTERROG.

PILOT Evans A/C# 508 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : in hindon turn off XH1 from T/R

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS : one run

good results first 3 of A.P.
ult tank burning & Dushers

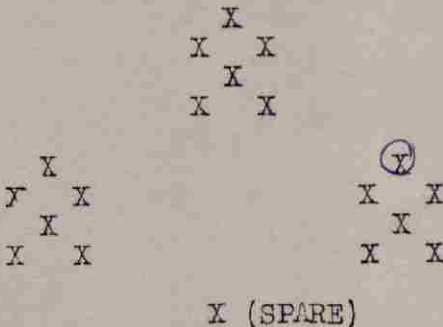
TOT - 1719

Alt - 12,400

IAS 210 MPH

MH - 055°

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Jacobsen A/C# 505 BOX I FLT 24

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : X#1 - very inaccurate at bombs away

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Good hits
on town
Smoke from oil fires
1st fl. hit my MPI
so I bombed alongside it
as a SMP1

TOT - 1720
alt - 12800
Axis - 50°
IAS - 210

POSITION IN FORMATION

```
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

  (X)
  F  X
    X
  X  X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

    X (SPARE)
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PILOT Turner E.O A/C# 224 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X	ON <u>1</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X	JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>			

FLAK :

Nil left & beyond test at other flights - base for act only.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Smoke in area -

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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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Returned early.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT LaSeter A/C# 305 BOX I FLIGHT II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Behind Boat - ahead of Box II - 20-25 bursts mostly low.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS :
one run - fire after bombing during in town area

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Wright A/C# 335 BOX I FILE III

CASUALTIES none

BOMBS : 6 X ON PR : BATTLE DAMAGE

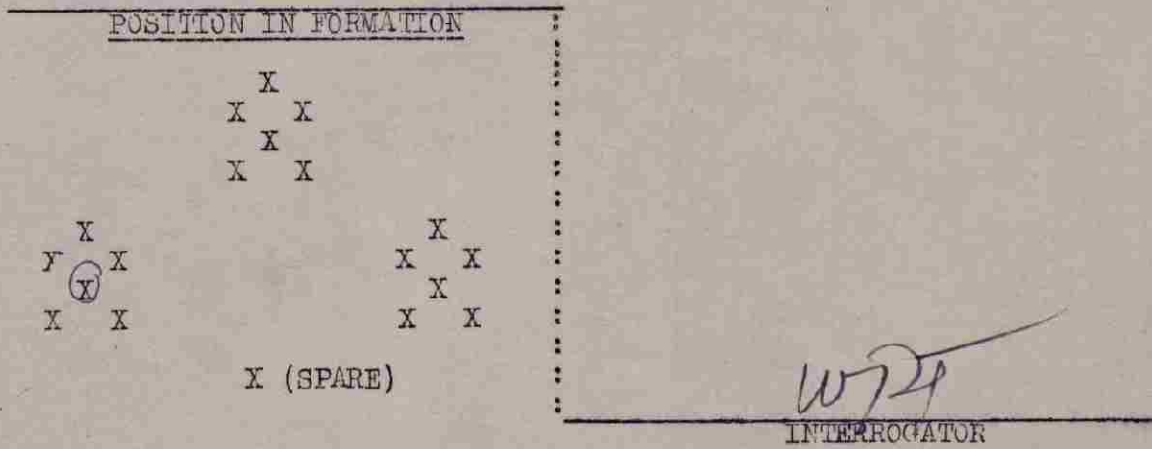
X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E" :

X JETTISONED : none : : : :

FLAK : none

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : none

OBSERVATIONS : One Run
12500 - 13000
Black Smoke from
East Bank of Rhine



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PILOT Gruetzmacher A/C# 2315 BOX I FLT I

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

FLAK :

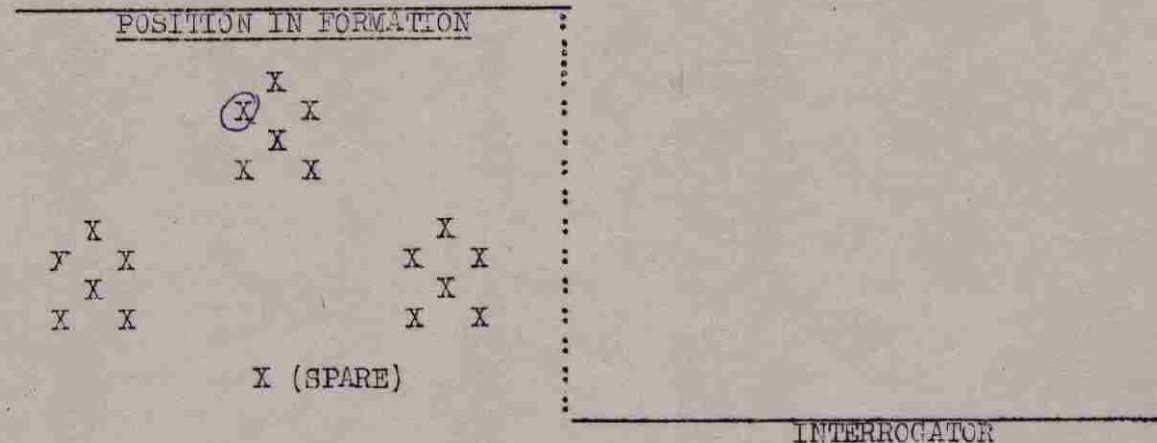
nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

on tow



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PILOT Colquhoun A/C# 259 BOX I FLT II

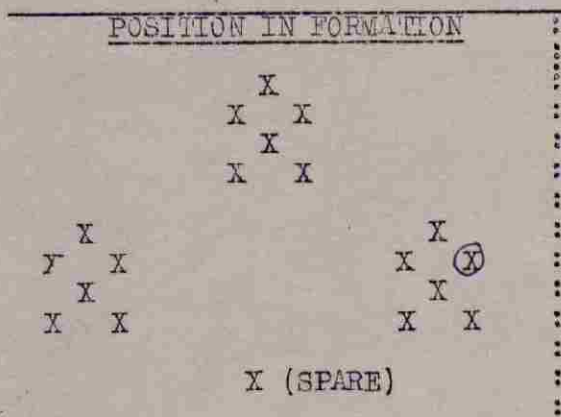
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>1 Rm</u>	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : 20 bursts - XH1 target. as we peeled off target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Fires - black columns of smoke and flames as if oil burning



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PILOT Balch A/C# 229 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>6</u> <u>X600</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			

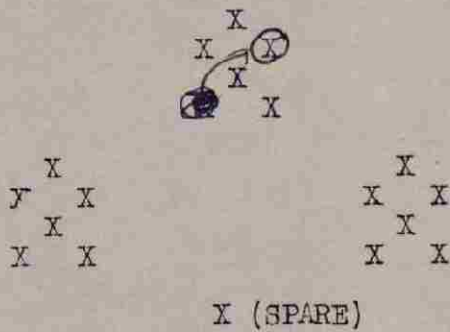
FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

no obs due to smoke.

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PILOT Drom A/C# 425 BOX I FLT III

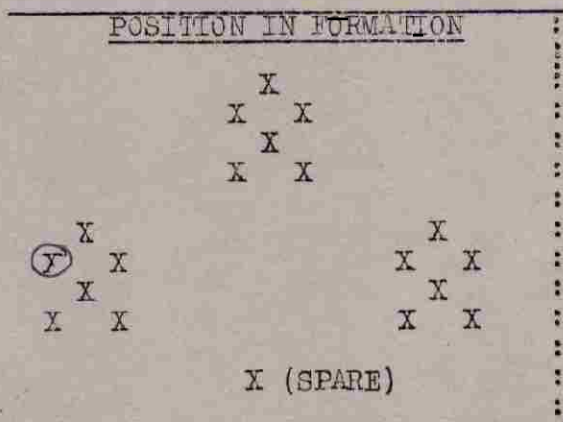
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : none into form.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : X

OBSERVATIONS : One seen
good hits in town.



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PILOT Hate A/C# 325 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : ~~XHIA~~ Tgt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : fourth Rgt - of Tgt, 1 Pass

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Tank A/C# 328 BOX I FLT II

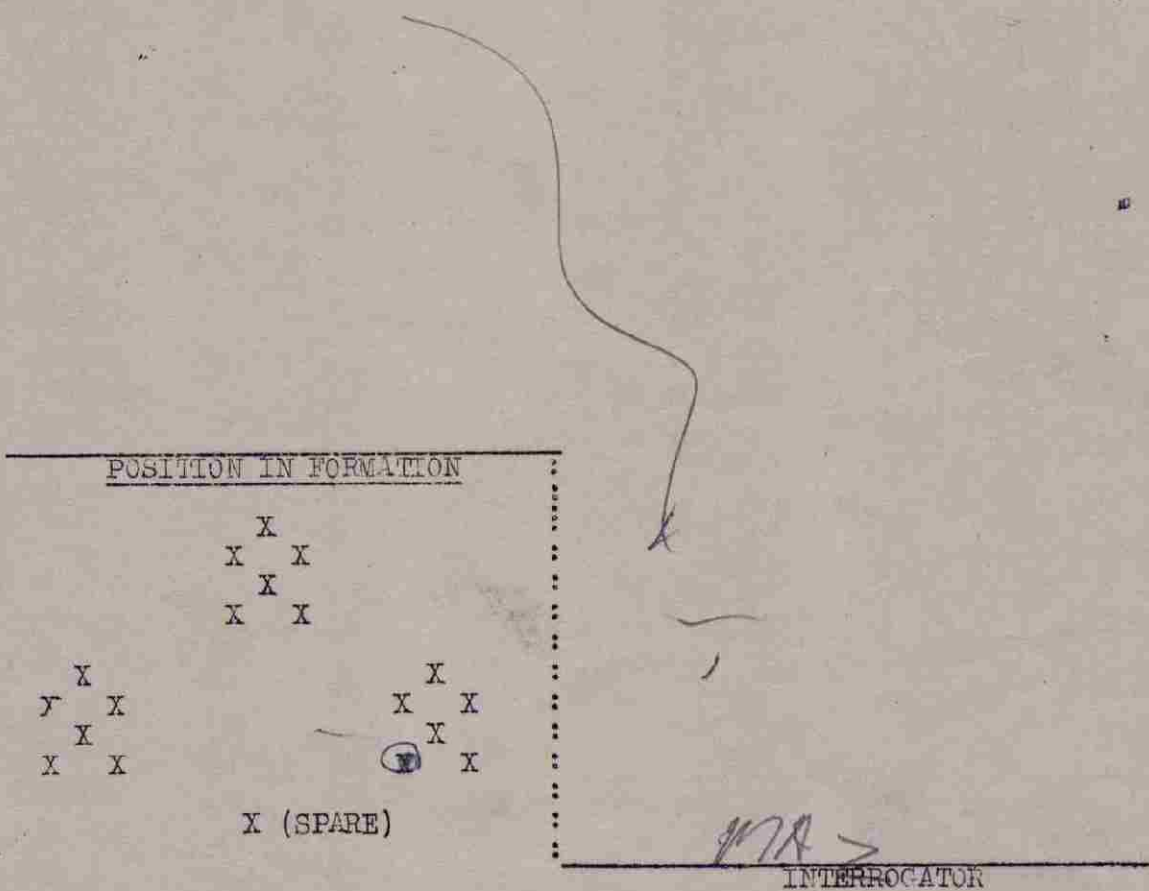
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6 X500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-O"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u> </u>		

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : bombs short & right,



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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : ~~NO~~ 1A Tgt/B/L

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : *hounds in Town.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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 Blevins A/C# 385 BOX I FLT III

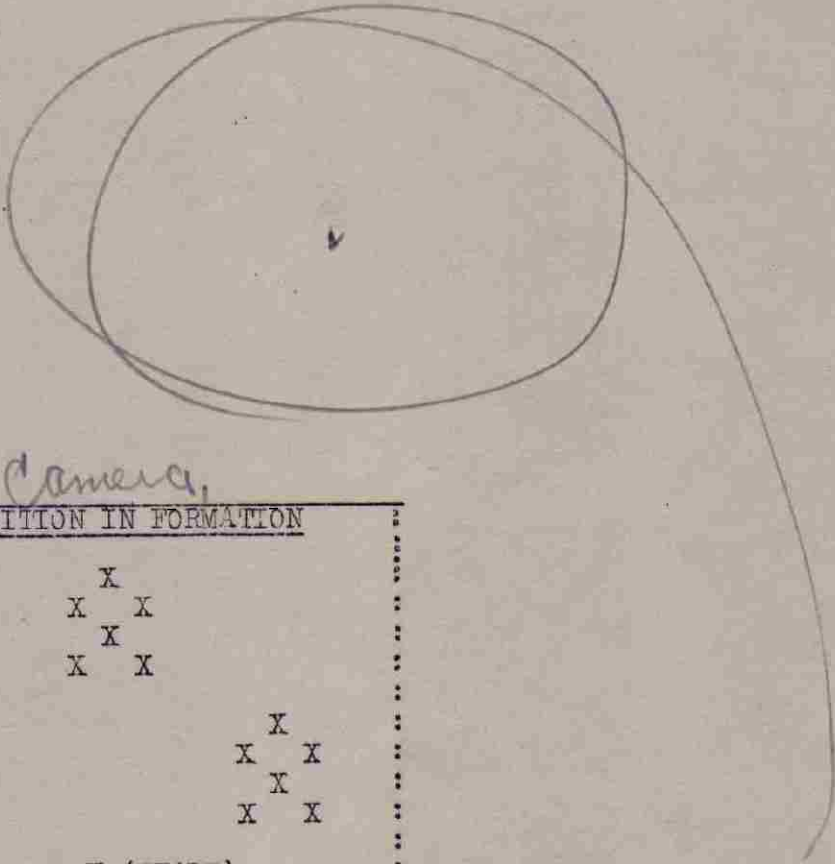
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>580</u> ON _____	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X A in Tgt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs in tower



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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 Phillips A/C# 264 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

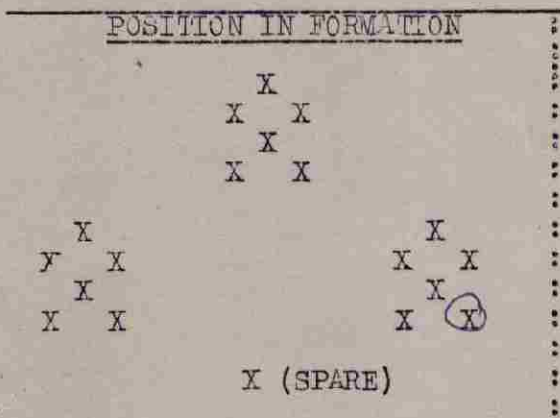


ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS : 1 seen

*seen on SW of town spread across
all over. 2 flts in field.
one plane pulled out before B.R. no
smoke. #2 couple flts back.*



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PILOT O'Brien A/C# 9375 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*Returned early - under command
checked Parade for vector
credit - directed home
by parade.*

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 Chitty A/C# 564 BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Landed at 4 55
fire - will fly back in AM.

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 Haskell A/C# 263 BOX II FLT III

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XNIA Tgt-B/L

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombier smoke. Burn.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Warren A/C# 469 BOX II FLT I

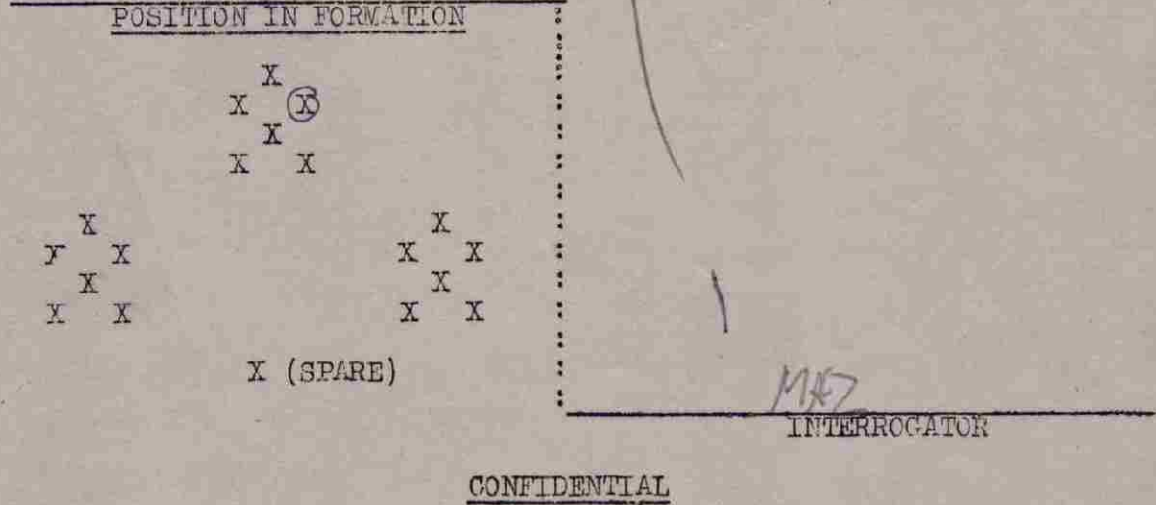
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : NAIA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : TOT 1720
ALT 13,000
1 Pass at Tgt.



CASUALTIES

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

99 A 99

"A-C"

FILE 17

X JETTISONED

FLAK : ∞ 1 A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X (X)

	X	
Y		X
	X	
X		X

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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : 20 birds ahead of end of B.R
XHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : One man
hits in a car of Co. A.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
Y X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Remiszewski A/C# 373 BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK X Hiburnia at target on 1st run, about 4 miles N of target flak was observed but not shot at this flight

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Heavy smoke at target no obs. Black cloud of smoke coming up to 5000 feet & spreading near target.

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 Moore A/C# 209 BOX II PLT II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : ~~4 x 500~~ ON 0

BATTLE DAMAGE

6 X 520 RETURNED

59 A 89

"A-C"

1979

X JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Pilot Error.
 Didn't set Co-ordinates on intended
 Didn't have time to salvo before
 coming over friendly territory.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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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CASUALTIES

FLAK : *XHI on turn of end on bond run.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS :
Bomb hit in SW edge of town.
Heavy smoke & haze in tgt area.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

X (SPACE)

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PILOT Van Noorden A/C# 356 BOX II FLT II

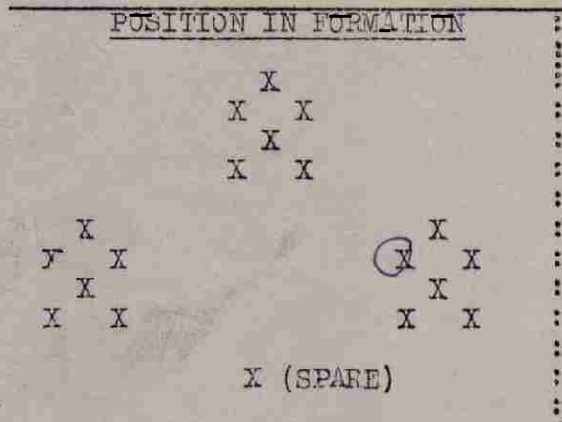
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>2</u>	X RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>4</u>	X JETTISONED	:	nil	:

FLAK : 23 bursts inaccurate on 1st run target area nil on 2nd run

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs in N.E section of town. Town already smoking



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PILOT Wallace A/C# 330 BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES none

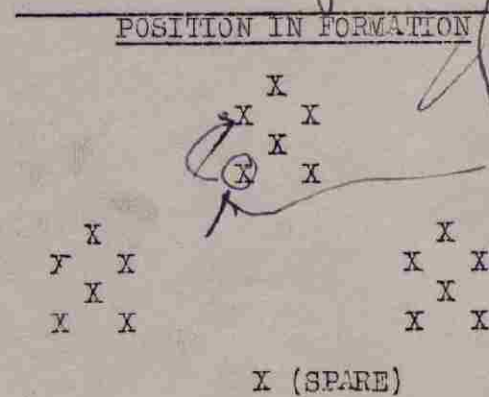
BOMBS : <u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>Pr</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-O"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>none</u>		

FLAK : no Flak

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : none

OBSERVATIONS : One Run

Superior
#3 - peeled out at 1st before
I.P. was in control but lost
follow ~~seen~~ because of haze - #3
could not
Bombed from #3
position - chetty peeled
out at I.P. and not seen
again - A/C #564



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PILOT Spries A/C# 239 BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON PR

BATTLE DAMAGE

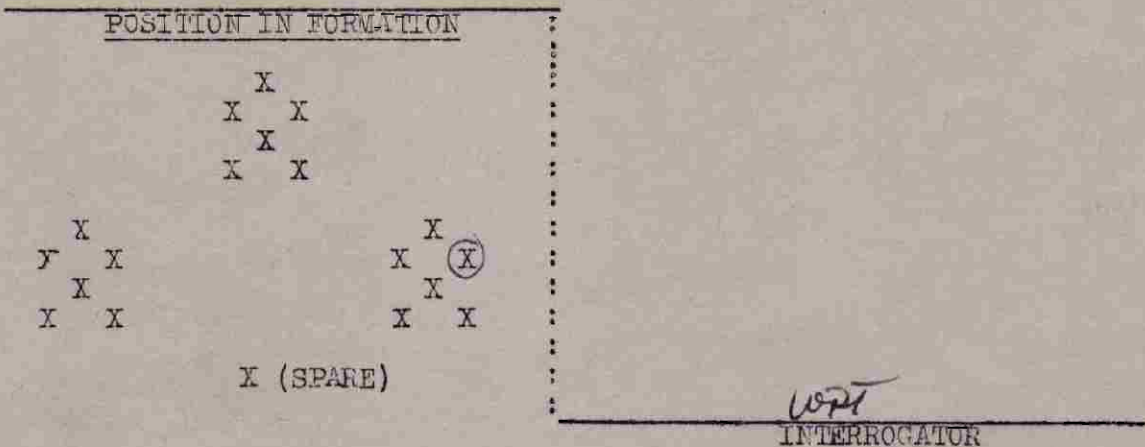
X RETURNED "A" None "A-C" "E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK : 00 Bombs approx 2000 ft in front
and to right on second run

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS : 2 Runs
Smoky + Hazy



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PILOT Dunn A/C# 271 BOX II FLT III

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

FLAK : XH 1 - as we started turn off target,
15-20 bursts.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil

OBSERVATIONS :
Excellent results
right in front

POSITION IN FORMATION
 X
 X 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 Bishop A/C# 205 BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>12 X 500</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		Nil		

FLAK : nil for us. Saw 8 bursts at target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Possible 87 in 1st area.
fcr below

OBSERVATIONS :

Fire & Smoke -
Black Smoke.

#3 man peeled out at just after
turn from I.P. don't know where
he went - no apparent trouble.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Graeber A/C# 352 BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>2</u> X	ON <u>P.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

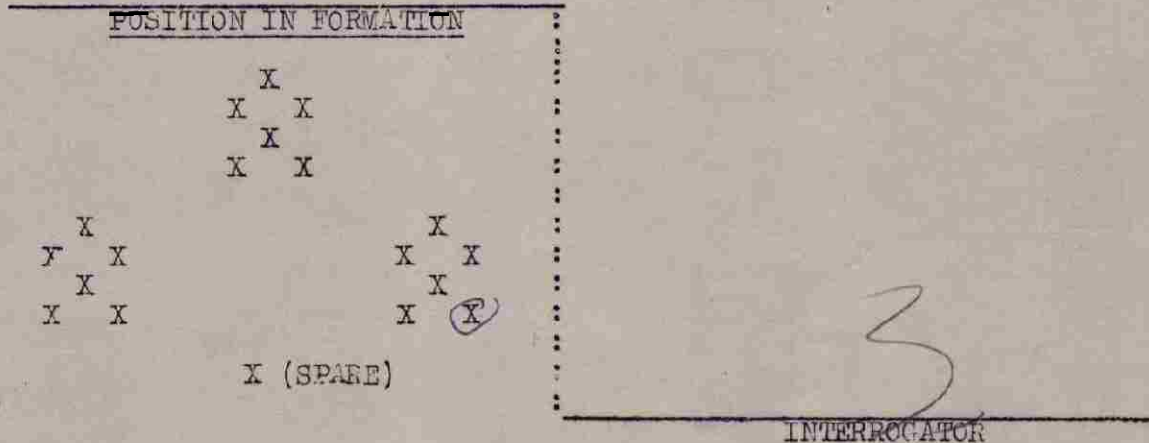
(6) ahead & to right on 1st run & behind us
in down - 30 burst,
none on 2nd run until they pulled for CBfu
very close behind on this run.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

Two runs - Smoke - no act.



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PILOT Jordan A/C# 609 BOX II FLT III

CASUALTIES

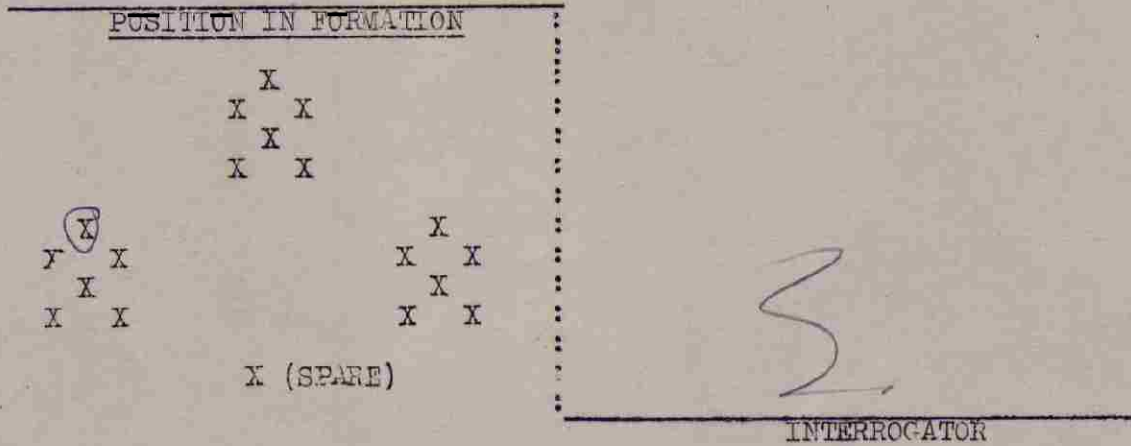
BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : Weak & inaccurate
in turn to left.
extreme speed seemed to come from NE of target,
at flight ahead of this - for abt 40-50 ft

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

me.

OBSERVATIONS :	<u>Excellent results.</u>
<u>1719</u>	<u>Bombed into smoke.</u>
<u>14900</u>	<u>the run.</u>
<u>55°</u>	
<u>210</u>	



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PILOT Brewster A/C# 507 BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES and

BOMBS : 4 X 500 ON Invent BATTLE DAMAGE

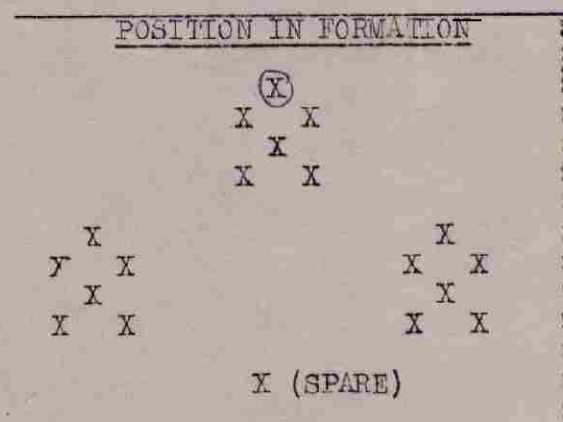
1st run 2 X 500 ? 2nd run "A" : "A-C" : "E" :

3rd run 3 X 500 3rd run JETTISONED : nil : : :

FLAK : XH/ - BRP near target
(15 bursts)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS : Fires - smoke, Oil fires.
#3 lead fl. peeled off near IP - to the
(Chitts) left for no apparent reason -
left formation heading west.



TOT 1720
alt 12400
axis 57°
IPS 210

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CASUALTIES

BATTLE DAMAGE

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95 A-C 98

1975-76

FLAK :

FLAK : XHT just over the target & on
right coming out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS : 2 men made
Hit on SW part of town. possible earthquake
+ct - 1731
alt - 1170
Wind - 40
IAS - 200

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Harper A/C# 3/4 BOX III FLT II

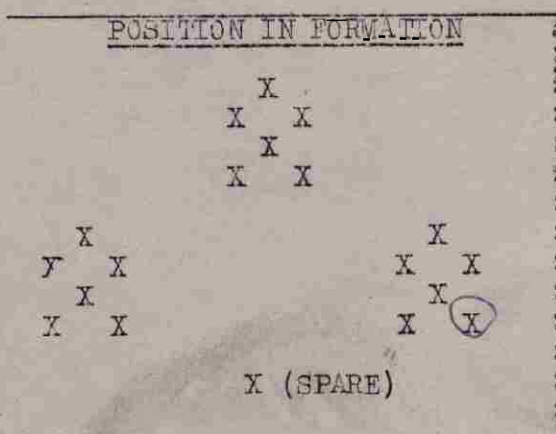
CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : X 171A Tgt-B/L

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : bombs in Tgt area, 2 run.



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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>16</u> X <u>500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 7 N/A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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

X (SPARE)

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL FORMER FORM
PILOT Edstrom A/C# 328 BOX III FLT I

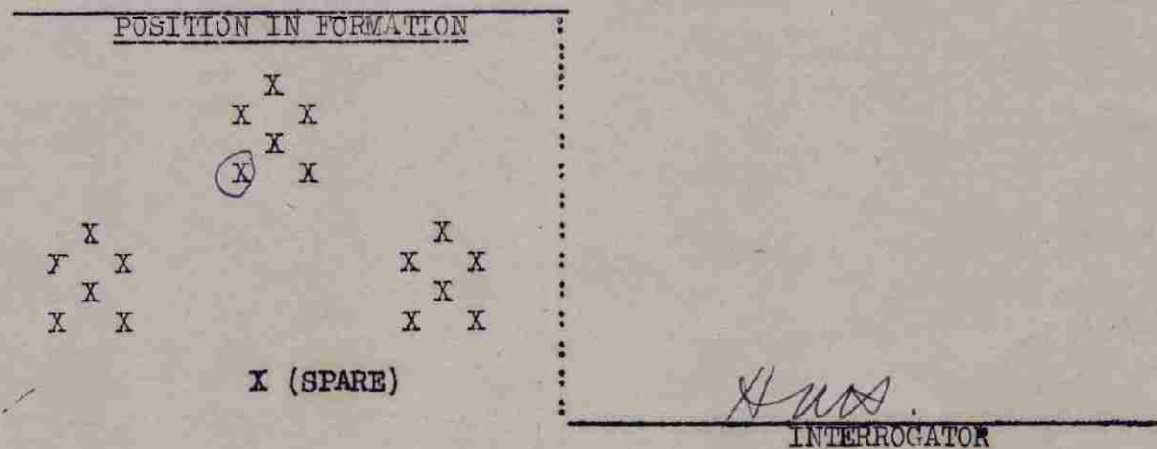
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X500</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 : XHT ~~is~~ bombs away.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :
This flt hit in center of town -
Squaky at tgt



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TABLE 1. (Cont.)

PILOT Anderson A/C# 362 BOX III FLEW II

BONES : 6 X 500 ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

55A59

"A.C."

17E VI

X JETLISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS 23

no obs. Bomba hit in town.
Heavy smoke.

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

	X	
Y		X
	X	
Y		X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

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INNER FORM

PILOT DuBose A/C# 338 BOX III EAT II

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XH1 target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Target burning

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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IMP-4-B, FORM

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	ON	<u>Pr</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X	JETTISONED		none		

FLAK : After 13000 away left off tgt
XX HI, 1000-1500 below and
behind -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

One Run
 Visibility - 2-3 miles
 lots of Black Smoke
 Smoke screen on East Bank
 of Rhine possibly Antwerp.
 alt below 10000
 p-38 & Typhoons

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Gary A/C# 360 BOX III FLT I

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 6 X 800 ON _____

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED "A" "A-C" "E"

X JETTISONED None

FLAK : at tgt ~~XXXX~~

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

Slight pause in last two
away one Run -

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT

W, 1/2rd

A/C#

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BOX

III

FAT

II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 X

ON

P

RETICLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

nil

FLAK :

20 Bursts on 1st run - low & X4H1 - at target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

2 runs - down on fire - our bombs but who smoke & started more fires.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

X X
X X
X X

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F/O _____

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PILOT T.ott A/C# 497 BOX III FLT I

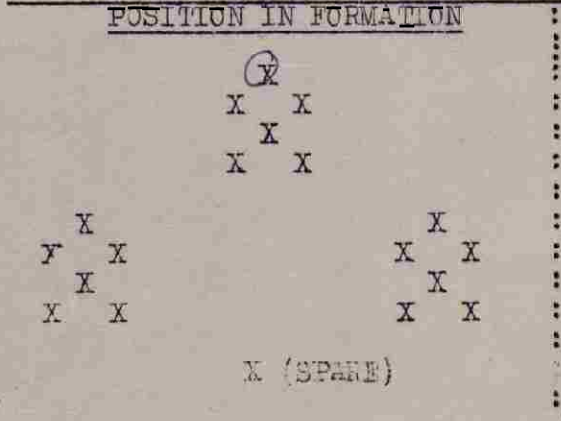
CASUALTIES

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 : XHI at target.
XHI at other flights seen to left of target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :
Bombs hit on Ap. possible Superior
tot. -
alt - 11400
IAS - 210
Head - 480



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PILOT

$$D_T, f_{20}/t$$

A/C#

487

BOX

III

F2T LL

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

6 X 500 ON P.T.

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

58 A 98

W.A.C. 11

27E 48

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

XH1 avTH - 1st run

None on 2nd of June

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

2 rows - lat. on 2nd.

did not call for C/B. fire for 2nd
rev because of back.

B did not go away on 1st run.

70T 1733

Alt 11,600

195 210

M.H. 050.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

	X	
Y		X
	X	
X		X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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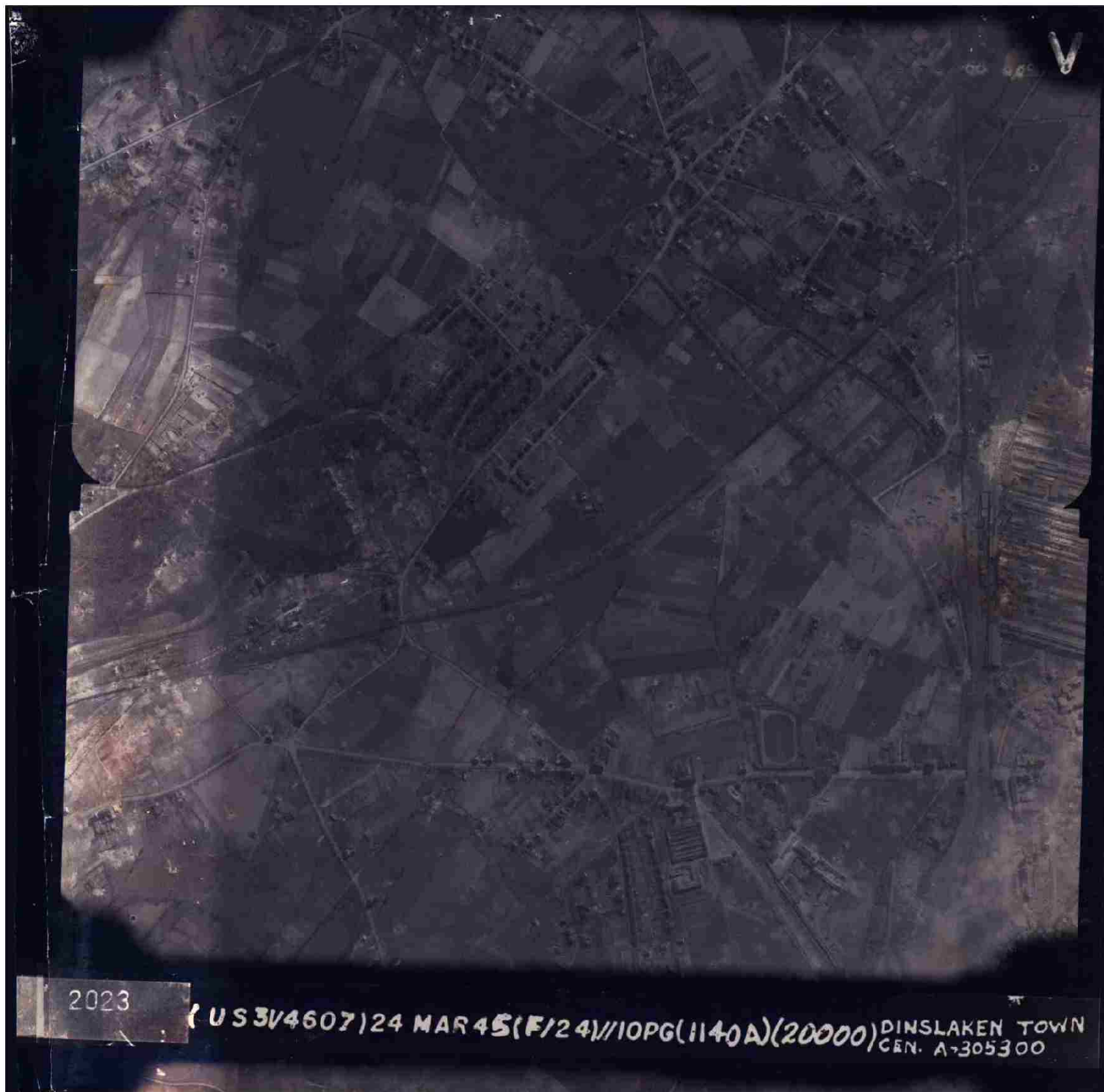


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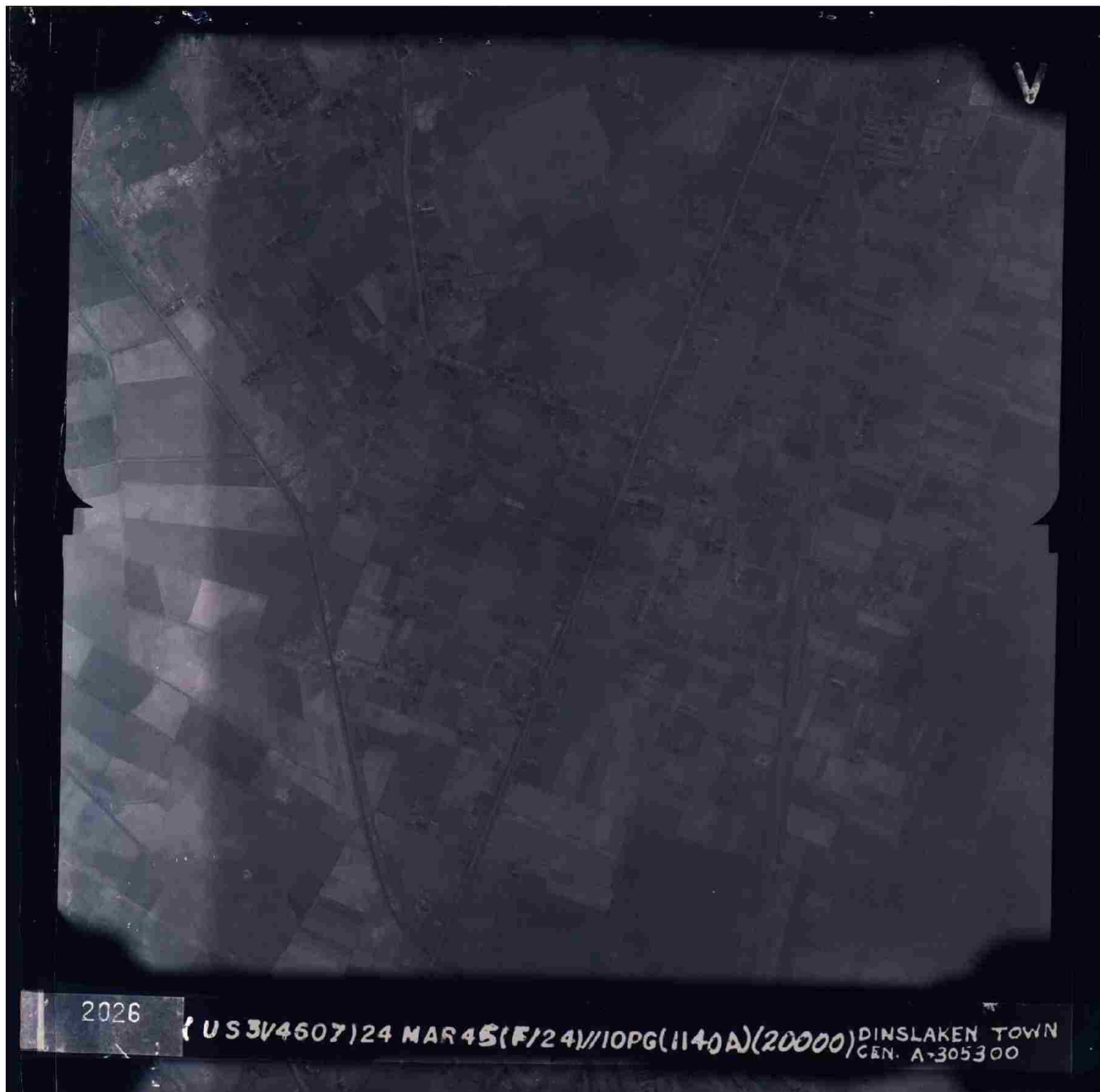
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(US3V4607)24 MAR 45(F/24//IOPG(1140A)(20000)DINSLAKEN TOWN
CEN. A-305300



2026

(US3V4607)24 MAR 45(F/24)/IOPG(1140A)(20000)DINSLAKEN TOWN
CEN. A-305300





1022 (US3V4607) 24 MAR 45 (F/24) // IOPG(1140A)(20000) DINSLAKEN TOWN
CEN. A-305300



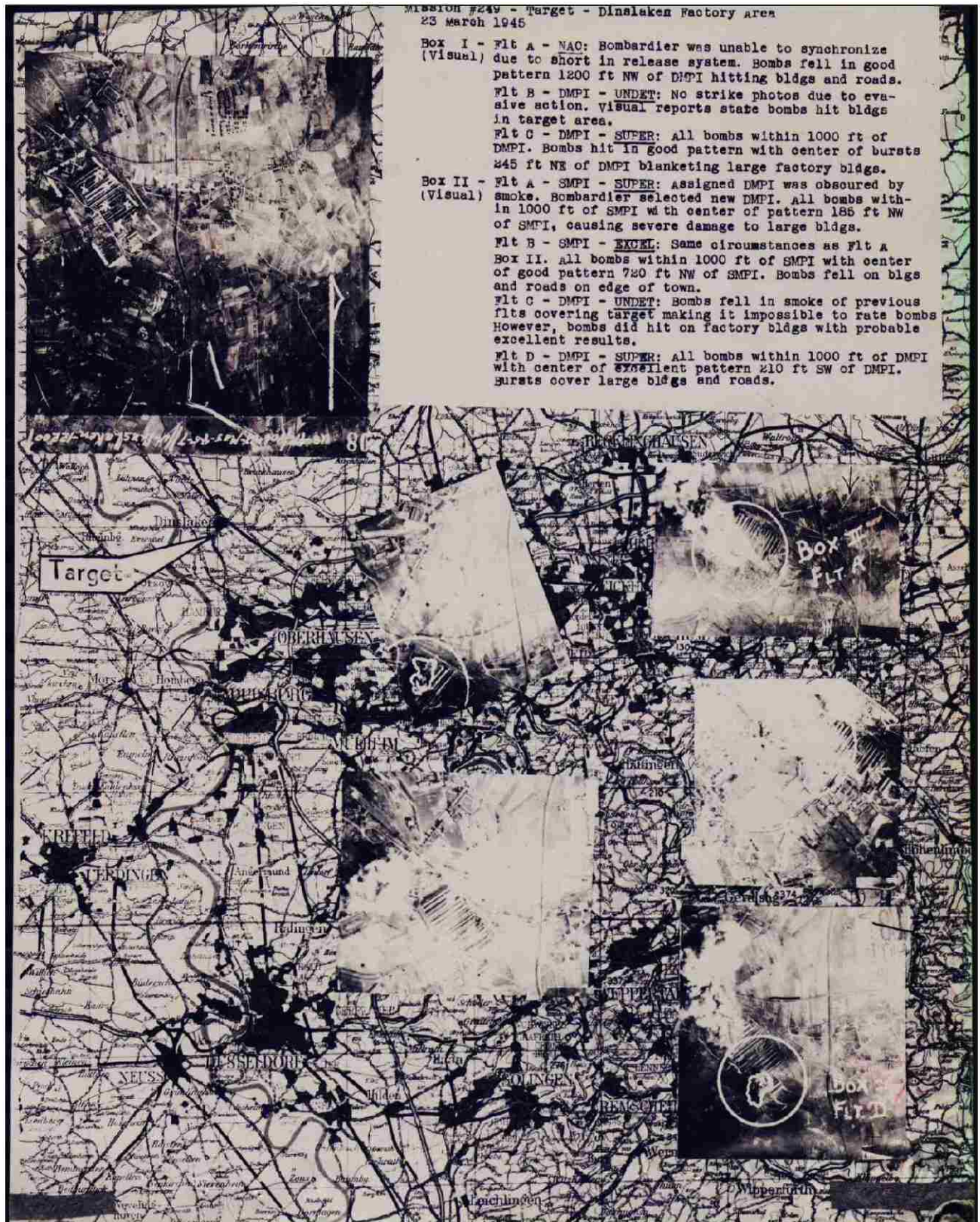
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(US3V4607)24 MAR 45(F/24)/IOPG(1140A)(20000)DINSLAKEN TOWN
CEN. A-305300



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(US3V4607) 24 MAR 45 (F/24) // IOPG (1140A) (20000) DINSLAKEN TOWN
CEN. A-305300



PM

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Box # I	OpsRL	Date 23 MARCH 1945	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader FERRIS	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATP	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Pers. No.	Reason	T	G	O	T	S	J	T
								R
1 328								
2 416	RETURNED EARLY							
5 2315								
4 224								
5 9315	RETURNED EARLY							
6 229								
1 508								
2 232								
3 235								
4 305								
5 264								
6 378								
1 505								
2 274								
3 496								
4 335								
5 385								
6 321								

96

6

528
FERRIS

2315 416
GRDETZMAYER STANHOUSHI

224
TURNER EO.

229 9315
DACH O'BRIEN

505
JACOBSEN

508
EVANS

495 224 325
DROM PRUCHA HAKE COXQUIT

321 385 328 264
LONG BREWINS TANN PHILLIPS

305
WRIGHT

305
KASETER

RETURNED EARLY

PM

Box #	CpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
11		23 MARCH 1945				BREWSTER	TOT	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Miss	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	L/D
1 501		P S O	T S J	R	W D A A C B E D P D K W M			
2 469								
3 524								
4 205								
5 233								
6 330								
7 490								
8 239								
9 356								
4 313								
5 352								
6 209								
1 609								
2 244								
3 496								
4 252								
5 271								
6 263								

Failed at 1555 - Time - Will fly ship back in P.M.

330 - 333
WALLACE BOENNER

514 - 469
CHITTY WARREN

205
GISHOP

609 - 490
JORDAN GUSHKIRK

496 - 244 - 357 - 239
DEPNER VAN ROPE VANNOORDEN SPIRES

253 - 313
ALLEN REMISZEWSKI

263 - 371 - 209 - 352
HASNELL DUNN MOORE GRAEBER

88 - 90 - 66

46 A/C airframe.
256 (1500 lbs) on fire.
47500 - 11/500 - returned.
141/500 (lbs) returned.
43 A/C actual
41 A/C. Banded away.
11 A/C. returned early.
11 A/C. failed to bomb.
Brewster under enemy's attack.
61500 lbs - don't know

TOTALS FOR MISSION

E.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Cpus)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.)

G.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

F. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	_____ X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____ X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____ X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____ X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____ X	_____ Where _____
(Obtained from Recaps)		

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

Box #	CpsFL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
III		23 MARCH 1945				TOTT	TOT L/D	
A/C	Feil to Bomb	ATP	Bomb	Isd	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pos. No.	Reason	T	E	O	P	S	J	P
1	497							
2	297							
3	326							
4	360							
5	250							
6	328							
1	487							
2	362							
3	351							
4	338							
5	314							

66

497
TOTT
WITHINGTON WINN
326 297
360
GARY
328 250
EDSTRON WHEELER
487
DUFALUT
351 362
WILLARD ANDERSON
338
DUBOSE
314
HARPER

To: CG 9th Bomb Division A++ A-2
 CG 97th Combat Bomb Wing; Arr A-2

From: 416th Bomb Group (L)

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Ops Flash for 23 March 1945 Afternoon Mission

A. 416th Bomb Group

B. Dinslaken - Built up Area (A-305300)

C. 46 A-26s

D. 43 A-26s ATTACKED Primary

E. 1 A-26 returned early ~~after~~ unable to overtake
 formation after late take off.

1 A-26 left formation ~~at~~ near IP ~~and landed~~ on route
 out with engine trouble and landed at Y-55-

(OTHER INFORMATION LACKING)

1 A-26 - Personnel error - failed to set
~~switches properly~~ counter knob on intervelometer

F. 256 X 500 LB M-76 on Primary

14 X 500 LB M-76 returned

6 X 500 LB M-76. Information lacking from A/c
 landed away from Base. UNACCOUNTED FOR

G. Excellent to Superior results

H NIL

I NIL

J. WEAK INACCURATE IN TURN OFF TARGET.

K NIL

L Box I

Flight A - 12,400

Flight B - 12,400

Flight C - 12,800

Box II

Flight A - 12,400

Flight B - 11,700

Flight C - 11,900

Box III

Flight A - 11,400

Flight B - 11,600

M. - Box I

FLIGHT A - 1719

B - 1719

C - 1720

Box II

FLIGHT A - 1720

B - 1731 (2 RUNS)

C - 1719

Box III

FLIGHT A - 1721

FLIGHT B - 1733 (2 RUNS)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 43 \\
 6 \\
 \hline
 8 \\
 252 \\
 \hline
 256
 \end{array}$$

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X. LEADER CALLED "BASELINE" 15 MINUTES PRIOR
TO TROOPLINE BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.
ALSO CALLED WHEN ONE FLIGHT STARTED
SECOND RUN. NO ANSWER.

ITA JEA V JKI JUN 11/23 OP - OP

FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GP (L) 23/1915A
 TO HQ, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
 HQ, 97TH WING (L) " DUTY OFF.

BT
 SECRET 416BG R-524-D

B: DINSLAKEN FACTORY AREA.

G: /08 0948 - 1005

J: BOX I FLT A NAO: BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SYNCNCHRONIZE DUE OXXX
 (VISUAL) TO SHORT IN RELEASE SYSTEM. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD
 PATTERN 1200 FT NW OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT IN TOWN.

FLT B DMPI: UNDET: NO STIKE PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.
 VISUAL RPORTS STATE BOMBS HIT ON BLDGS IN TARGET
 AREAM.

RLT C DMPI: SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. BOMBS
 FELL IN GOOD PATERN WITH CENTER BURSTS 245 FT NE
 OF DMPI. BURSTS BLANKET LARGE FACTORY BLDGS.

BOX II FLT A SMPI: SUPER: ASSIGNED DMPI WAS OBSCURED BY SMOKE SELECT
 ED NEW DMPI. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI.
 BOMBS BLANKET SMPI WITH GOOD PATTERN, CENTER OF
 BURSTS BEING 135 FT NW OF SMPI, CASUING SEVERE
 DAMAGE TO LARGE BLDGS IN TARGET AREA.

FLT B SMPI: EXCEL: ASSIGNED DMPI WAS OBSCURED BY SMOKE, SELECT
 ED NEW DMPI. ALL BOMS WINTHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI.
 GOOD PATTERN 720 FT NW OF SMPI. BOMBS HIT ON
 BUILDINGS AND ROADS ON EDGE OF TOWN.

FLT C DMPI: UNDET: BOMBS FELL INTO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS FLTS.
 COVERING TARGET, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RATE
 BOMBS. HOWEVER BOMBS DID HIT ON FACTORY BUILD-
 INGS WITH PROBALBLE EXCELLENT RESULTS.

ELT D DMPI: SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI. BOMBS
 FELL IN EXCELLENT PATTERN 210 FT SW OF DMPI.
 BURSTS COVER LARGE GXX BUILDINGS AND ROAD, SEVER-
 LY DAMAGING BUIDLDINGS AND CTXXX CUTTING ROAD.

K. BOX I FLT A NAO: FIRE IN TURRET INDEICATOR CAUSED SHORT IN BOMBING
 RELEASWE SYSTEM. BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO DO
 CORRECT SYNCHRONIZATION OF RUN DUE TO DEAD GYRO.

BOX II FLT A SMPI: BOMBARDIER HAD TO CHANGE AIMING PIXX POINTS IN
 TARGET DUE TO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS BOMBING COVERING
 THE AREA.

FLT B SMPI : BOMBARDIER HAD TO CHANGE AIMING POINTS IN TARGET
 CUE TO SMOKE OF PREVIOUS BOMBING COVERING THE AREA.

M. A) 16 - 100 PERCENT
 B) 0 - 0 "
 C) 0 - 0 "

N. 50 DIRECT HITS ON FACTORY BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGING THEM . 30
 OTHER BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 12 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING
 THEM.

AYLESWORTH
 BT 23/1915A

JF B B
 ITA R.....23/2038A MZ KKKK
 JEA R.....23/2038A SH KKK

229 250
ITA JEA V JKI

JKI 13/23

P - P

FROM CORDONR 416 23/2300A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFF.
COMCETUIC 97 (INFO)

DT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-526-J

- A - YS - 78
- B - 23 MARCH 1945 (1609-1602)
- C - T-TARE AND W-WULLAIN REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.
- D - T-TARE CONTACTED ROSELEE UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA BUT DID NOT RECEIVE REPLY FROM BASELINE CEX REGARDING COUNTER BATTERY FIRE.
- E - THRU K - NONE

AYLESWORTH
BT 23/2300A
JF AR AR

ITA R.....23/2341A NZ AR
JEA R.....23/2341A SH AR

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 14/23 OP - OP
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 23/2050A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVM ATT: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATT: A-2

BT
 CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-527-D OPFLASH FOR 23 MARCH 1945 - AFTERNOON
 MISSION:

- A - 416TH BOMB GP.
 B - DINSLAKEN - BUILT UP AREA (A-305300)
 C - 46 A-26'S
 D - 43 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY TARGET, (VISUALLY BY FLIGHT
 E - 1 A26 RETURNED EARLY. UNABLE TO OVERTAKE FORMATION AFTER
 TAKEOFF.
 1 A-26 LEFT FORMATION AT IP WITH ENGINE TROUBLE AND LANDED AT Y-55.
 OTHER INFORMATION ON THIS AIRCRAFT LACKING.
 1 A-26 - PERSONNEL ERROR. FAILED TO SET COUNTER KNOB ON INTERVAL-
 OMMETER.
 F - 256 X 500 M76 ON PRIMARY TARGET
 14 X 500 M76 RETURNED (6 BY A/C WHICH RETURNED EARLY, 6 BY A/C
 WHICH FAILED TO BOMB BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL ERROR AND 2 IN AND
 A/C WHICH ATTACKED PRIMARY BUT HAD TO RELEASE FAILURE ON TWO
 BOMBS. MECHANICAL, RACK MALFUNCTION.)
 6 X 500 M76 UNXXXX UNACCOUNTED FOR (IN A/C WHICH LANED AWAY FROM
 BASE. INFORMATION LACKING)
 G - EXCELLENT TO SUPERIOR RESULTS.
 H - NIL
 I - NIL
 J - WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK IN TRUSXXX TURN OFF TARGET
 L - BOX I - FLIGHT A - 12,900
 FLIGHT B - 12,400
 FLIGHT C - 12,800
 BOX II FLIGHT A - 12,400
 FLIGHT B - 11,700
 FLIGHT C - 11,900
 BOX III FLIGHT A - 11,400
 FLIGHT B - 11,600
 M - BOX I - FLIGHT A - 1719
 B - 1719
 C - 1720
 BOX II FLIGHT A - 1720
 B - 1731 (2 RUNS)
 C - 1720
 BOX III FLIGHT A - 1720
 B - 1733 (2 RUNS)
 X. LEADER CALLED "BASELINE" 15 MINUTES BEFORE TROOPLINE BUT RECEIVED
 NO ANSWER. ALSO REPEATED CALL WHEN FLIGHTS PREPARED TO MAKE A
 SECOND RUN ON TARGET BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.

AYLESWORTH

BT 23/2050A

JF AR AR

ITA R..... 2TIC
 ITA R.....23/2146A
 JEA R.....23/2150A

MZ AR KKK
 LEG BBBBBBB

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 17/23 OP - OP
FROM HQ, 46// 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 22// 23/2345A
TO HQ, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) A-2 PI
 HQ, 97TH WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFF.
BT
SECRET// 416BG R-530-D

B. DINSLAKEN BUILT UP AREA

J. DUE TO LATENESS OF MISSION AND SMOKE AND HAZE TARGET AREA WHEN IT APPEARS ON THE FILM, IS PRACTICALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE. DUE TO VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION THE TARGET AREA APPEARS ONLY ON THE BERY EDGE OF SOME OF THE ROLLS OF FILM. NO BOMB BURST ARE VISIBLE.

BT 23/2345A

JF AR

CC: LAST WORD IN 3RD LINE - VERY

AR AR

ITA R.....23/2355A MILT AR

JEA R.....23/2355A CES AE AR

Inter
750
USAAF FORM 34A

SECRET

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

SECRET
AUTH: CO STA *A-69*
DATE: *23 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: Cprep & No. *358a* for 24 hrs. ending midnight *23 March 1945*
Mission or Operation No. *250 97th CGF FOW 221-813*

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target *Dinalahan Built Up Area*
Place of take-off *Station A-69*
Place of landing *Station A-69 (1 landed at Y-55).*
Take-off time *1653* Landing time *1851*
Time over target *1719-1733* Bombing Altitude *11000-12000*
Nature of mission *Bombing* Other *None*
Weather *Visibility 4-5 miles. Fog and smoke in target area.*
Results *Unobserved due to smoke and haze in target area.*
Enemy opposition *Weak inaccurate heavy flak in turn off target.*

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched *46 A-26's*

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
49 Dinalahan Built Up Area

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: *None*
(2) Personnel: *1 - pilot failed to set countermeasures on intercommitter.*
(3) Mechanical: *1 - wheels would not retract; pilot landed and took off again too late to catch formation. 1 - fire in cockpit and hydraulic trouble.*
(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 *45*

SECRET

(over)

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SECRET

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

11:00

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air 90000 x .50 calibre

b. Expended on operations 1100 x .50 calibre (testing)

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: 276 x 500 lb M-76 Incendiaries Found Lost None

b. Expended on operations: 256
(List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on
missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

20

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 SCHENKELIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

SECRET

Crash landed.

A 130 092

Lt. Fred Slitty wound

across bailed out.

1030

E of Kemper

should be
in mission
Folder #249

read by Galt.
at 1853

Mission #250--23 March 1945 (PM)

Setting a pace never before seen in the Group our planes took off in the afternoon to fly mission # 250--the 33rd mission of the month and the 50th mission in 43 days. The target was the town of Dinslaken. Smoke from the bombs that we had dropped this morning still hung over the target area. Dropping new 500-lb incendiary bombs, fires were started throughout the town.

Weak inaccurate flak came up at the formation at the end of their bomb run just as they were making their turn off the target. Counter-battery fire was very effective in silencing the guns.

Weather over the target was ideal except for the smoke from the many fires.

There was no enemy aerial opposition.

Attacking in eight flights, 64 tons of incendiaries were dropped.

The three boxes were led by Major Ferris, Lt. Brewster, and Captain Tutt.

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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)MISSION SUMMARY #89
(Afternoon Missions)

Field Order 813

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322 BG	Dinslaken (A-305300) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Superior Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Undet.
		Box II - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Superior Flt. C - Superior Flt. D - Undet.
391 BG	Dinslaken (A-305300) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent Flt. B - Excellent Flt. C - Superior
		Box II - Flt. A - Undet. Flt. B - Undet. Flt. C - Superior Flt. D - Excellent
323 BG	Dinslaken (A-305300) Communications Center	Box I - Flt. A - Unsat. Flt. B - Excellent (AMPI) Flt. C - Excellent (AMPI)
		Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) Flt. B - Good Flt. C - Unsat.
		Box III - Flt. A - Undet. (SMPI)
387 BG	Dinslaken (A-305300) Communications Center	Undet.
<u>416 BG</u>	Dinslaken (A-305300) Communications Center	Undet.
409 BG	Haltern (A-620498) Communications Center	Box I - Unsat. (FFF) Box II - Unsat. (FFF) Box III - Undet.
344 BG	Gross Roken (A-523599) Communications Center	Box I - Fair (FFF) Box II - Superior Box III - Flt. A - Excellent (AMPI)
397 BG	Schermbeck (A-405445) Communications Center	Box I - Undet. (FFF) Box II - Flt. A - Good Flt. B - Undet. (AMPI)

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386 BG	Schornbock (A-405445)	Box I -	Unsat.
	Communications Center	Box II -	Unsat. (RFF)
410 BG	Sudlohn (A-402721)	Box I -	Unsat. (RFF)
	Communications Center	Box II -	Superior
394 BG	Almaus (A-500865)	Box I -	Superior (SMPI)
	Communications Center	Box II -	Plt. A - Superior (SMPI)
			Plt. B - N/A
			Plt. C - Superior (SMPI)

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eleven groups attacked six Communications Centers, recording Superior to Undetermined results.

Dinslaken (Communications Center)

322 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 716 X 100 frags, 24 X 100 GP on Primary. 2 a/c dropped 40 X 100 frags accidentally at A-200195 (friendly territory). Bombardier of lead a/c, Box II, clutched in telescope when picking up map folder from floor. Flight A deputy then dropped on this release.

1 a/c lost. This a/c in No. 4 position, Flight C, Box II, was hit in left engine by bomb from another a/c. Left engine caught on fire but pilot kept a/c under control. Entire crew bailed out from 7,000 feet. A/C was seen to hit the ground and explode at A-190300 (on W. bank of Rhino). Pilot and co-pilot are known to be safe; the other 4 crewmen are missing.

8 additional a/c were damaged by falling bombs; 1 a/c flew battle-damaged. 1 crewman injured.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,750 - 13,250 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. About 90 percent of bombs within 1000 feet radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration centered on DMPI, and falling across most densely built-up section in T/A.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. About 90 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good concentration centered on DMPI, with about one-third of pattern falling into the bombs of Flt. A. Bursts extend through T/A, and up to RR tracks.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs fell in smoke of burning buildings. No bursts are observed on photos. Crews report excellent results, and lack of bursts outside T/A indicate this to be the case.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombardier accidentally clutched in sight and dropped bombs in open fields at A-200195, friendly territory, one other a/c dropping on the lead. Bombardier continued on and made run on target, instructing the remaining a/c to drop on flare and radio signal. Bombs were released on radio. Bursts cannot be identified on photos. Crews report bombs fell a little over T/A.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. About 90 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good concentration centered about 240 ft. N of DMPI. Bursts cover west central part of T/A, falling across buildings and streets, with several hits on RR sidings.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. About 90 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Fair concentration centered 225 ft. SW of DMPI. Pattern falls across fields, buildings and streets in SW section of T/A.

Flt. D - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Insufficient photo coverage, due to evasive action, prevents exact determination of extent of pattern. However, an estimate can be made. Measuring from the extreme end of the pattern shown in photos, and using the average pattern length of 2400 ft and angle of attack of 45 degrees, center of pattern is probably 300 ft. NW of DMPI, and slightly to W of bombs of Flt. B, Box II.

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391 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, 41 dropping 196 X 100 GP, 947 X 150 G on Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at St. Trond.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 11,600 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 70 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern fell about 600 ft. SE of DMPI, across 4 main roadways, hitting at least 20 residential type buildings.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern fell about 50 ft. SE of DMPI, hitting 6 main roadways, 2 main intersections, and at least 45 residential type buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs appear to have fallen within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI, on pictures partially obscured by smoke. Concentration 250 ft. SE of DMPI, cutting 4 main roadways and 2 intersections, and at least 20 residential type buildings.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Probably superior. Target mostly obscured by smoke, with only a few bursts visible, centered on DMPI. No damage estimation possible.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. 1 camera ran off on handstand, and 1 master switch was not on. Visual observations indicate excellent results.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. Over 90 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern centered about 150 ft. NW of DMPI, cutting 5 roadways, and damaging at least 25 residential type buildings.

Flt. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Dispersed pattern about 950 ft. SSW of DMPI, hitting 4 roadways and 2 main road intersections, as well as at least 18 residential type buildings.

323 BG: 44 a/c dispatched, 38 dropping 1063 X 100 Frags on Primary. 3 window a/c.

3 a/c failed to bomb: 2, mechanical; 1, personnel failures.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 11,700 - 13,700 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Less than 15 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good pattern, MPI of which is 1190 ft. N of DMPI. Bombs blanketed built-up area and extended into N/Y.

Flt. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke on Primary. Bombardier selected town of Unterlehnberg, 2 miles NE of target. 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI in good concentration. Center of pattern covers built-up area and roads therein.

Flt. C - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to smoke on Primary, bombardier selected town of Unterlehnberg, 2 miles NE of target. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMPI. Excellent concentration, MPI of which is 390 ft. NW of AMPI. Bombs blanketed built-up area and roads therein.

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Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to smoke on Primary and Primary having been heavily bombed previously, obscuring DMPI, bombardier selected MPI approximately 200 ft. NW of DMPI. Approximately 70 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Long pattern, MPI of which is 545 ft. NE of SMPI. Bombs hit on edge of town and across M/Y.

Flt. B - DMPI - GOOD. Approximately 40 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Fair pattern, MPI of which is 930 ft. W of DMPI. Bombs covered S end of town, blanketing roads and built-up area.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. All bombs outside 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Loose pattern, MPI of which is 2300 ft. W of DMPI. Bombs hit on edge of town.

Box III - Flt. A - SMPI - UNDETERMINED. Because the DMPI had been altered by previous bombing, bombardier selected MPI to left of DMPI. 1 camera-carrying a/c did sharp bank after bomb release, so that T/A did not appear on photos. There were no new bursts on the other roll of film. Bombardier reports good results.

387 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 270 X 500 IB on Primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 12,000 - 14,000 feet.

Box I & II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to all a/c banking steeply over target, bombing order of flights has not been determined. In addition, the type of bomb employed prevents separation of patterns, and some cameras did not operate satisfactorily over target. A single photo, which includes bombing by all flights, does not show any patterns outside T/A. It may be assumed, therefore, that excellent to Superior results were recorded.

416 BG: 46 A-26 a/c dispatched, 43 dropping 256 X 500 IB on Primary.

3 a/c failed to bomb: 1 mechanical, 1 personnel failure; 1, other (late take-off; could not catch formation).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,400 - 12,900 feet.

Box I & II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. T/A is almost indistinguishable on film, due to lateness of mission, and smoke and haze. Because of violent evasive action, T/A appears only on edge of some rolls of film. No bomb bursts are visible. Crews report excellent to superior results.

Haltom (Communications Center)

409 BG: 46 a/c dispatched (33 A-26, 11 A-20, 2 FFF), 37 (26 A-26, 9 A-20, 2 FFF) dropping 550 X 100, 44 X 500 GP, 20 X 100 Frag on Primary. 5 A-26 a/c dropped 110 X 100 Frag on flak positions in T/A. 1 A-26 a/c jettisoned 22 X 100 GP at Z-980200, 2 miles SE of Raalte - enemy territory. 2 A-20 window a/c.

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1 A-26 a/c failed to bomb. mechanical failure (tail a/c, on single engine, jettisoned 22 X 500 GP safe at (-530875, 2 miles W of Chiray - friendly territory).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Working by boxes on FFF lead from 11,500 - 12,900 feet. No a/c attacking flak positions bombed visually.

Box I - FFF - U.S. SATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered approximately 6100 ft. W of DMPI. Bombs in woods and open fields, with some direct hits or near misses to a secondary road in area of strikes. There is also an isolated burst in an open area approximately 2500 ft. SE of DMPI.

Box II - FFF - U.S. UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Probable center of widely dispersed pattern is approximately 6375 feet W of DMPI. Pattern largely in woods and open fields, with some direct hits or near misses to minor roads in area of strikes. Many isolated bursts between patterns of Box I and Box II cannot be definitely assigned to either box.

Box III - (Flak Positions)

Element #1 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. No cameras in this element.

Element #2 - JAO. No photo coverage. No cameras in this element. No firing operation, as this element bombed on Element #1, due to haze and cloud at briefed flak position.

Element #3 - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. No cameras in this element.

Grass Action (Communications Center)

344 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 34 dropping 255 X 500 HE, 8 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 a/c dropped 54 X 250 Frag. on Other target.

8 a/c flak battle-damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

Box I bombed on FFF lead from 12,000 feet. Box leader dropped visually. Box II bombed visually on box lead from 12,500 feet. Box II FFF bombed on lead of Box I FFF.

Box I - FFF - F.I.R. Approximately 30 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Poor pattern centered 1200 ft. W of DMPI. Hits in open and on main road. Box leader called flak hits to bomb visually, but no one in Box I heard message. Leader dropped alone, bombs falling 85 feet W of DMPI in tight cluster, hitting road junction.

Box II - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 90 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Long pattern 250 ft. E of DMPI. Pattern blankets main building area, probably starting fires. FFF dropped on Box I FFF.

Box III - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Could not locate briefed target, a flak position. Picked Borkon A/Y (-40296170), 3 miles W of Primary. 95 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Long concentration 400 ft. E of DMPI. Hits on rolling stock and RR station.

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Schermbeck (Communications Center)

397 BG: 31 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 11 a/c dropping 273 X 100, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 6 a/c dropped 111 X 100 Frag on flak positions in target area. 14 a/c dropped 352 X 100, 4 X 500 GP on Other targets.

11 a/c flak battle-damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Flts. A and B, Box I, dropped on PFF lead from 13,000 - 14,000 feet. Flt. C, Box I, dropped visually and on ETA from 11,500 feet. Box II bombed visually (PFF equipment failed) from 11,500 - 12,200 feet.

Box I - Flts. A & B - PFF - UNDETERMINED. Majority of bursts are not covered due to evasive action. A few bombs are located approximately 5 miles ESE of Primary, at A-466406.

Flt. C - Element I - NAO (ETA). This flight attacked three flak positions in target area. Bombardier in this element released on ETA due to haze and cloud cover. No cameras.

Element II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. This element bombed visually. No cameras, but bombardier reports good results.

Element III - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombs fell in good pattern in open area at A-548488, 8 miles SE of briefed flak position. There was no navigator with this element.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - GOOD. 40 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Extended pattern 1080 ft. N of DMPI, across roads and among buildings. Due to equipment failure, PFF leading this box dropped visually at Z-800042, approximately 15 miles N of bomb line, in enemy territory.

Flt. B - AMPI - UNDETERMINED. This flight made 2 runs on Primary, one on PFF lead; the second visually. On second run Flt. leader's bombsight was hit by flak. Deputy took over lead, and on instruction from Flt. leader, attacked Zelhom (A-048797), approximately 15 miles NE of bomb line, in enemy territory. No photo coverage. Camera a/c bombed with Flt. A.

386 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 31 dropping 174 X 500 ID, 8 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 a/c dropped 66 X 120 Frag on a flak position in target area.

1 a/c failed to bomb: other (pilot's hatch was open).

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

Box I bombed visually, Box II on PFF lead (both PFF a/c dropped on equipment) from 12,000 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - DMPI)
Box II - PFF) UNDETERMINED. Due to type of bomb employed and sharp turn off target by camera a/c, complete bomb pattern does not appear on any negatives. However, an oblique photo from a hand-operated camera shows that weight of attack fell outside T/A. Although numerous clusters blanket houses and buildings, no rating can be given due to variable scale of high oblique.

Sudlohn (Communications Center)

410 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 41 dropping 242 X 500 GP on Primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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Bombing by boxes (Box I on PFF lead, Box II visually) from 12,400 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - PFF - UNSATISFACTORY. 10 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Loose pattern centered 1650 ft. SSE of DMPI. Pattern extends across one main highway, and a number of secondary highways. Possible hits were also scored on a few small buildings.

Box II - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Good box pattern centered 250 ft. NW of DMPI. Pattern blankets entire road net, and a large number of buildings in the western half of the town. PFF a/c leading this box dropped on equipment.

Ahaus (Communications Center)

394 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 22 dropping 616 X 100 GP on Primary. 7 a/c dropped 196 X 100 GP on Other targets.

3 a/c failed to bomb: other (2 - PFF - abandoned operations when group took over for visual bombing; 1, lost to flak en route to target. a/c exploded before crashing. 7 chutes observed; 8 crewmen missing.

8 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; no further casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,300 - 13,400 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to extreme haze, MPI approximately 2900 ft. NW of DMPI was chosen. Long concentration approximately 200 ft. SE of SMPI. Strikes on two roads and several buildings, with probable damage.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to extreme haze bombardier chose MPI approximately 3000 ft. S of DMPI. Long concentration approximately 100 ft. N of SMPI, and covering it. Strikes on built-up area and along road, with damage.

Flt. C - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to extreme haze, and smoke of previous bombs, MPI was chosen approximately 785 ft. NE of DMPI. Long, partly smoke covered pattern, approximately 225 ft. W of SMPI. Strikes in fields, crossing a road, and bursting on built-up area, with damage.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to extreme haze, bombardier picked MPI approximately 3700 ft. NW of DMPI. 97 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Loose concentration approximately 200 ft. S of SMPI. Bursts covered built up area and several roads, with damage.

Flt. B - NAO. No photos. Lead a/c shot down and remaining camera malfunctioned. Crews report bombs in vicinity of Primary, after being salvoed without sighting operation.

Flt. C - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to extreme haze, selected MPI approximately 3600 ft. NW of DMPI. 98 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Long concentration approximately 250 ft. NW of SMPI. Strikes on built-up area and two roads, with damage.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		429
*A/C Bombing	410	
A/C Failing to Bomb	13	
A/C with Bombs Unaccounted for	1	
Window	5	
TOTAL		429
Bombs on Enemy Territory		610.955
Total Bombs to Date		133,685.740
A/C Lost (322BG, 394 BG)	2	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	48	11.55%
Killed	0	
Wounded	3	
Missing	12	
Injured	1	
Claims	0	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

GROUP	NO. A/C	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
323	2	Mechanical	1 - Bomb Rack malfunction. 1 - Electrical trouble
	1	Personnel	Wing Bombardier did not see leader drop.
387	1	Mechanical	Broken Hooker Arm.
416	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Engine trouble
	1 (A-26)	Personnel	Failed to set Counter Knob on Intervalometer.
	1 (A-26)	Other	Late Take Off.
386	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Pilot's hatch opened.
410	1	Mechanical	Right engine cutting out.
394	1	Other	Lost to flak before bombing.
	2 (BFF)	Other	Targets bombed visually
409	1	Mechanical	Engine failure.

WEATHER: Dinkelaken

322 BG: Clear. Visibility 7 miles

391 BG: Clear. Visibility 6-10 miles down sun, 4-5 miles up sun in smoke and haze.

323 BG: Nil cloud. Visibility 2-3 miles up sun, 10-15 miles down sun in smoke.

387 BG: 2/10 high Cirrus. Visibility 12-15 miles though battle smoke obscured the ground in some places.

416 BG: Nil cloud. Thick smoke and haze tops 2,000 ft. moderate haze tops 6,000 ft., light haze tops 11,500. Visibility 2-3 miles up sun, 4-5 miles down sun, excellent above 11,500 ft.

Haltorn

409 BG: Nil cloud. Smoke layer tops 2,000ft over target. Visibility nil in smoke, 5-8 miles out of smoke.

Gross Reken

344 BG: 2-4/10 thin Cirrus 20,000 ft. No low or medium cloud. Visibility 3-6 miles in heavy haze.

Schermbeck

397 BG: Nil cloud. Heavy haze to 10,000 ft. Visibility air to ground 10-12 miles. Target intermittently obscured by smoke.

386 BG: Nil clouds. Visibility 2-3 miles up sun, 5-6 miles down sun in heavy haze and smoke to 7,000 ft.

Sudlann

410 BG: Light smoke bordering on 15 side of IP. Nil cloud. First box reported visibility 1-2 miles up sun, 5-6 miles down sun. Second box reported 4-5 mile up sun, 6-8 miles down sun.

Ahaus394 Gp: Nil cloud. Visibility 4-5 miles down sun,
1-2 miles up sun in thick haze to 11,000 ft.FLAK ANALYSIS AREA

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	424
A/C LOST TO FLAK	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	48
%A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	11.55%
<u>Dinslaken Town</u>	<u>322, 391, 323, 387, 416 Gps.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	20
%A/C Battle Damaged	9.95%

Flak at the target followed very closely that encountered on the attack made earlier in the day. The 391 Gp. reported that the fire was moderate accurate for their formation. The 387 Gp. had weak inaccurate flak. However, the fire was accurate for box II, flight C.

<u>Haltern Communications Center</u>	<u>409 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
%A/C Battle Damaged	0

Weak inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target, 2 miles S of Raalte (A-560670), 2 miles S of Goosfeld and 4 miles S of Haltern. This experience is the same as for the past several days.

<u>Gr. Reken</u>	<u>344 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	8
%A/C Battle Damaged	21.62%

Weak accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target and at two points en-route. At Lps (Z-806183) weak accurate heavy fire was received that probably came from the defenses of Deventer. The flak at Heerde was probably being fired from the defenses of Zwolle.

<u>Schornboeck Communications Center</u>	<u>397, 386 Gps.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	12
%A/C Battle Damaged	18.46%

The 386 Gp. reported only weak inaccurate flak during the turn off target. However, the 397 Gp. encountered weak to moderate accurate flak from the IP to the target. Moderate accurate flak was also encountered at Groenlo (A-230840) and weak accurate at Esel. About 25 heavy guns are plotted within range of the target but is not probable that all were in action.

<u>Sudlohn Communications Center</u>	<u>410 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
%A/C Battle Damaged	0

No flak was reported enroute or at the target.

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Ahaus Communications Center

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A/C Lost to Flak	1
A/C Battle Damaged	8
%A/C Battle Damaged	28.12%

ask to moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered from Zwolle to Deventer. At Hengelo moderate accurate flak was encountered. The lost a/c received a hit in the left engine. 7 chutes were seen before the a/c exploded. Heavy defenses are plotted at all points that flak was experienced.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1558 to 1750

No e/a encountered during mission.

S/L PHOTO REPORT

GROUP	CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	TECHNICAL FAILURES		PERSONAL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
322	Not Available				
391	90%	1	10	0	0
323	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
397	80%	1	12	0	0
366	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
394	89%	0	0	1	11

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 23 —Four hundred medium and light bombers of the Ninth Bombardment Division, returning to the area immediately north of the Ruhr for the third straight day, sent more than 600 tons of incendiaries and high explosives crashing into two Rhine valley communications centers important to German defense of the northern sector of the western front.

Striking shortly before noon, approximately 300 B-26 Marauders and A-26 Invaders hit communications in the steel-producing town of Dinslaken, two miles east of the Rhine, while another 100 medium and light bombers blocked road junctions and smashed strong points in the town of Dorken, 20 miles to the north.

It was the third attack in as many days on enemy defenses in Dorken, pivot point in the Germans' communications network between Munster and the Rhine.

The attack on Dinslaken took in a large steel rolling mill which the Germans are reported using as an observation post to detect Allied positions and movements across the Rhine.

Smoke from the bombers' three day assault on road and rail facilities leading east from the northern sector of the Rhine hung over target areas as the B-26's, A-26's and A-20's swept in to make their attacks. Huge fires were reported burning in both towns.

Flak defenses were moderate, and no enemy fighters were encountered. All planes returned.

News room 1530, Press camp 1545

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 23 —More than 600 Ninth Air Force medium and light bombers today maintained the intensity of their current offensive against communications centers north of the Ruhr, cascading 1,200 tons of high explosives and incendiaries on road junctions and defensive positions in seven towns between Munster and the Rhine.

For the third successive day, the Ninth Bombardment Division's B-26 Marauders, A-26 Havocs and A-20 Invaders delivered morning and afternoon blows at enemy defenses in this sector, adding to devastation in communications centers still burning from previous attacks.

Following up a 400-plane morning assault, a like number of medium and light bombers returned in late afternoon to renew attacks on Dorken, Dinslaken, Ahaus, Sudlohn, Gross Reken, Haltern and Scherabeck. Earlier in the day they concentrated the full weight of a heavy assault on the two towns of Dorken and Dinslaken.

Three planes are missing from the afternoon operations, carried out without opposition from enemy fighters and only light anti-aircraft fire.

Weather and visibility was clear at bombing altitude but smoke and haze over some target areas forced crews in a few instances to bomb on instruments. Crews observed smoke and flames over much of the area under attack but were unable to make detailed observations of results because of limited visibility at ground level. Several crewmen reported only small sections of some towns appeared undamaged by previous attacks.

TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

In their current offensive, the medium and light bombers have concentrated on communications along the northern sector of the Rhine to block German attempts to strengthen defenses in the area immediately north of the Ruhr valley.

During their three-day assault, Major General Samuel E. Anderson's bomber

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forces have ranged over a 50-mile area between Lunster and the Rhine, cutting rail lines and blocking main and secondary roads which enemy troops would be forced to travel to reinforce already threatened Rhine defenses.

Their current offensive was launched at a time when Nazi reinforcements from Denmark and Italy were reported en route to the front facing the U.S. Ninth, British and Canadian armies.

Attacks have been centered on 20 towns, including the seven communications centers hit today in the bombers third consecutive day of operations north of the Ruhr and their 16th straight day of uninterrupted attacks on western Germany's road and rail network.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, March 23 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Friday:

Aircraft dispatched	844
Aircraft over enemy territory	834
Bomber losses	2
Bomb tonnage	1310.29
Communications centers attacked	9
Railroad cuts	16
Highway cuts	167
Goods wagons destroyed or damaged	10
Railroad stations hit	2
W/T destroyed or damaged	30
F structures damaged	28
Buildings destroyed or damaged	1504

The Friday attacks marked the 16th straight day of operations for the medium and light bombers and their 22nd operational day of the current month. Total bomb tonnage for the month is 19,048.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, March 23 - Extensive damage resulted to western Germany's transportation network in the three-day period, March 17-19, during which Ninth Bombardment Division medium and light bombers destroyed three railroad bridges and blocked traffic in 14 marshalling yards on routes feeding Ruhr and Remagen battle areas with reinforcements and supplies.

Reconnaissance photographs revealed strikes by B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders cut all lines in nine rail yards and crippled traffic in five others in addition to causing severe damage to rolling stock.

All through traffic was blocked by bomb craters in yards at Worms, Engelskirchen, Altenkirchen, Neustadt, Nassau, Kreuztal, Siegen, Barmen and Geissecke. Only one line remained serviceable in the Mettler and Bad Dürkheim marshalling yards and traffic was limited to a few remaining open lines at Herdorf, Dillenberg and Kaiserlautern.

Photo intelligence officers said destruction in the rail yards included roundhouses, turntables, sidings, warehouses, platforms, more than 350 cars and an ammunition train. Explosions resulting from a direct hit by A-20s on an ammunition train caught in the attack on Engelskirchen ripped sidings, flattened buildings and scattered debris throughout the area.

Operations of March 19 when the medium and light bombers destroyed railroad bridges at Mettler, Bad Oeynhausen and Lage and stopped traffic in Engelskirchen, and Barmen marshalling yards highlighted the division's most recent offensive against German rail lines.

Reconnaissance pictures show a 93-ton assault by A-26s demolished the 200-foot, steel railroad bridge over the Weser river at Lage. The entire structure collapsed in the river after being smashed at both approaches.

Thirty-six feet of foundation and framework was slashed out of the center of the 540-foot Mettler rail bridge by a 92-ton attack which also crumpled the first span at the western end of the structure.

One span of the Bad Oeynhausen bridge, carrying four lines between Hamm and Dortmund to Hannover over the Weser river, was destroyed by B-26s which hit the bridge with 114 tons of high explosives.

Two other railroad bridges attacked the same day, one at Volke Marsen and the other at Nieder Marsberg, were rendered temporarily unserviceable by bomb hits which damaged approaches to the spans.

Although not a primary target, a two-line railroad bridge at Mettler was damaged during the March 18 attack on rail yards in that city. One line of the bridge, located at the northern end of the marshalling yard, was destroyed and a second line rendered unserviceable.

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