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Title MISSION 256

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 COORD. WB-001420 F.O. # 224-823 STATUS ATTACKED
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00092077

ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 21/27 (INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2230A

TO : IX BOMB DIV
409TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER:

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (001420)
(2) OAKLEAF
(3) CABMAN
(4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (001420)
(2) BANKBOOK
(3) BYPASS
(4) RIPSAW

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 27/2230A

FK-AR

ITA R.....27/2238A SG SAR

JES R.....

JKI R.....27/2238A WFG AR

ITA JJF JES JKI V JEA 22/27 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2245A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

1314
0130

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

97 CBW R-313-E BT

1/50

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO.2 TO FIELD ORDER NO.229-823

(1) TARGET - EBRACH, OIL STORAGE DEPOT (WO-001420)

(2) TARGET INFORMATION :

DEPOT IS LOCATED IN HEAVILY WOODED AREA AND CONSISTS OF SOME
10 - 12 STORAGE TANKS, APPROXIMATELY 30 - 35 FT. IN DIAMETER.
STORAGE UNITS ARE SURROUNDED BY BLAST WALLS. IN ADDITION TO STOR-
AGE TANKS, THERE ARE STACKS OF POL DRUMS THROUGHOUT THE WOODED AREA
WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE CAPACITY OF THE DEPOT TO BE GREATER
THAN 6,000 TONS.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 27/2245A

CC UNITS NOT UNITES

JJF R.....27/2255A SSR AR

AR CES

ITA R.....27/2255A RJS AR

JES R.....27/2255A JAB R

JKI R.....27/2255A WFG AR

ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 23/27 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2250A

TO : IX BOMB DIV.

409TH BOMB GROUP.

410TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)

416TH BOMB GROUP.

1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97CBW R-314-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

27 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 229-823

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE.

(2) 19 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH GROUP.
9 T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH GROUP.
FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT F/R.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR: 26/1200A

PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 26/1200A

--- PLAN "A" ---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-8032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS
40 MINUTES.

(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IS 8,000 FEET.

(10) 6 X 300 M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT
5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-8032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS
20 MINUTES.

(6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE 5,000 FEET.

(10) 22 X 100 G.P. - FUSED: 1/100 SEC. TAIL ONLY.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.
 (5) TARGET - EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT O-001420
 (6) A/C REQ - MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO N-1023 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW SPECIFIED MINIMUM ALTITUDE. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 (10) I.P. - N-9722
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK - GEN. S TO N
 (12) M.P.I. - ILL. 1(A)(IV)54/1. COVER AREA BETWEEN REF. 045075, 049075, 051066, 048067.
 (13) R.P. - N-9722
 (14) IN THE EVENT THAT VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 (A) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 (B) PRIMARY TARGET ON "GEE"
 (C) ALTERNATE TARGET ON "GEE"
 (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.
 (15) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

--- PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER ---

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-8032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 18 MINUTES. WITH 2 P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 3,000 FEET.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT L-8032 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 42 MINUTES. WITH 2 P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD.
 (6) MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
 (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. - FUSED: 1/100 SEC. TAIL ONLY. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR.

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

- (5) TARGET - EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT (O-001420)
 (6) A/C REQ - 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO M-2728 TO M-9118 TO S-5891 TO S-5895 TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET TURN RIGHT TO N-9722 TO N-1023 TO L-8032 TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX - 13,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
 (10) M.P.I. - ILL. 1(A)(IV)54/1. COVER AREA BETWEEN REF: 045075, 049075, 051066, AND 048067 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. - GRID. COORD : WO-001420
 (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE N-9722 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET, GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 (A) P.P.F.

11

- IV (B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY
 (C) PRIMARY TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (D) ALTERNATE TARGET ON GROUP "GEE"
 (E) ALTERNATE TARGET ON E.T.A.

(12) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS ARE NOT SELECTED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (001420)

- (2) OAKLEAF
 (3) CABMAN
 (4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (001420)

- (2) BANKBOOK
 (3) BYPASS
 (4) RIPSAW

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 27/2250A

FK/CS BBBBB

ITA R.....27/2349A RJS KK

ITA R FOR JJF R.....27/2349A RJS KK

JES R.....

C.

IN PAR 3 (X) (11) (A) AND (B) O P OK THAT IS PLAN "B" CORRECT ?
 RITO

XXIXRX

(A) P.P.F.

(B) ALTERNATE TARGET VISUALLY

OK OK AND WE WILL RELAY TO JJF OK T B F R

IMI UNER PLAN B FIRST LINE KKK OK CHUM TIC

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

MBFR.....27/2349A MC KKK

JPO R.....27/2349A DB K

JKI R.....27/2349A FD KK

ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 02/28 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0315A

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410 (INFO)

COBOMGP 416

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

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

97CBW R-315-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

28 MARCH 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 229-823:

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

CHANGE PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 28/1000A

IN PLAN "B" CHANGE PARA. 3. X. (7) TO READ:

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO M-2728 TO M-9118 TO S-5891
TO S-8595 TO TARGET.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0315A

RL AR K

M

JES R.....28/0325A MC AR

JPO R.....8/0325A HJS AR

JKI R.....28/0325A FD AR

JJF R.....28/0325A JN AR

ITA R.....28/0325A OEN AR

ITA JEA V JKI 2/28 OP OP
 FROM 416TH BOMGR (L) 28/0850A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
 BT
 SECRET 416BG R-642-D (MORNING MISSION)

1. PRIMARY TARGET MPI'S: ILLUSTRATION IX BD (M) / T3

- 03850300
 - 03450287
 - 03620295
 - 03480330
 - 03530350
 - 03310352

2. SECONDARY TARGET WALLDURN (N-180115)

BT 28/0850A
 UN AS
 HB TO ITA ONLY
 JEA R. 228/0900A LEG AR KK
 ITA R. 28/0903A SK AR K

T. Reed
1005
28-3

252
in data

Primary Tgt

MPI's on IX ROOM / T3

SECRET

~~0385 0390~~

~~0345 0287~~

~~0362 0275~~

~~0378 0330~~

~~0353 0350~~

~~0331 0352~~

Secondary Walldurn (N-180115)-

7/56

SECRET

0415 0283 - ①
0372 0300 - ③
0390 0318 - ②
0375 0345 - ④
0392 0371 - ⑥
0355 0378 - ⑤

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 5/28 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 281000A

TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2

CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET 416BG R-645-D (MORNING MISSION) CANCEL MESSAGE NR R-642-D
RE MPI'S FOR ILLUSTRATION IX BD (M) / T3.

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CORRECT MPI'S ON THE PRIMARY TARGET,
REFERENCE IX BD (M) / T3: (USE SCALE PRINTED ON ILLUSTRATION)

- 04150283
- 03720300
- 03900318
- 03750345
- 03820371
- 03550378

2. THE SECONDARY TARGET IS WALLDURN (N-180115).

BT 281000A

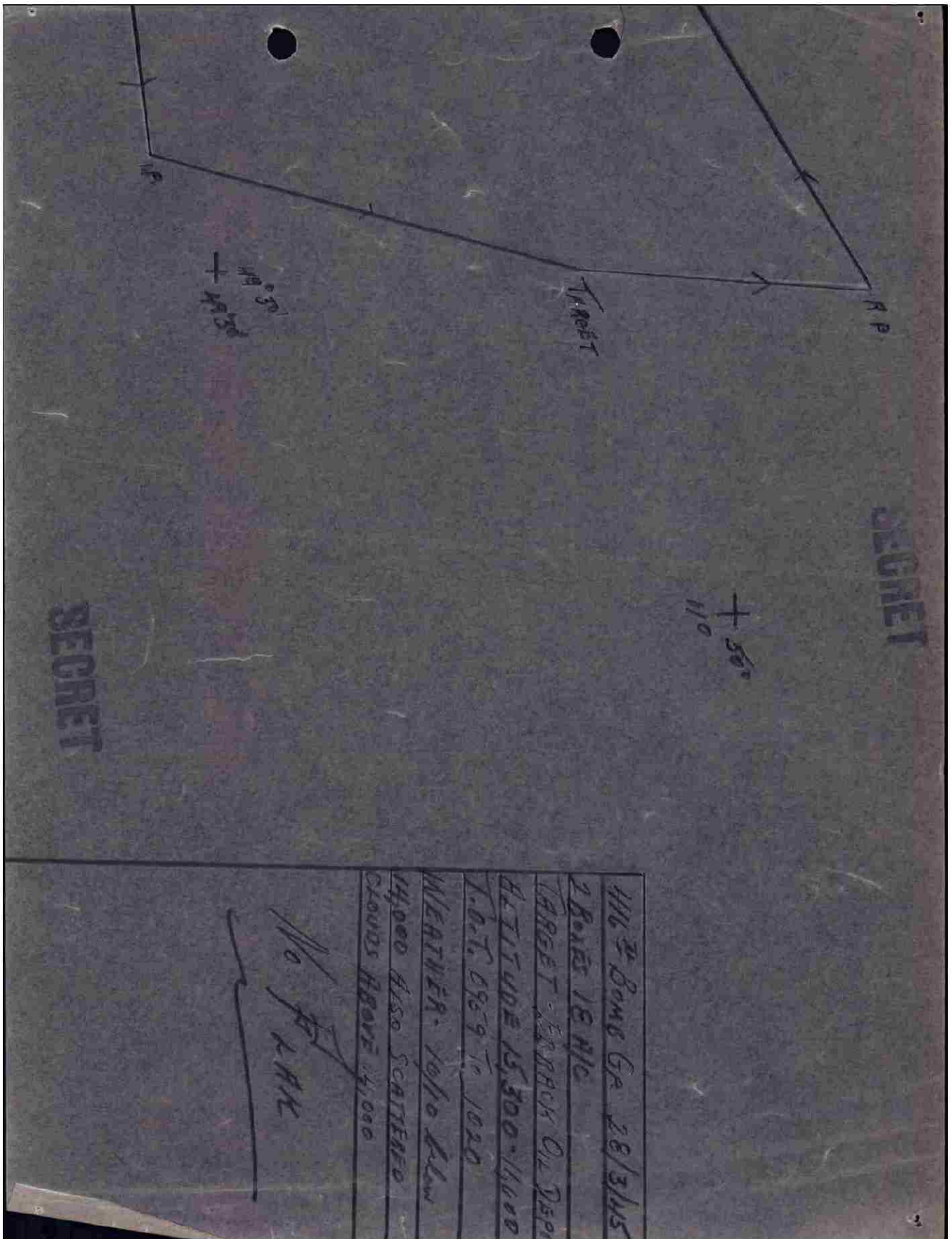
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EJ AR K

ITA R.....28/1025A

LBC B (JKI)

JEA R.....28/1025A

LEG AR KK



MISSION NO. 256

LOADING LIST

29 March 1945

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 300 E
Major H.F. Sheffer
Lt. A.R. Hand
Lt. F.A. Reeves
S/S W.F. Fuchner

2. 304 T
Lt. G.S. Jordan
Lt. R.P. Mulgrew
S/S R.E. Jensen

3. 335 W
Lt. J.W. Wright
S/S D.W. Van Gelder

4. 385 D
Lt. J.H. Montross
S/S R.S. Gandy

5. 325 L
Lt. F.H. Tank
Sgt F.B. Harmon

6. 370 O
Lt. L.R. Reinst
Sgt F.L. Greene

FLIGHT II

1. 398 Q
Lt. R.B. Hall
W/O T.L. Goss
S/S W.S. Jackson

2. 390 P
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
Sgt J.R. Vellinga

3. 2015 L
Lt. A.H. Turman
S/S C.D. Harmon

4. 205 H
Lt. W.G. Bishop
S/S I. Torres
S/S J.C. Ottaviano

5. 9915 F
Lt. W.M. De Ich
Cpl J.D. Brennan

6. 223 B
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt F.V. Corey

FLIGHT III

1. 469 A
Lt. W.R. Swinko
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist
S/S W.L. Kidd

2. 416 O
Major H.F. Gossett
S/S J.A. Hunter

3. 564 V
Lt. W.D. Chitty
S/S D.E. Barnes

4. 232 D
Lt. W.E. Downing
Sgt D.H. Neal

5. 224 E
Lt. J.C. Curtis
Sgt J.H. Matthews

6. 212 K
Capt. H.W. Bonnen
Sgt R.J. Forajo

REMARKS

274 S
Lt. J.L. Frucha
S/S A. Kochan

MISSION NO. 256
29 MARCH 1945
BOX I

MISSION NO. 256

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

28 MARCH 1945

1. 505 T
Capt. H.M. Weiss
Lt. T.M. McGartney
Lt. H.E. Nyrold
S/S G.H. Harritt

2. 498 R
Capt. R.J. Tutt
Lt. L.A. Orr
Sgt W. Wood

3. 425 G
P/O H.G. Gushel
Sgt L.J. Grooms

4. 297 T
Lt. J.R. Colquitt
S/S W.E. Lamonds

5. 183 R
Lt. R.H. Long
S/S J.L. Parker

6. 233 F
Lt. R.J. Lockner
Sgt W.E. Fidler

FLIGHT II

1. 492 R
Capt. H.L. Sowers
Lt. J. Nypita
S/S H. Heath

2. 351 G
Lt. R.G. Martin
Sgt W.R. Sumner

3. 496 L
Lt. A.V. Dwyer
Sgt V.E. Fair

4. 338 G
Lt. M.W. DuBois
S/S D.L. Griffin

5. 221 R
Lt. F.W. Wills
S/S M. Beckman

6. 252 D
Lt. G.R. Housley
Sgt F.J. Block

FLIGHT III

1. 490 F
Lt. F.J. Laskovich
Lt. R.G. Blair
S/S T. Gentry

2. 499 G
Lt. D.A. Fero
P/O R.L. Langsam
S/S T.W. Shelton

3. 369 L
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/S L.D. McElhattan

4. 239 H
Capt. G.M. Nixon
S/S A.E. Hinson

5. 250 A
Lt. L.W. Minton
Sgt F.A. Pope

6. 352 J
Lt. J.R. Wright
Sgt J.J. Ruckewich

264 I
Lt. J.W. Blowing
Sgt F. Gentry

MISSION NO. 256
28 MARCH 1945
BOX II

A.M.

P/O _____

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INTER. FORM

PILOT Prucha A/C# 274 BOX I FTT (spare)

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>12</u>	X	ON	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>with</u>	X	RETURNED			
<u>Boat</u>	X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

E / A reported - none seen

10 / 10

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

(X) (SPARE)

Luvia
INTERROGATOR

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INTERFORM

PILOT

Shacter

A/C#-

508

BOX

I

FEB

1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 22 X 1000 ON PFS-

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

Belin about 15 miles beyond target
at bearing of (7.68 - 34.22.)
dropped in 15° bank.

t.o.t. 1002
alt. 15300
Hud. - 40°
IAS - 200

PFS turned before
making 1st.

10/10 clouds from
this side of Fr. to
target.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      (X)
      X  X
        X
      X  X

X      X
X  X  X
X  X  X
X  X  X

X (SPARE)

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Don't know how PFS
dropped.

2nd box dropped short
of 1st box.

H.W.

INTERROGATOR

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Nof Kirchlauster at 0128 658

A.M.

F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERPR. FORM

PILOT Hall A/C# 398 BOX 5 REG 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : me

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

me

OBSERVATIONS :

10/10

TOT 1002
alt 15,000

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X (X)
F X X X
 X X
X X X X

 X (SPARE)

Lewis
INTERROGATOR

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A.M.

P/O _____

CONFIDENTIAL

INTER. FORM

PILOT Henke A/C# 469 BOX I EPT 3

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : 22 X 100 ON _____

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

"A" : "A-C" : "E"

None

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Time 1002
14700

Head 10°
NAS 190

One Run

Could only get 3 signals
as Bombs away -

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X (X) X

X X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

Bombed in a turn
10 undercast from
10 Sedan - 3 layers
over target

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INTERFORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : no gel fixan P. T.

0' cast all over Germany

$$T_{OT} = 1001\frac{1}{2}$$

A1t - 15, 100

MH - 0200

1A5 - 195

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

	X	
Y		X
	X	
X		X

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

X (SPARE)

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F/O _____

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INTERFORM

PILOT Zemel A/C# 378 BOX V FLT 1

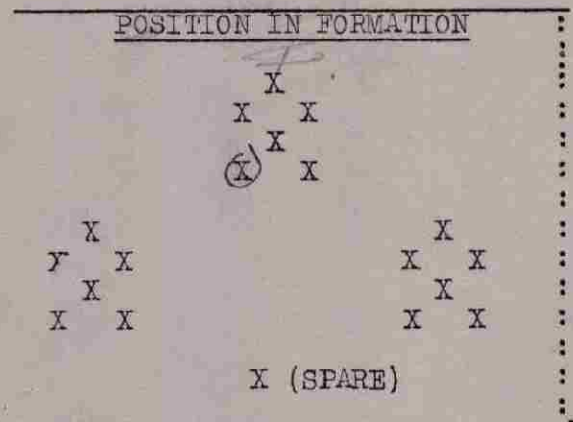
CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : nil



INTERROGATOR

Camera

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IMPER, FORM

X JETTISONED : *1107*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

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INFORM, FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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M/C _____

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Torman A/C# 2375 BOX 8 ELF

CASUALTIES -

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>PPE</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : P-47's on R.R.

OBSERVATIONS : solid chd.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X X

INTERROGATOR

Hoppe

CONFIDENTIAL

A.M.

F/O _____

CONFIDENTIAL

INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT Wright A/C# 335 BOX Y 121 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>P.P.F.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

latest enemy & picked up receiver over B.L. out.

OBSERVATIONS :

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

⊗ X
X X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

Hoppe

INTERROGATOR

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A.M.

P/O

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INTERFORM

PILOT

Borman

A/C#

212

BOX

I

FLY

3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

22

X

100

ON

P.T.

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

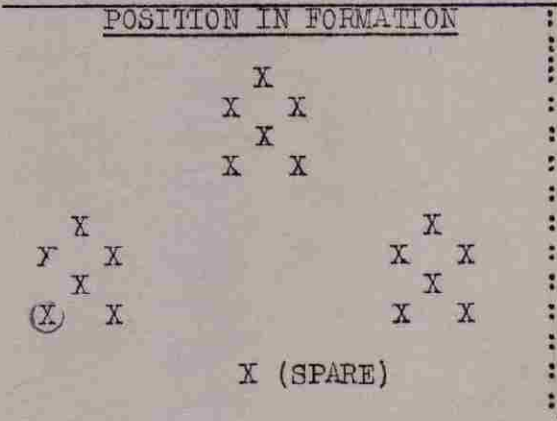
JETTISONED

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : 10/10 - 14,000 + 14,300 -
and lower, this side of B/L -



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PILOT O'Brien A/C# _____ BOX ✓ DAY 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : None 10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X
 X X
 X
 X X
 X

 X (SPARE)

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PILOT Chitty A/C# 564 BOX I TAG 3

CASUALTIES _____

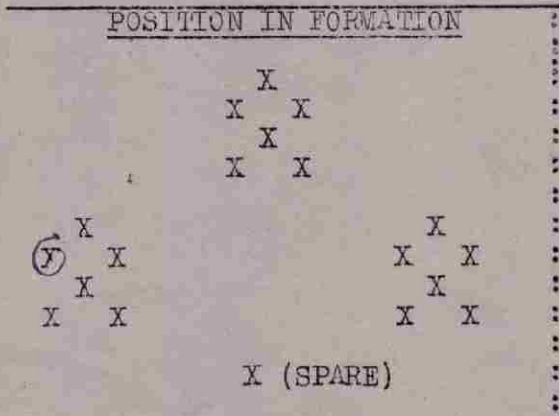
BOMBS : <u>22 X 100</u> ON <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS : None 10/10- cover, up to 15,000 ft-



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CASUALTIES

FLAK : 20.7

OBSERVATIONS : 720

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PILOT Balsh A/C# 9315 BOX V 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 22 X 100 ON _____

BATTLE DAMAGE

<u>5ⁿ</u> <u>pl</u> <u>Chase</u>	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>	

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

solid overcast most of way

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs dropped when in a bank to the right. 10% clouds up to 15000 feet. Engine trouble on route to target found pilot to pull out of formation & join later as spare.

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PILOT Tank A/C# 325 BOX 4 EST 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>22</u>	<u>X</u> <u>100</u>	ON <u>8/5-</u>	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 :
10/10 clouds up to about 14000
bombard at 15000

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X (X)

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

X X X
X X X
X X X

Surv.

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FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

10/10 clouds at tgt. & route -
not obs

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Conant A/C# 416 BOX I B

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>92X 100</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE							
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;"><u>"A"</u></td><td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;"><u>"A-C"</u></td><td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;"><u>"E"</u></td></tr><tr><td style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td><td style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td><td style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td><td style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td></tr></table>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>				
<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>								
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FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS :

10/10th ltr at 14,500
Bomb alt 15,300
layer above converging

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 Edstrom A/C# 250 BOX IV FILE 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>110</u> ON <u>JPER</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

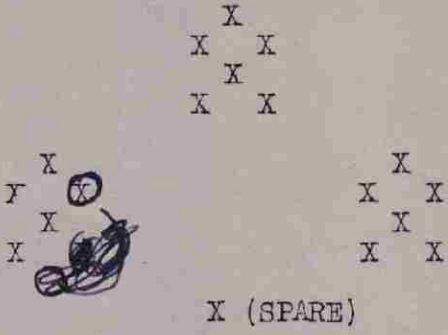
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

10/10 Clouds
no obs

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Wright A/C# 352 BOX IV REF 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>25</u> X/100		ON <u>PST-</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

1/10 clouds all way to lgt.

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

Larkner

A/C#

233

BOX

II

REP

1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

25

X/00

ON

PSS

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

14/10 clouds at tgt -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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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Wills $A/C \#$

351

BOX

126

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22

RETURNED

V

JETTISONED

X

51 A 90

 ${}^{\text{W}}A_{\text{ca}}C''$

8700 50



10/10 at target & on route over
Sernay. up to almost 15500.

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

	X	
Y		X
	X	
X		X

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

X (SPARE)

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Gunkel

BOX

127

BOMBS :	<u> X </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 :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Blevins A/C# 264 BOX II ELC (Spare)

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>22</u> X / <u>60</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : 60 / 10

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

X

X X

X X

X (X)

X

X X

X X

~~X~~ (SPARE)

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Luna

Dropped
from this
position

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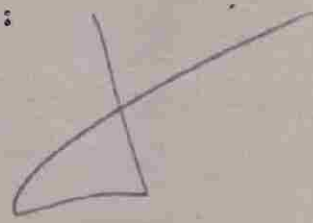
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PILOT Long A/C# 188 BOX IV EAW 1

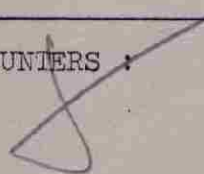
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>22</u>	X	<u>100</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		X		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X		JETTISONED			

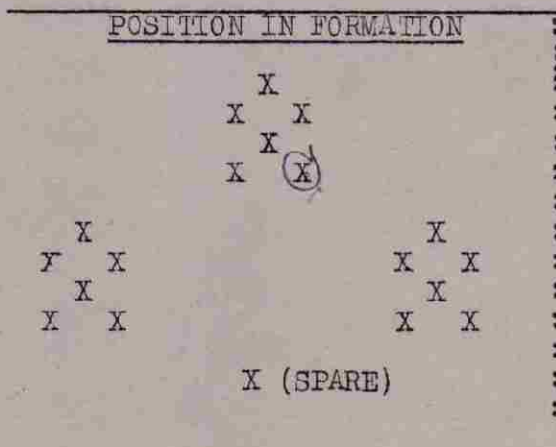
FLAK :



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS : *Dropped in our sector about 10 10hrs when lost formation after I. P. on heading of 20°. no idea of area because dropped then O cast -*



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PILOT Colquitt A/C# 297 BOX II REF 1

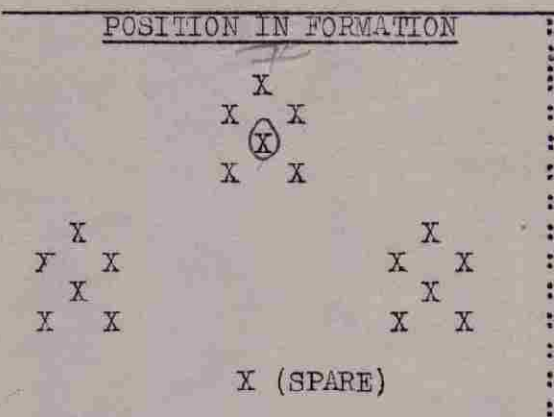
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : <u>28</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>RPR</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : nil



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FLAK 3

OBSERVATIONS :

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CASUALTIES

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

59 A 90

95. $\Delta_{\text{sub}} C^{\text{H}}$

2272-54

X JETTISONED

FLAK : *me*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *my*

0958 $\frac{3}{4}$ T. a T

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Housley A/C# 252 BOX 2 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>22 X 100</u> ON <u>(9)</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS :

Got separated from rest of flight and dropped; 1020 but don't know exactly where ~~dropped~~ dropped on instructions over radio -

101-14000

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 Evans A/C# 505 BOX IV 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>22X100</u>	ON _____	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

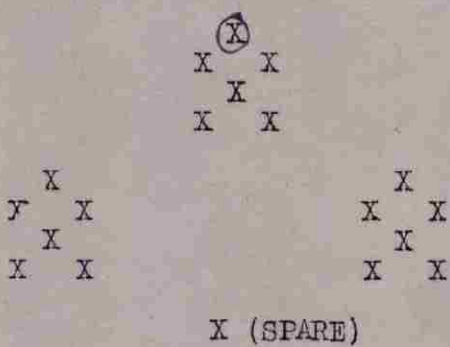
OBSERVATIONS : Bombs separated at I.P. (I left of cloud
Dropped on PPF - only 2 fls. (A+C) were in formation
of Box II at time of release.

Heard PPF call Pissaw

To 0959
alt 14,500
IAS - 200
ahis - 028 mag

See fit at our release
8.03 - 34.00
(N590370)
Looks good

POSITION IN FORMATION



Gave permission to
"R" Rogers (Capt Tutor)
to drop separately at
1012 hrs 8.01 - 34.2
(near I.P. for secondary)

Luvia

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CASUALTIES

FLAK 3

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Nest lost in over cast & dropped on

Lee. Kupitz —

POSITION IN FORMATION

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{X} \\
 \text{X} \quad \text{X} \\
 \text{X} \\
 \text{X} \quad \text{X}
 \end{array}$$

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

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

$$\text{X (SPARE)}$$

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PILOT Scummers A/C# 492 BOX IV FILE 2

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS : <u>22 X 100</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>		<u>None</u>		
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : None

OBSERVATIONS : Last formation of minutes shot of target. Made right turn - took up Gee Fix to head towards course found cross roads, took Gee coord of them and went to tgt - allowed for time of Fall was shining layer of clouds and had to go into clouds to stay in formation

Bombed Reg & Autobahn crossing $49^{\circ}41'N$
 $9^{\circ}54'E$ (N 540220)

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

TOT 1005
 A/G 11600
 head 270°
 IAS.

4 Ships Bombed in this formation A/C 492
wrt 338 381
496

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M/C _____

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PILOT Depner A/C# 496 BOX IV TLR 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>19</u>	X	<u>10-0</u>	ON <u>target</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>back marker-3</u>	<u>3</u>	X	<u>10-0</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"T"
<u>time</u>		X		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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Martin

A/C $\frac{11}{17}$ 38

BOX

127 2

Wm

X

ON

A 85

 $^{99}\text{Ag}-\text{C}^{100}$

77-1341

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

Home

home

Bombs away

Fighters didn't
catch up until 1 P

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

	X	
Y		X
	X	
X		X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

work

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PILOT Tutt A/C# 498 BOX II TLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON <u>2-Secondary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

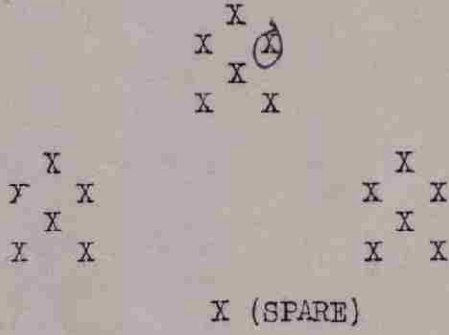
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS : Lost Slight near Primary, but did not
Bomb, dropped on Warzberg - Dropped on E.T.A.
No observations due to overcast

TOT 1010 1/2 -
Alt. - 12,500
Rest of formation, dropped white, Tutt
was in clouds. -

POSITION IN FORMATION



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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVATIONS
Dropped at 1013 on instructions from
flight leader.
Could not see flight leader drop because
of clouds.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Fero A/C# 499 BOX IV 117 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>100</u>	ON <u>Secondary</u>		
<u>X</u>		RETURNED			
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Dropped alone on 2nd day
on Gee (8.39-34.06) release Pt.
I.P. Werbach (8.24-34.08)

TOT - 1012

A/E - 14,500

MH - 260⁰⁰ (Compass out) - on way compass

IAS - 205 mph.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
X
X
X
X

X (SPARE)

X
X X
X
X X

6 miles E of Hardheim
(N330130)

Hopper

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Box #	Opstl	Date 18 Mar 1945	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader Shaefer	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATI	Comb Iisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Seq No.	Reason	F S O	F S J F R	W D A C B E D F D K W M				
1. 508			22					Shaefer 508
2. 304			22					Wright 385 Jordan 304
3. 335			22					Montrose 385
4. 385			22					Zemke 378 Tank 325
5. 325			22					
6. 378			22					
1. 398			22					
1. 330			22					
3. 2315			22					
1. 205			22					Heintke 469 Hall 398
5. 9315			22					Chitty 564 Conant 416 Turman 2315 Stankowski 330
6. 273			22					Downing 2328 Bishop 205
7. 469			22					Boorman 212 Curtiss 224 Oliver 223 Balsh 9315
2. 416			22					
3. 564			22					
4. 232			22					
5. 224			22					
6. 212			22					
274			22					(Spore) Crucha 274
418								

TOTALS FOR MISSION

By

(2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 _____ A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Cops)

(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.)

C.

(1) Time up

F.O.T.

(Obtained from Tower).

Time Down

D.

(1) No. a/c Missing

Destroyed

Damaged

Damaged

... ..

{ cat. B/C)

(cont. A)

(Obtained from Receipts).

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

	No.	Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	_____	
Bombs on Secondary	_____	_____	
Bombs on Other	_____	_____	
Bombs Returned	_____	_____	
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	_____	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).

$$\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ 132 \\ \hline 149 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 874 \\ 3 \overline{) 2622} \\ \underline{261} \\ 12 \\ \underline{12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 08/20 P P
 FROM: CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 28/1230A
 TO : COMBONDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
 COMBTWIG 97TH
 BT

Red
1320

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG R-648-J PERIOD

A. YS - 83

B. 28 MARCH 1945 (8729-1116)

C. Z-ZEBRA AND Y-YOKE REPORTED OPERATION COMPLETED TO PARADE.

D. PPF MISSION - Z-ZEBRA HEARD PATHFINDER REPORT TO GROUND CONTROL CENTER.

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. PARADE WAS REPORTED TO BE WEAK ON CHANNEL B. FIGHTERS WERE LATE AT RENDEZVOUS AND WERE VECTORED TO FORMATION BY RIPSAN AT REQUEST OF BOXLEADER.

AYLESWORTH CODOMGR 416

BT 28/1230A
 TU AR AR

ITA R.....28/1300A
 JEA R.....28/1300A

CHUCK AR
 LEC AR

To: CG 9th Bomb Division; ATT: A-2

CG 97th Combat Bomb Wing; ATT: A-2

From 416th Bomb Group (L)

Ops Priority - Secret

Ops flash for 28 March 1945 Morning Mission

A. 416th Bomb Group (L)

B EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT [~~check coordinates~~
WO-001420]

C 38 A-26s

D ~~38~~ A-26s bombed primary on P.F.F. by boxes

4 A-26s of Flight B Box II on casual (Railroad
and Autobahn crossing at N540220) This flight

2 A-26 after becoming separated from formation in overcast when
unable to rejoin picked up described casual and bombed on Gee
after becoming separated from formation in
overcast were given permission by Leader of Box II
(498)
188
to bomb near WURZBERG at (N-590370), located
by E.T.A.

~~X 100 GP on Germany~~

1 A-26 after becoming separated from formation
due to overcast dropped bombs in enemy
territory - exact location unknown.

~~1 A-26 - Separated~~
~~1 A-26 - Information~~

~~1 A-26 Information lacking - A/c unaccounted
for~~

1 - A-26 - Separated from formation by overcast
bombed 6 miles east of Hardheim (N330130)
on Gee

E 1 - A-26 - Information Lacking; A/c unaccounted for
A/c number 495

F. 638 X 100 lb G.P. on Prima
 85 X 100 lb G.P. on Casual (N540220)
 44 X 100 lb G.P. on Casual (N590370)
 22 X 100 lb G.P. on Casual unlocated
 (499) 22 X 100 lb G.P. on Casual (N330130)
 - 3 X 100 lb G.P. - Returned
 22 X 100 lb G.P. - Information lacking
 from A/c unaccounted for

F Unobserved due to weather

H 1 - A-26 A/c ^{Number 495} unaccounted for. A/c #495

I. 2 ~~unaccounted~~ unaccounted for (1 Pilot and 1 Gunner) Crew
 of A/c #495

J. Nil

K. Nil

L Box I - 15300 - Box I
 Box II 14500 - Box II
 11000 - Casual N 540220
 12500 - Casual N 590370
 - Unlocated Casual
 14500 - Casual N 330130

M. ~~Box I~~ - 1002 - Box I
~~Box II~~ 0959 - Box II
 1005 - Casual N 540 220
 1011 - Casual N 540 370
 1020 - ~~Unlocated~~ Salvoe in
 enemy territory
 1012 - Casual N 330 130

TO: CG 9TH BOMBER DIVISION; ATT: A-2
CG 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING; ATT: A-2

FROM: 416TH Bomb Group (L)

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OPS FLASH FOR 28 March 1945 Morning Mission

A. 416th Bomb Group (L)

B. Ebrach Oil Storage Depot (WO-001420)

C. 38 A-26s

D. 29 A-26s bombed primary on PFF by boxes

4 A-26s of flight B Box II on casual (Railroad and Autobahn crossing at N-540220) This flight became separated from formation in overcast. When unable to rejoin, picked up described casual and bombed on ^{on} ~~gee~~ after becoming separated from formation in overcast were given permission by leader of Box II to bomb ^{on} ~~near~~ Wurzberg at (N-590370), located by E.T.A.

1 A-26 after becoming separated from formation due to overcast dropped bombs in enemy territory- exact location unknown

1 A-26 separated from formation by overcast bombed ^{near} ~~east of~~ 6 miles east of Hardheim (N-330130) on ~~gee~~ ^{on}

E. 1-A-26 Information lacking; A/c unaccounted for
~~A/c number 123~~

F. 638 X 100 lb. G.P. on Primary

85 X 100 lb G.P. on casual (N-540220)

44 X 100 lb G.P. on casual (N-590370)

22 X 100 lb G.P. on ~~Casual Unlocated~~ ^{Salvaged in enemy territory}

22 X 100 lb G.P. on Casual (N-330130)

3 X 100 lb G.P. Returned

22 X 100 lb G.P. Information lacking from one A/c unaccounted for

G. Unobserved due to weather.

H. 1-A-28 A/c number 495 unaccounted for.

I. 2 unaccounted for (1 pilot and 1 gunner) crew of A/c #495

J. Nil

K. Nil

L. 15300- Box I

14500- Box II

11600- Casual N-540220

12500- Casual N-590370

14000- ~~unlocated~~ *casual* *salvage in enemy territory*

14500- Casual N-330130

M. 1002 - Box I

0959 - Box II

1005 - Casual N-540220

1011 - Casual N-590370

1020 - Salvage in enemy territory

1012 - Casual N-330130

*A A/c 495, Number 3 A/c, Flight A, Box II lost seen
when formation entered overcast on bomb run*

WILLIAM P. THOMAS,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 09/28 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 28/1415A
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-649-D PERIOD
 OPSFLASH FOR 28 MARCH 1945 MORNING MISSION

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT (WO-001420)

C. 38 A-26'S.

D. 29 A-26'S BOMBED PRIMARY ON PFF BY X0 BOXES
 4 A-26'S OF FLIGHT B BOX 2 ON CASUAL (RAILROAD AND AUTOBAHN
 CROSSING AT N-540220) THIS FLIGHT BECAME SEPARATED FROM
 FORMATION OVERCAST. WHEN UNABLE TO REJOIN, PICKED UP
 DESCRIBED CASUAL AND BOMBED ON GEE. 2 A-26'S AFTER BECOMING
 SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST WERE GIVEN PERMISSION BY
 LEADER OF BOX 2 TO BOMB NEAR WURZBERG AT (N-590370), LOCATED BY
 E.T.A. 1 A-26 AFTER BECOMING SEPARATED FROM FORMATION DUE TO
 OVERCAST SALVOED BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY - EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN
 1 A-26 SEPARATED FROM FORMATION BY OVERCAST BOMBED 6 MILES EAST
 OF HARDHEIM (N330130) ON GEE.

E. 1 A-26 INFORMATION LACKING; A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR.

F. 638 X 100 LB GP ON PRIMARY
 85 X 100 GP ON CASUAL (N-540220)
 44 X 100 LB GP ON CASUAL (N590370)
 22 X 100 LB GP SALVOED IN ENEMY TERRITORY
 22 X 100 LB GP ON CASUAL (N-330130)
 3 X 100 LB GP RETURNED
 22 X 100 LB GP INFORMATION LACKING FROM X ONE A/C UNACCOUNTED FOR.

G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO WEATHER.

H. 1 A-26 A/C NUMBER 495 UNACCOUNTED FOR.

I. 2 UNACCOUNTED FOR (1 PILOT AND 1 GUNNER) CREW OF A/C NO. 495.

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. 15300 - BOX 1
 14500 - BOX 2
 11600 - CASUAL N-540220
 12500 - CASUAL N-590370
 14000 - SALVO IN ENEMY TERRITORY
 14500 - CASUAL N-330130

M. 1002 - BOX 1
 0959 - BOX 2
 1005 - CASUAL N540220
 1011 - CASUAL N590370
 1020 - SALVO IN ENEMY TERRITORY
 1012 - CASUAL N330130

X. A/C 495, NUMBER 3 A/C FLIGHT A BOX 2 LAST SEEN WHEN FORMATION
 ENTERED OVERCAST ON BOMB RUN.

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BT 28/1415A
 EW BBBBEBB

ITA R.....28/1535A CHUCK KK
 JEA R.....2;28/1540A LEG KK

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 11/28 P P

FROM: HDQTS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 28/1510A
TO HDQTS 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) KIN ATTN: A-2 P.I.
HDQTS 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.

BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-652-D PERIOD

B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE DEPOT

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO 10/10 CLOUD COVER.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 28/1510A
EW BBBBBB TO ITA ONLY

ITA R.....281542A JLP KKKK
JEA R.....27/1543A WCB AR



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To CG 9th Bomber Division; ATT: A-2

CG 9th Combat Bomb Wing; ATT: A-2

From 416th Bomb Group

Operational Priority - Secret

Amendment to Opstask for 28 March 1945 Morning Mission

~~A~~ Paragraph D to read as follows

29 - A-26's bombed primary on PFF by boxes

4 - A-26's of Flight B Box II on casual (Railroad and Autobahn crossing at N540220) This flight became separated from formation in overcast. When unable to rejoin, picked up described casual and bombed on Gee.

2 - A-26's After becoming separated from formation in overcast, were given permission by leader of Box II to bomb Wurzburg (N590370) located by E.T.A

1 - A-26 Separated from formation in overcast ~~bomb~~ jettisoned bombs in enemy territory; exact location unknown.

1 - A-26 Separated from formation in overcast bombed Walldurn (N180115) the briefed secondary ^{on Gee} This A/c was reported as having bombed 6 miles east of Havelheim (N330130)

Paragraph F line 5 to read

22 X 100 lb G.P. on Secondary (Walldurn N-180115)

Paragraph L Line 6 to read
14500 - Secondary (N-180115)

Paragraph M Line 6 to read
1012 - Secondary (N-180115)

TO : CG, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION , ATTN, A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING, ATTN, A-2

FROM : 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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AMENDMENT TO OPSFLASH FOR 28 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

PARA D. TO READ AS FOLLOWS :

22 A-26's BOMBED PRIMARY ON PTF BY BOXES

4 A-26's OF FLIGHT B BOX II ON CASUAL (RAILROAD AND
AUTOBAHN CROSSING AT N-540220) THIS FLIGHT BECAME
SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST. WHEN UNABLE TO
REJOIN, PICKED UP DESCRIBED CASUAL AND BOMBED ON GEE.

2 A-26's AFTER BECOMING SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN
OVERCAST, WERE GIVEN PERMISSION BY LEADER OF BOX II
TO BOMB WURZBERG (590370) LOCATED BY E.T.A.

1 A-26' SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST JETTISONED
BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY; EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN.

1 A-26 SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST BOMBED
WALLDURN (N-180115) THE BRIEFED SECONDARY ON GEE.
THIS A/C WAS REPORTED AS HAVING BOMBED 6 MILES EAST OF
HARDHEIM (N330130)

PARA. F. LINE 5 TO READ :

22 x100 lb GP ON SECONDARY (WALLDURN N-180115)

PARA. L. LINE 6 TO READ :

14500 SECONDARY (N-180115)

PARA. M. LINE 6 TO READ

1012 SECONDARY (N-180115)

SIGNED ... MAJOR WILLIAM P. THOMAS.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 16/28 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 28/1645A
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-657-D PERIOD
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AMENDMENT TO OPSFLASH FOR 28 MARCH 1945 (MORNING MISSION)
 PARA D. TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 29 A-26'S BOMBED PRIMARY ON PFF BY BOXES
- 4 A-26'S OF FLIGHT B BOX 2 ON CASUAL (RAILROAD AND AUTOBAHN CROSSING AT N-540220) THIS FLIGHT BECAME SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST. WHEN UNABLE TO REJOIN, PICKED UP DESCRIBED CASUAL AND BOMBED ON GEE.
- 2 A-26'S AFTER BECOMING SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST, WERE GIVEN PERMISSION BY LEADER OF BOX 2 TO BOMB WURZBERG (N-590370) LOCATED BY E.T.A.
- 1 A-26 SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN OVERCAST JETTISONED BOMBS IN ENEMY TERRITORY; EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN.
- 1 A-26 SEPARATED FROM KKK FORMATION IN OVERCAST BOMBED WALLDURN (N-180115) THE BRIEFED SECONDARY ON GEE.
 THIS A/C WAS REPORTED AS HAVING BOMBED 6 MILES EAST OF HARDHEIM (N-330130)

PARA. F. LINE 5 TO READ:
 22 X 100 LB GP ON SECONDARY (WALLDURN N-108115)

PARA. L. LINE 6 TO READ:
 14500 SECONDARY (N-180115)

PARA. M. LINE 6 TO READ:
 1012 SECONDARY (N-180115)
 WILLIAM P. THOMAS., MAJOR AIR CORP.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 28/1645A
 CC: PARA. M. 2ND LINE: 14500 SECONDARY ~~KK-20~~ (N-180115)

EW AR AR

ITA R.....28/1703A CHUCK B B OP
 JEA R.....28/1703A SH AR K
 K

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

AUTH: CO STA

DATE: 30 Mar. 1945

INIT:

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 353 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 28 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 354 97th OPR F-62229-353

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Bruck Oil Storage Depot
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0750 Landing time 1151
Time over target 0950-1020 Bombing Altitude 11,600-15,300
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 8-10/100 clear over in target area
Results Unobserved due to weather
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 38 F-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
1 Bruck Oil Storage Depot
1 Casual at A-59020
1 Wrecking (A-590370) Casual
1 Wrecking (A-100115) Casual

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: 1 lost formation in overcast. 1 information lacking. Lost
one when formation entered overcast on bomb run.
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: None
(4) Other: None

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 1 - lost soon when formation
entered overcast on bomb run

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 38

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) 12:00b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air 72000 x .50 cal.b. Expended on operations Nonec. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None x .50 cal.

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: 216 x 1000 lb Bomb 1/100 Ball onlyb. Expended on operations: 600 - Bomb 100 lb (1000 lb)
(List targets separately) 60 - Bomb 100 lb (1000 lb)c. Jettisoned 44 - Bomb 100 lb (1000 lb) 44 - Bomb 100 lb (1000 lb) 44 - Bomb 100 lb (1000 lb) 44 - Bomb 100 lb (1000 lb)d. 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	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
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. Dcs Nonec. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

PRIORITY

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416 BG R _____ E

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28 MARCH 1945

PFF REPORT FROM 416 BOMBER ON OPERATIONAL MISSION 28 MARCH 1945.

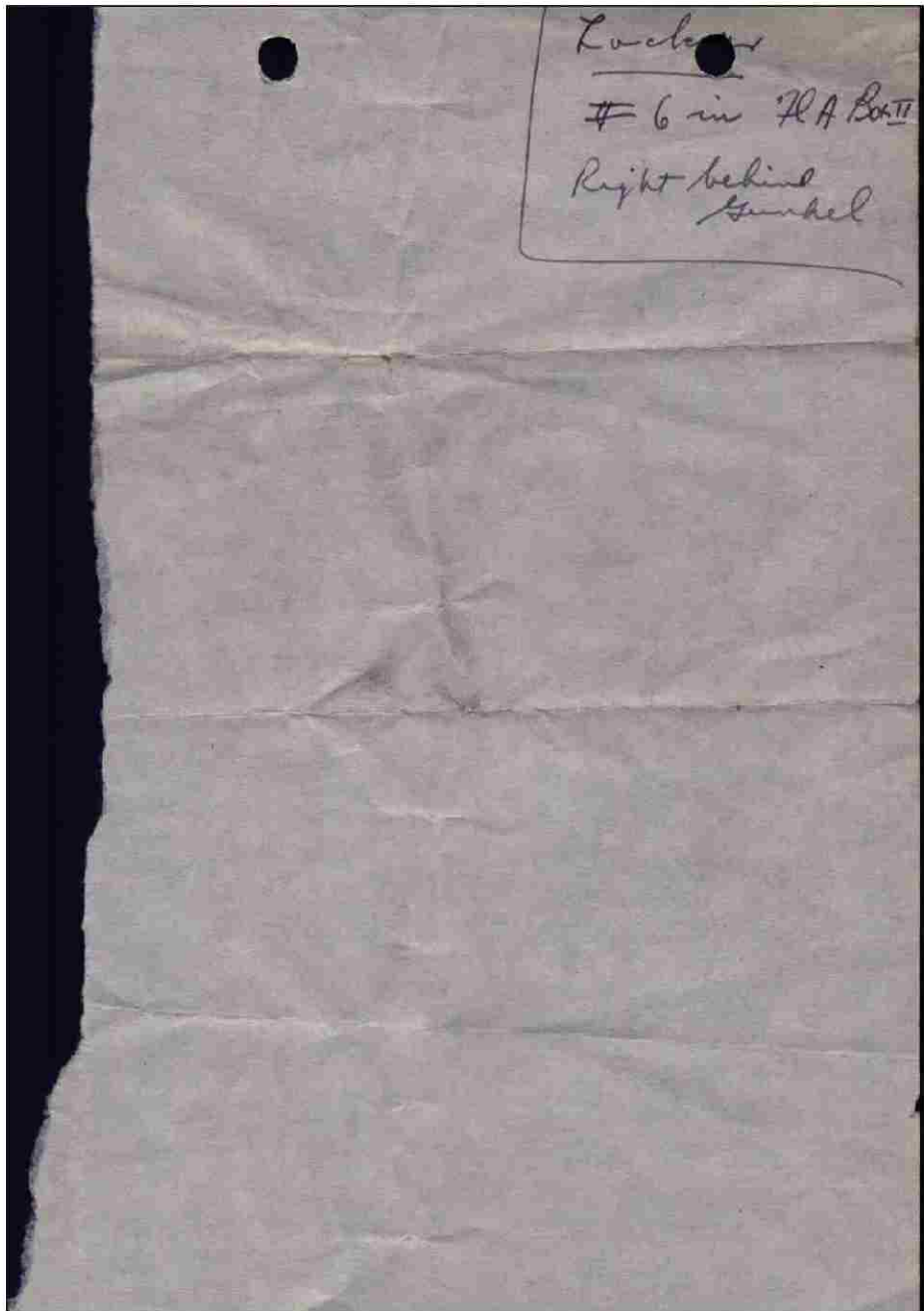
FIRST PATHFINDER LEAD TO AND FROM TARGET SATISFACTORY HOWEVER PATHFINDER OVER
RAN TARGET AREA AND DROPPED BOMBS IN FIFTEEN (15) DEGREE BANK. IT IS POINTED OUT
THAT BOMBING IN A TURN IS NOT ONLY INACCURATE BUT ENGAGES OTHER AIRCRAFT IN FORMATION.
SECOND PATHFINDER SATISFACTORY EXCEPT PATHFINDER LED SECOND BOX THROUGH CLOUD FORMATION
WHICH CAUSED PART OF THAT BOX TO BECOME LOST.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

I certify that this is official business

RICHARD V. WHEELER.
Captain, Air Corps.
Asst Operations Officer.

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Mission # 256--28 March '45

Taking off in extremely bad weather, 36 planes attempted to bomb the Erbach oil storage depot. Trying to get up through the overcast, the formation got split up. Two PPF planes were leading the boxes. Twenty-nine of the planes dropped on the PPF planes. Gee fixes and D/R in the first box indicate that the results were probably poor, with the bombs landing about 15 miles east of the target.

Four planes of the second box could not get up through the overcast and chose a railroad and autobahn crossing on Gee equipment.

Two planes, also separated from the formation, did not see the bombs of the formation go away and got permission from the box leader to bomb near Wurzburg. Another single plane got permission to bomb when he was separated from the formation--the location of his bombs is unknown. Another single plane, using Gee equipment, dropped its bombs ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ on Waaldurn.

One plane, piloted by Lieutenant Gunkel, disappeared from the formation and is unaccounted for at present. His gunner, Sgt. L.J. Grzona, and Lt. Gunkel are MIA.

There was no flak and no enemy fighters.

JES JPO JKI VIA JEA V JJF 19/28 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ 28/1500
 TO CG IX BOMB DIV
 CG 99 98 97 BOMB WINGS
 CO 323 416 397 322 394 409 344 391 BOMB GPS
 SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ R-677-E

1339

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322 BOMB GROUP
 B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STORAGE RB-84604290
 C. TWO B 26
 D. TWO B 26 BOX 1 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT. BOX TWO DROPPED ON FIRST BOX EQUIPMENT FAILURE
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 260'S FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. NOREDAQI. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. NONE
 L. 13500 AND 13000 PRIMARY
 M. 0954 AND 0954 PRIMARY
 OBSERVATIONS : AND COMMENTS: LOW FLIGHT DROPPED 4 SEC LATE. FIRST BOX GROUP FORMATION SUPERIOR
 GROUP NAVIGATION SUPERIOR

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 344 BOMB GROUP
 B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STORAGE RB 84804275
 C. TWO B 26
 D. TWO B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 135000 AND 12500 PRIMARY
 M. 1215 AND 1215 1/2 PRIMARY
 REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
 B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STOARE RB 84804275
 C. 2 B 26
 D. TWO B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY 4 X 260 FRAGS PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 13500 AND 13000 PRIMARY
 M. 1037 AND 1039 PRIMARY

REMARKS GROUP FORMATION GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
 B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO-001420
 C. TWO B 26
 D. TWO B 26 CASUAL ON GEE BUCHEM WN-150031 GERCHSHEIM WN-479251
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP AND 4 X 260 FRAGS CASUAL WEATHER
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10 TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 13500 AND 11500 CASUAL
 M. 11000 AND 1112 CASUAL

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO-001420
 C. TWO B 26
 D. ONE B 26 PRIMARY ON E.T. A. ONE B 26 PRIMARY ON GEE. EQUIPMENT FAILURE
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP AND 4 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 15000 AND 14300 PRIMARY
 M. 1000 AND 0958 1/2 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION VERY GOOD

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 323 BOMB GROUP
 B. EBRACH OIL STORAGE WO-001420
 C. TWO B 26
 D. ONE B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT ONE B 26 SALVOED 3 MI EAST OF
 TARGET "J" OFFHOF ROUTE
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY AND 4 X 260 FRAGS SALVOED
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 15000 PRIMARY AND 16000 SALVOED WEATHER
 M. 1036 PRIMARY AND SALVOED AT 1040

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391 BOMB GROUP
 B. NEUENHEERSE OIL STORAGE RB-84804275
 C. TWO B 26
 D. TWO B 26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP AND 4 X 260 FRAGS ON PRIMARY
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10TH
 H. THRU K NONE
 L. 13500 AND 13000 PRIMARY
 M. 1053-1/2 AND 1055 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT

REPORT ON 397 BOMB GROUP WILL FOLLOW

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ

BT 28/1500
 SSR AR
 CC IN 409 GROUP
 M. W A IS TO READ 1100 NOT AS SENT
 (LCB AR)

JES R. 28/1555A JGN AR H KK
 JPO R. 28/1600A WAC AR KK
 JKI R. 28/1630A F R

JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF NR 27/24 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 24/1900A
 TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION
 C G 97 BOMB WING
 C O 409TH, 416TH BOMB GROUP
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-601-D
 CORRECTION TO OPFLASH R-581-D

- 1142
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409 BOMB GROUP
 - B. FLAK POSITIONS N RA 198606
 - C. 2 B-26'S
 - D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT. 1ST BOX.
 1. B-26 PRIMARY ON NORDEN EQUIPMENT FAILURE. PFF LEADING.
 - E. NONE
 - F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
 - G. 1ST BOX PFF VERY GOOD GROUP UNKNOWN
 2ND BOX FAIR TO GOOD
 - H. NONE
 - I. NONE
 - J. NE WEAK INACCURATE, HEAVY TARGET AREA AND VASEVELD RA 125719
 - K. NONE
 - L. 12,500 - 11,800 PRIMARY
 - M. 0829 - 0829 1/2 PRIMARY

GROUP FORMATION OVER RAN PFF ONCE, NOT VERY CLOSE AT X RELEASE,
 WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416 BOMB GROUP
 - B. FLAK POSITIONS RA 158586
 - C. 1 B-26
 - D. 1 B-26 CASUAL ZELHEM RA 051795. GROUP TOOK OVER FOR VISUAL, PFF
 COULD NOT KEEP UP WITH THEM SO BOMBED CASUAL.
 - E. NONE
 - F. 4 X 500 GP CASUAL
 - G. UNOBSERVED
 - H. THRU K. NONE
 - L. 12,500 CASUAL
 - M. 0812 CASUAL

GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD
 6 FW-190'S SEEN AT CASUAL TARGET FLYING LOW.

C O 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 24/1900A
 JN /

MILT A
 RELAYED BY RL AR

JKI R VIA JEA.....24/2011A JF AR

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)MISSION SUMMARY #95

Field Order 823

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
322 BG	Neuenheerse (B-846428) Oil Storage Depot	Undet. (PTF)
344 BG	Neuenheerse (B-846428) Oil Storage Depot	Undet. (PTF)
394 BG	Neuenheerse (B-846428) Oil Storage Depot	Undet. (PTF)
391 BG	Neuenheerse (B-846428) Oil Storage Depot	Undet. (PTF)
416 BG	Ebrach (O-001420) Oil Storage Depot	Box I - NAO (PTF, ETA) Box II - NAO (PTF, GEE)
397 BG	Ebrach (O-001420) Oil Storage Depot	Box I - Undet. (PTF) Box II - Flight A - NAO (GEE) Flight B - NAO (ETA) Flight C - No attack
323 BG	Ebrach (O-001420) Oil Storage Depot	Undet. (PTF & GEE)
409 BG	Ebrach (O-001420) Oil Storage Depot	No attack

One group failed to attack due
to inclement weather prior to
I.P.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Five groups, plus 2 boxes from each of two others, attacked two oil storage depots with UNDETERMINED results. One box from each of two groups attacked secondaries and other targets.

Medanheerse (Oil Storage Depot)

322 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 32 dropping 819 X 100 GP, 3 X 260 Frags on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 12,100 - 12,800 feet.

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

344 BG: 29 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 28 dropping 724 X 100 GP, 6 X 260 Frags on Primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

Two a/c lost as a result of mid-air collision in bad weather near base preparatory to landing. 12 crewmen killed.

No further losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes of PFF from 12,000 - 13,300 feet.

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

394 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 32 dropping 244 X 500 GP, 4 X 260 Frags on Primary. 1 spare a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 12,000 - 13,500 feet.

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

391 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), all dropping 240 X 500 GP, 4 X 500 GP, 4 X 260 Frags on and in vicinity of Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

No photo coverage due to cloud cover; Crews report observing smoke coming up through the cloud layer.

Ubrach (Oil Storage Depot)

416 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 36 A-26, 2 PFF), 31 (29 A-26, 2 PFF) dropping 531 X 100 GP, 4 X 500 GP, 4 X 260 Frags on Primary. 4 dropping 80 X 100 GP on railroad and Autobahn crossing at K-540220. 2 dropping 44 X 100 GP at K-540379. 1 dropping 22 X 100 GP on Secondary Walldurn (N-180110). Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which is missing.

1 a/c failed to bomb: weather. This a/c salvaged 22 X 100 GP in enemy territory at an undetermined location.

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The a/c mentioned above as missing is unreported. 2 crewmen are missing.
No losses, damage, further casualties.

- Bombing by boxes on PFF (Box I on ETA, Box II on Gee) from 14,500 - 15,300 feet.

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

397 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 15 dropping 386 X 100 GP, 4 X 500 GP, 4 X 260 Frags on Primary. 3 dropping 82 X 100 GP on Secondary. 1 (PFF) dropping 4 X 500 GP on Ederbach (S-520799). 5 dropping 126 X 100 GP on OTHER. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c, 1 of which is missing and the other having landed at Florennes/Juzaine.

8 a/c failed to bomb: 7, weather, 1 of which jettisoned 28 X 100 GP approximately 20 miles S of Primary; 1, mechanical.

1 a/c mentioned above as missing is unreported. 6 crewmen missing.

No losses, damage or further casualties.

Bombing by boxes and flights (Box I PFF, Box II, Flight A, group lead (Gee) Flight B, group lead (ETA) from 13,500 - 15,000 feet.

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

Box II - Flt. A - NAO (Gee). This flight became separated from rest of formation before IP due to weather and bombed Secondary, Kitzingen (N-746290). No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Flt. B - NAO (ETA). This flight became separated from rest of formation near IP while climbing through clouds on instruments and bombed Bad Mergentheim (N-473012). No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Flight C. NO ATTACK. Flight separated from formation - weather.

323 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 19 dropping 493 X 100 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 dropping 84 X 100 GP on Gee at Secondary, Kitzingen (N-746290) when PFF a/c was J'd off. 1 (PFF) dropping 4 X 260 Frags 3 miles E of Primary. 1 dropping 28 X 100 GP at S-790790, 1 dropping 28 X 100 GP at N-810070.

7 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 6, weather.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by box on PFF from 5,000 - 15,000 feet.

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

409 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 35 A-26, 3 A-20, 2 PFF); none bombed Primary. 1 (PFF) dropping 4 X 500 GP on Buchem (N-150031). 1 (PFF) dropping 4 X 260 Frags on Gerchsheim (N-479251) after abandoning operations on Primary. 3 window a/c.

35 a/c failed to bomb: weather (1 of these a/c jettisoning 6 X 500 IB at S-830850, 1 jettisoning 6 X 500 IB at S-800930).

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

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

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Section II

A/C OFF

273

A/C Bombing	213
A/C Failing to Bomb	4
A/C Recalled (Weather)	49
Other	
Window	3
Spare	1
Bombs of 3 A/C Unaccounted for	7

TOTAL

273

Bombs on Enemy Territory	313.98
Total Bombs to Date	137,191.86

A/C Lost (344 BG)	2
A/C Missing (397 BG; 416 BG-A-25)	2
A/C Crash-Landed	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
Killed	12
Wounded	0
Missing	8
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>
344	1	Mechanical	Left engine trouble.
394	1	Mechanical	Left engine trouble.
397	1	Mechanical	Right engine cutting out.
323	1	Mechanical	Rack malfunction.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Newengheerse 322 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus top 3000 ft. Visibility unlimited above cloud.

344 BG: 9-10/10 top 7000 ft. Visibility 10 miles.

394 BG: 5/10 - 8/10 patchy strato-cumulus with large patch obscuring target. Stratocumulus top 8000 base 3000 ft. estimated. Smoke from previous bombing towered to altitude over target. Visibility air to air, 10 miles, and 5 miles air to ground through holes.

391 BG: 10/10 low cloud top estimated 6000 ft. Scattered medium cloud base estimated 16,000 ft. Visibility excellent.

Librach 416 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus top 4000 base 2000 ft. 8-10/10 altocumulus and altostratus 14,000 top 11000 base. Another layer 15000 top 15000 base. Air to air visibility 5 miles between layers.

397 BG: 10/10 multilayer top 16,000 ft. Visibility zero on bomb run.

323 BG: 10/10 strato-cumulus top 3000 ft. 10/10 multilayer cloud 5000-17000 ft. Light to moderate clear and fine ice. Visibility 200 yds. in cloud.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	266
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0

Flak was not encountered en route or at the target. Adverse weather conditions probably kept enemy gunners inactive.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

P.O.T.'s: 0953 to 1112

No e/a encountered during mission.

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