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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 01/15 (INFO-INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0055B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

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ADV. INFO COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (945076)
(2) BLIZZARD
(3) SHOWDOWN
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (883879)
(2) SKIPPER
(3) PALLMALL
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (945076)
(2) MUSKRAT
(3) GAYLIFE

PLAN "B"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
(2) BLIZZARD
(3) SHOWDOWN
(4) SWEEPSTAKES
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (883879)
(2) SKIPPER
(3) PALLMALL
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
(2) MUSKRAT
(3) GAYLIFE
(4) SWEEPSTAKES

PLAN "C"

- (A) 409TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
(2) BLIZZARD
(3) SHOWDOWN
(4) SWEEPSTAKES
- (B) 416TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
(2) MUSKRAT
(3) GAYLIFE
(4) SWEEPSTAKES

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BT 15/0055B

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ITA R	 15/0103B	HAS	AR
JES R	 15/0103B	JGN	AR
JKI R	 15/0103B	DM	W AR
JPO R	 15/0115B	HJS	AR

ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 03/15 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0133B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 416

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SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE
INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 254-852

PLAN "A" VISUAL

1. TARGET: KEMPTEN ORDNANCE DEPOT AT WX-945076. GN-5846. THE 409TH ON ILLUSTRATION 3(K)71/2, WILL COVER AREA BOUNDED BY 032047 - 039030 - 062021 - 052056. THE 416TH WILL COVER BUILDINGS 17-24 WITH BOX 1, AND BUILDINGS 9-16 WITH BOX 2. SEE INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 253-850 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

PLAN "B" PPF

PLAN "C" VISUAL

1. TARGET: ZERBST (TOWN OF) D-988830. THIS TOWN IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES EAST OF THE ADVANCING 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION. THIS IS A GROUND REQUEST TARGET.
2. MAP COVERAGE:
GSGS 4416 SHEET P-6

PHOTO COVERAGE:
ILLUSTRATION NO. 3/AIR/139/1
GU 4082.
106W36 PRINT NO. 7014, 7015
3. PLOTTED FLAK POSITIONS ON ROUTE TO TARGET IN QUESTION AT PRESENT TIME DUE TO THE ADVANCE OF THE 83RD INF.
4. CURRENT BOMBLINE AT NEAREST POINT IS APPROXIMATELY 4 1/2 MILES N W OF TARGET.

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ITA R

JES R..... 15/0255B DC AR

JKI R..... 15/0255BEHR AR

ITA PLS T B F R

15/0255B CJD AR

ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 05/15 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0355B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409, 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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P-125-E

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

FIELD ORDER NO. 254-852

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
(2) 19 TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 410 GROUP ON PLAN "A" AND "B". 8 AF WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409 AND 416 ON PLAN "A". 9 TAC WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS ON PLAN "B" AND "C".
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A"	15/1300B
" " " "B"	15/1300B
" " " "C"	15/1300B

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS JRT MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
 - (9) MPI: ILL. 3(K) 71/2 COVER AREA BOUNDED BY REF.: 032047, 039030, 062021 AND 052056. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:
 - (1) GUNZBURG M/Y (X-883879)
 - (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 105 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
 - (4) BASE TO V-7878 TO W-3748 TO W-6825 TO X-3052 TO IP TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO RP TO X-7562 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 9,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) X-7562.
 - (8) GEN. S W TO N E.
 - (9) MPI: ILL. 3/AIR/209/1 COVER M/Y FROM 106072 TO 120077.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 - (11) Y-0080.
 - (12) GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY.
 - (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.
 - (C) PRIMARY GEE.
 - (D) ALTERNATE GEE
 - (E) ALTERNATE E.T.A. ONLY IF ALTERNATE TARGET X-5961 IS SELECTED.
 - (13) GROUP MAY SELECT ANY OF THE ALTERNATE TARGETS LISTED BELOW:
 - W-8031
 - W-2565
 - X-4011
 - X-4112
 - X-5961. THE M/Y AT THESE POINTS WILL BE ATTACKED.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

- (2) WITH FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 60 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (9) MPI: ILL. 3(K)71/2
1ST BOX COVER BUILDINGS 17 THROUGH 24 INCLUSIVE.
2ND " " " 9 " 16 "
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

X. 1 - 3 NO CHANGE

- (4) EMERGENCY FIELDS: Y-1, Y-2, A-96, Y-59, Y-54, Y-46.

FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS

- (5) TARGET: KEMPTEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (X-945076)
- (6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO V-7878 TO W-3748 TO W-6825 TO X-3821 TO IP TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 9,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN.
DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (10) IP: X-5801.
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. W S W TO E N E.
- (12) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. M-76 INCENDIARY FUSED INST. NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.
- (13) RP: X-3821.
- (14) GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) PRIMARY VISUALLY.
 - (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.
 - (C) ALTERNATE GEE
 - (D) ALTERNATE E.T.A. ONLY IF ALTERNATE TARGET, X-5961 IS SELECTED.
- (15) GROUPS MAY SELECT ANY OF THE ALTERNATE TARGETS LISTED BELOW:
 - W-8031
 - W-2565
 - X-4011
 - X-4112
 - X-5961. THE M/Y AT THESE POINTS WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (16) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DUE TO P/W CAMP 3 MILES SOUTH OF PRIMARY TARGET AND DUE TO PROXIMITY OF SWISS BORDER.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 55 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS. WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (9) MPI: ILL. 6(D)(VI)125/6 COVER AREA BOUNDED BY REF.: 024046, 024037, 081051, 081060 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 65428080. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 90 MIN.

3. B. 410TH BOMB GROUP:

- (1) GUNZBURG M/Y (X-883879)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 08 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS. WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO V-7878 TO W-3748 TO W-6825 TO X-3860 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO Y-0080 TO X-7562 TO X-3860 AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT: 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET.
2ND BOX 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN.
DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) MPI: ILL. 3/AIR/209/1 COVER M/Y FROM REF.: 106072 TO 120077 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 88008780.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. GP. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 30 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 PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE X-7562 AS A VISUAL IP. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.
 - (B) PRIMARY GEE.
 - (C) ALTERNATE GEE.
 - (D) ALTERNATE E.T.A. ONLY IF ALTERNATE TARGET X-5961 IS SELECTED.

(14) GROUP MAY SELECT ANY OF THE ALTERNATE TARGETS LISTED BELOW:

W-8031

W-2565

X-4011

X-4112

X-5961. THE M/Y AT THESE POINTS WILL BE ATTACKED.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 70 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS. WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD.

(9) MPI: ILL. 6(D)(VI)125/6 COVER AREA BOUNDED BY REF.: 083055, 085015, 091019, 091050, 104056, 103061 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. PPF MPI: GRID. COORD.: 66588100. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

(12) TOT: ZERO PLUS 105 MIN.

X. 1 - 3 NO CHANGE.

(4) EMERGENCY FIELDS: Y-1, Y-2, A-96, Y-59, Y-54, Y-46.

FOR THE 409 AND 416 GROUPS

(5) TARGET: ULM M/Y (X-655809)

(6) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.

(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO V-7878 TO W-3784 TO W-6825 TO X-1258 TO TARGET.

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO X-5961 TO W-6825 AND RETRACE TO BASE.

(9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT: 1ST BOX 13,000 FEET.

2ND BOX 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 4,000 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

(10) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. M-76 INCENDIARY FUSED INST. NOSE, NON-DELAY TAIL.

(11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE X-4867 AS A VISUAL IP. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:

(A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY.

(B) PRIMARY GROUP GEE.

(C) ALTERNATE GROUP GEE

(D) ALTERNATE E.T.A. ONLY IF ALTERNATE TARGET X-5961 IS SELECTED.

(12) GROUPS MAY SELECT ANY OF THE ALTERNATE TARGETS LISTED BELOW:

W-8031

W-2565

X-4011

X-4112

X-5961. THE M/Y AT THESE POINTS WILL BE ATTACKED.

PLAN "C" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT G-0522 AT 9,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 45 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.

(9) MPI: ILL. 3/AIR/139/1 COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY REF.: 016032, 028039, 030028, 016027. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.

3. C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT G-0522 AT 9,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 60 MIN.
 FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
 (9) MPI: ILL. 3/AIR/139/1 COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY REF.:
 016027, 030028, 027017, 016021. INTERVALOMETER SETTING
 100 FEET.

- X. 1 - 3 NO CHANGE.
 (4) EMERGENCY FIELDS: Y-1, Y-2, A-96, Y-59, Y-54, Y-46.
 (5) TARGET: ZERBST COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (D-988830)
 (6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO G-0522 TO D-4496 TO IP TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO RP TO D-3982 AND RETRACE
 ROUTE TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN
 TO BUT NOT BELOW 7,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN.
 DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (10) IP: D-7179.
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. W TO E.
 (12) BOMB LOAD: Y X 500 LB. M-76 INCENDIARY FUSED INST. NOSE, NON-
 DELAY TAIL.
 (13) RP: D-7179.
 (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS
 RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (945076)
 (2) BLIZZARD
 (3) SHOWDOWN
 B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (883879)
 (2) SKIPPER
 (3) PALLMALL
 C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (945076)
 (2) MUSKRAT
 (3) GAYLIFE

PLAN "B"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
 (2) BLIZZARD
 (3) SHOWDOWN
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES
 B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (883879)
 (2) SKIPPER
 (3) PALLMALL
 C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
 (2) MUSKRAT
 (3) GAYLIFE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

PLAN "C"

- (A) 409TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
 (2) BLIZZARD
 (3) SHOWDOWN
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES
 (B) 416TH BOMB GROUP: (988830)
 (2) MUSKRAT
 (3) GAYLIFE
 (4) SWEEPSTAKES

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ITA R

JES R

JES R15/0715B

JGN

AR KK

KI R15/0715B

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Q R X

PLAN C VISUAL X. (12) SHOULD READ

BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 NOT Y X 500

T B F R

ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 06/15 OP OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 15/0555B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 416

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SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 FIELD ORDER NO. 254-852

CANCELL PLAN "B" ON INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER
NO. 254-852.

(1) TARGET: ULM M/Y X-655809

(2) MAP COVERAGE

-----GSGS 4416 SHEET W-4

PHOTO COVERAGE:

-----GH 5525

ILLUSTRATION NO. 6(D)(VI)125/3,4,5,6,7.

ILLUSTRATION NO. 3(H)42/6

P 308 683 SQDRN POINT NO. 4114

(3) FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS

(4) TARGET IS WILL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.

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BT 15/0555B

WCB AR

ITA R.....150622B CJD AR
JES R.....15/0622B DC AR
JKI R.....15/0622B DM AR

MV

ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA

JEA 08/15

OP - OP

S-2
S-3
S16

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

15/0930B

TO : IX BOMB DIV.

409TH BOMB GROUP.

410TH BOMB GROUP.

416TH BOMB GROUP.

1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

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15 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 254-852

CANCEL PLAN "A" AND PLAN "C".

PLAN "B" IN EFFECT WITH ZERO HOUR -- 15/1300B --

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

(7) BASE TO V-7878 TO W-3742 TO W-6825 TO X-1258 TO TARGET.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 15/0930B

FK-AR

ITA R.....15/1/// 15/0943B HCB AR

JJF R.....15/0945B JN AR

WKI R.....15/0945B FD AR

JES RA.....15/0945B JJH AR

FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : CG, 9TH BOMB DIV.
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING (L)

SECRET OPS PRIORITY

REF. ILL. NO. 6(D)(vi)125/6

MIP.I.'S IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT
PRIMARY TARGET. ... ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES :

08980220
08750299
08750410
08600480
09230533
09890682

IN THE EVENT BOMBING IS BY BOXES VISUAL REF. POINTS WILL BE :

08750299
08750410

SECONDARY TARGET WILL BE LAUPHEIM. IF FOR ANY REASON OTHER
THAN FAILURE TO MAKE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BOMB THE
PRIMARY TARGET THE M/Y AT LAUPHEIM (X5961) WILL BE ATTACKED.

IN THE EVENT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT EFFECTED THE M/Y
AT HASLACH (W-2563) WILL BE ATTACKED.

M.B. SHERIDAN,
CAPT, AC.

JEA ITA V JKI JKI 10/15 OP OP
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP(L) 15/1350B
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV.
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING (L)

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SECRET 416 BG P-262-D

REF. ILL. NO. 6(D) (VI) 125/6

M.O.I.'S IN THE EVENT VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT
PRIMARY TARGET. ... ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES:

08980220

08750299

08750410

08600480

09230533

09890682

IN THE EVENT BOMBING IS BY BOXES VISUAL EX REF. POINTS WILL BE:

08750299

08750410

SECONDARY TARGET WILL BE LAUPHEIM. IF FOR ANY REASON OTHER

THAN FAILURE TO MAKE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BOMB THE
PRIMARY TARGET THE M/Y AT LAUPHEIM (X5961) WILL BE ATTACKED.

IN THE EVENT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS IS NOT EFFECTED THE M/Y
AT HASLACH (W-2563) WILL BE ATTACKED.

M.B. SHERIDAN
CPAT, AC.

BT 15/1350B

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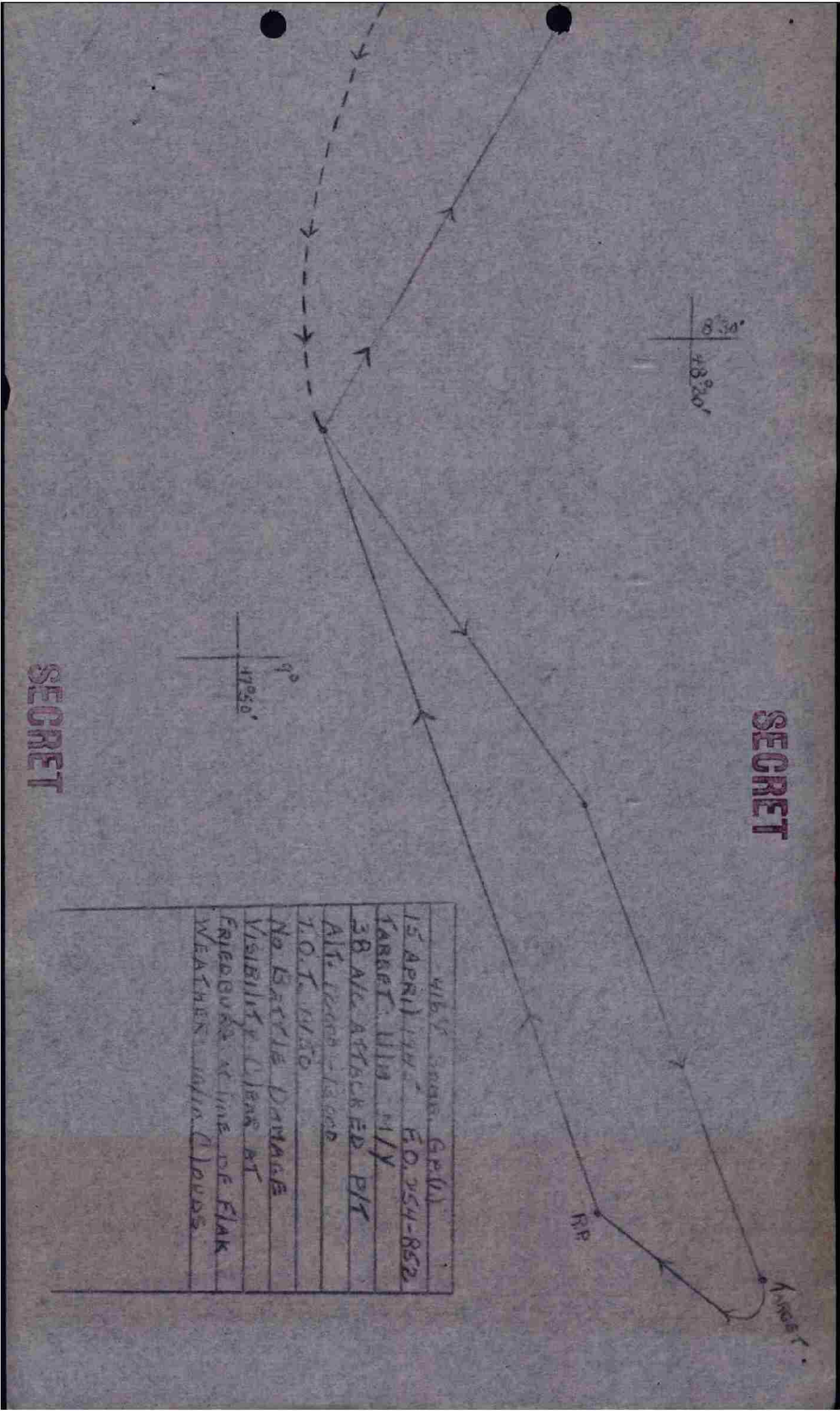
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CC/ FIRST WORD SECOND LINE OF MESSAGE SHOULD READ:

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Friedberg

MISSION NO. 272

LOADING LIST

15 APRIL 1945

BOX I

FLIGHT I

Intel
1. 680 H
Capt. R.M. Evans
Lt. T.M. McCartney
S/S G.L. Shoen

Rita Early

4. 389 X
Lt. L.R. Cannon
S/S L.V. Mettler

2. 498 H
Lt. L.J. Frucha
Lt. F.A. Reeves
S/S L.C. Ferguson

5. 274 S
Lt. W.B. Roberts
S/S A.B. Hood

3. 259 H
Lt. J.K. Colquitt
S/S G.M. Mohr

6. 325 L
Lt. L.R. Zelnut
Sgt F.L. Sorano

FLIGHT II

1. 390 Q
Lt. M. Brrotabara
Lt. H.P. Wilbur
S/S F.R. Lynch

4. 2915 L
Lt. E.G. Bishop
S/S O. Stroup

2. 330 P
Lt. W. Mangrove
Cpl B.N. Wilson

5. 334 G
Lt. J.N. Stanekowski
Sgt A.H. Kimball

3. 232 H
Lt. S.H. Shaley
S/S D.V. Paladino

6. 205 H
Lt. A.G. Benson
Cpl A.H. Hauler

FLIGHT III

1. 501 W
Lt. W.H. Hinkle
Lt. A.E. Rosenquist
S/S G.J. Thompson

4. 416 C
Lt. R.B. Singletary
S/S H.G. Higgins

2. ~~383~~ 383 H ✓
Lt. R.S. Bower
S/S A.A. Cianciol

5. 564 V
Lt. G.D. Chitty
Sgt D.J. Furre

3. 206 D
Lt. J.V. Wallace
Sgt R. Plant

6. 229 B
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt H.T. Wright
Sgt F.A. Hirschella

SPARE

335 V
Lt. E.G. Dunn
S/S M. W. W. Donnelly
S/S G.J. Kruger

CAMERA RHIF

490 X
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/S H.J. Johnson
T/S H.A. Childs
S/O O.S. Scheuerman

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LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

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1. 484 O
Capt. G. S. Stanley
S/O J. H. Mount
Lt. H. R. Myrold
S/S G. B. Collier

4. 378 O
Lt. F. H. Harris
S/S G. H. Merritt

2. 492 F
Lt. W. W. Annin
Lt. R. L. Martin
S/S J. L. Parker

5. 299 F
Lt. G. J. Parkhurst
Sgt G. J. Kaminski

3. 183 R
Lt. T. D. McCreedy
S/S F. J. Profita

6. 264 I
Lt. R. H. Long
S/S G. J. McCarthy

FLIGHT II

1. 609 N
Major R. L. Somers
Lt. J. E. Smith
Sgt K. Heath

4. 381 Q
Lt. M. W. DeBose
S/S G. W. Venable
Sgt D. H. Neenan

2. 253 Q
Capt. J. M. Shepard
Sgt J. J. McGuire

5. 314 H
Lt. D. E. Smith
S/S S. J. Krik
Lt. J. W. Britt

3. 354 S
Lt. G. H. Weinst
Sgt R. D. Francis

6. 338 O
Lt. J. W. Dwyer
S/S R. H. Gillespie

FLIGHT III

1. 497 E
Capt. L. J. Sutton
Lt. J. V. Reed
S/S D. S. Gilliam

4. 313 B
Lt. A. Remiszewski
S/S E. Di Orio

2. 326 F
Lt. J. W. Spires
S/S L. E. Davis

5. 209 M
Capt. E. R. Moore
S/S E. W. Schmidt

3. 297 F
Lt. A. J. E. Winn
S/S G. S. Stephenson

6. 300 E
Lt. R. L. Simpson
Sgt V. S. Styonski
Sgt S. J. Snider

Spare

560 L
Lt. J. R. Wright
~~Sgt J. R. Wright~~
S/S D. C. Simon

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PILOT Procha A/C# 498 BOX II I FLT. 1

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	:	<u>hit</u>			:

FLAK : low + behind
3-4 bursts - close
freedom - (plotted position)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

AF only one L/C not active
on course below RP + next turn

TOT - 1450 1/2
alt - 12,000
- 70° M
- 200 mph

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X X X
X X X
X X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

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PILOT Heinte A/C# 501 BOX V FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : FREIBURG XHI on course
back

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

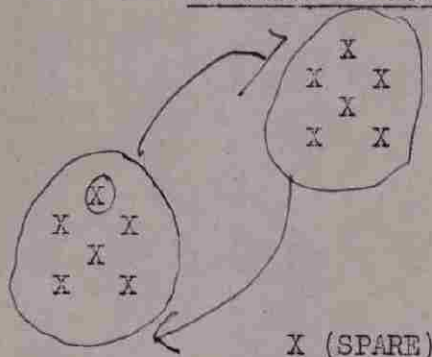
OBSERVATIONS:

alt 12,000
TOT 1450 1/2
axis 71°
IAS 200

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~~Parade called Blue
Rendezvous of Sand.
good job.~~

POSITION IN FORMATION



X
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Singleton A/C# 416 BOX I FLT. 3

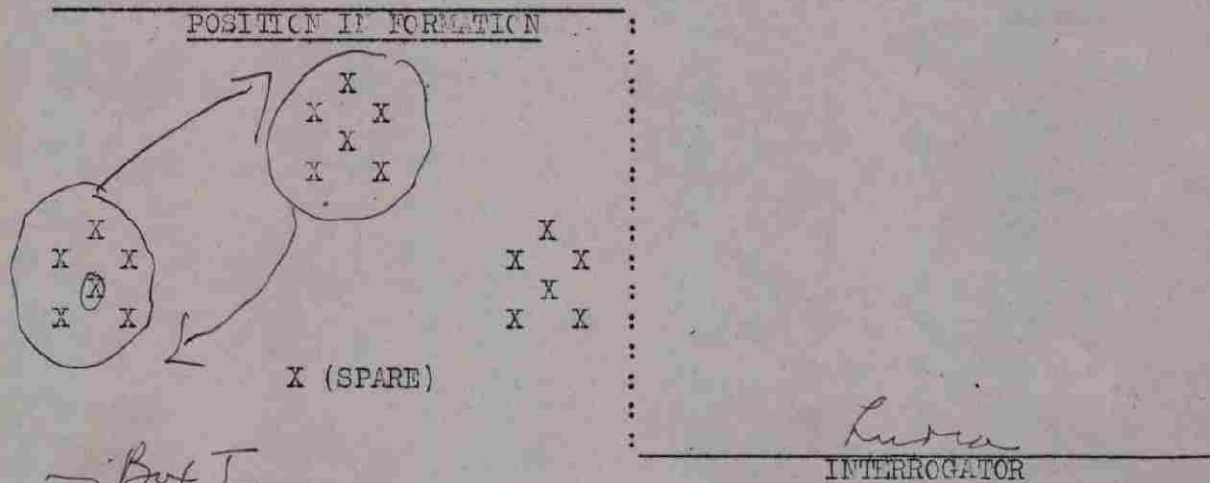
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10



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PILOT Cannon - A/C# 389 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : ~~XH-1A~~ at Barn

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Solid.

camera

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Roberts A/C# 274 - BOX ✓ FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>16</u> X <u>500</u> <u>26</u> ON <u>✓</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u> </u>		

FLAK : X NIA at Barn

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION :

X
X X
X X
X

X (SPARE)

X
X X
X X
X X

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : XANIA FVIEBORG

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Errotabers A/C# 598 BOX Y FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : AKHIA Frieberg

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

1 run
TOT 1451 1/2
alt. 12,750
solid overcast

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Colquitt A/C# 259 BOX Y FLT. 1

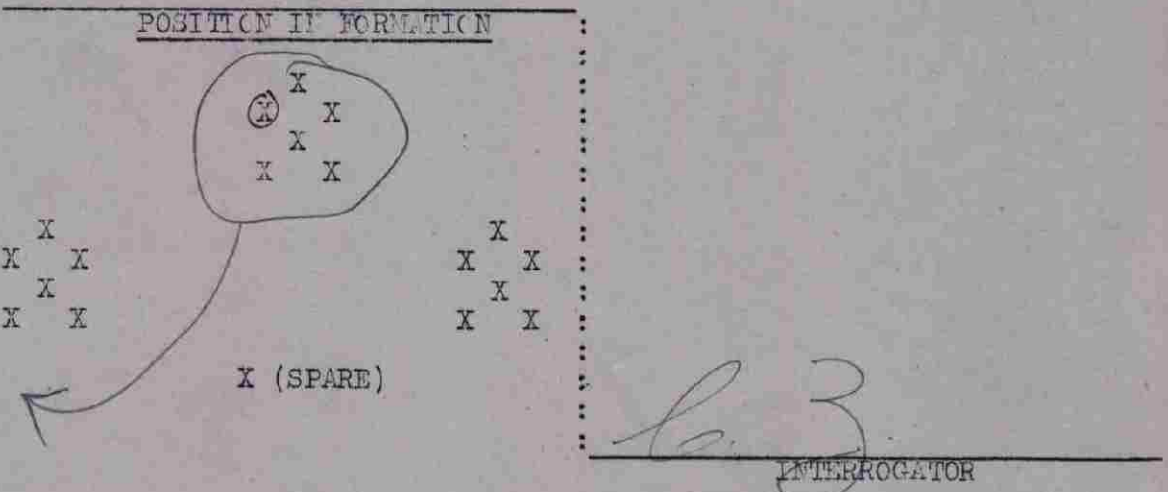
CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : X HI at bomb line out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 3rd flt. took over lead. 1st flt. took position of 3rd flt.



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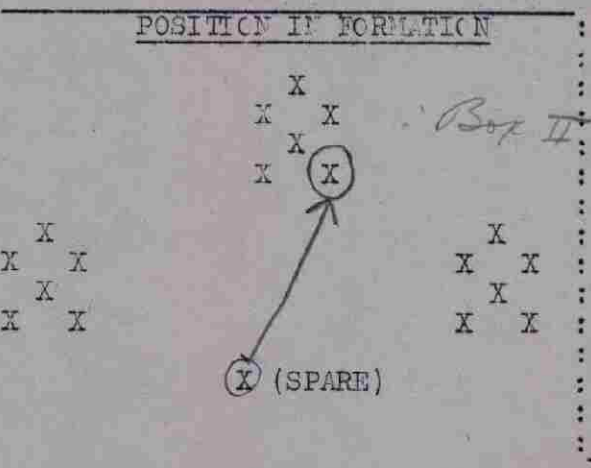
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PILOT - Dunn - A/C# 335 BOX 7 FLT. (Spare)

CASUALTIES			
BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>5000N</u> <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE	
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u> <u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED		

FLAK : remains but none of formation
causing on way out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : [Handwritten mark]

OBSERVATIONS:



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

FLAK : I. of course - not seen but reported

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Solid overcast.

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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      X
    X   X
      X
    X   X

  ② X   X
    X   X
  X   X

      X   X
    X   X
    X   X

    X (SPARE)

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PILOT Mosgrove A/C# 330 BOX 4 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE	
<u>4</u> X <u>500</u>	ON <u>P.</u>		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<u>"E"</u>

FLAK : 1st burst accurate - then trailed light.
usual condition, total 40 bursts

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Not much m/y activity in any of them.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Leimet A/C# 325 BOX Y FLT. 1

CASUALTIES Nil

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

FLAK : 21 gpts 3. Bomb line out. 30 burst
XXHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:-

Changed to 3rd flt. Jontou

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Chitty A/C# 564 BOX 1 FLT. 3

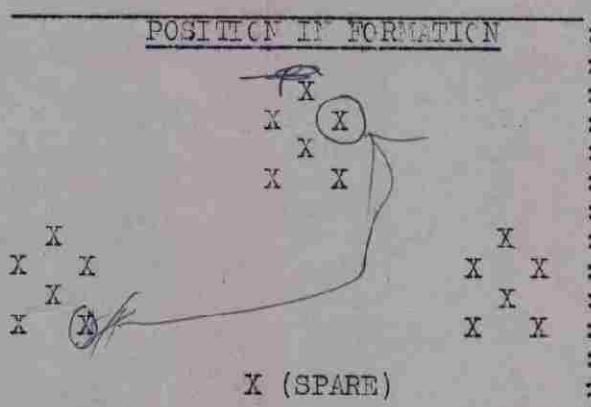
CASUALTIES Nil

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	<u>Primary</u>				
X					
X			<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : 10 minutes before bomb line coming out
XX HI

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS: #2 3rd flt. didn't take off. 5 pulled up in #2 position. Box leader aborted & 3rd flt. took over.



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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: XXHI at bomb line going out 30 burst

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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

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PILOT Bishop A/C# 2315 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES *nil*

BOMBS : 6 X 500^{m17} ON PFF : BATTLE DAMAGE

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

X JETTISONED :

FLAK : mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10th tops at 12,500-

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT O'Brien - - A/C# 223 BOX I FLT. 3

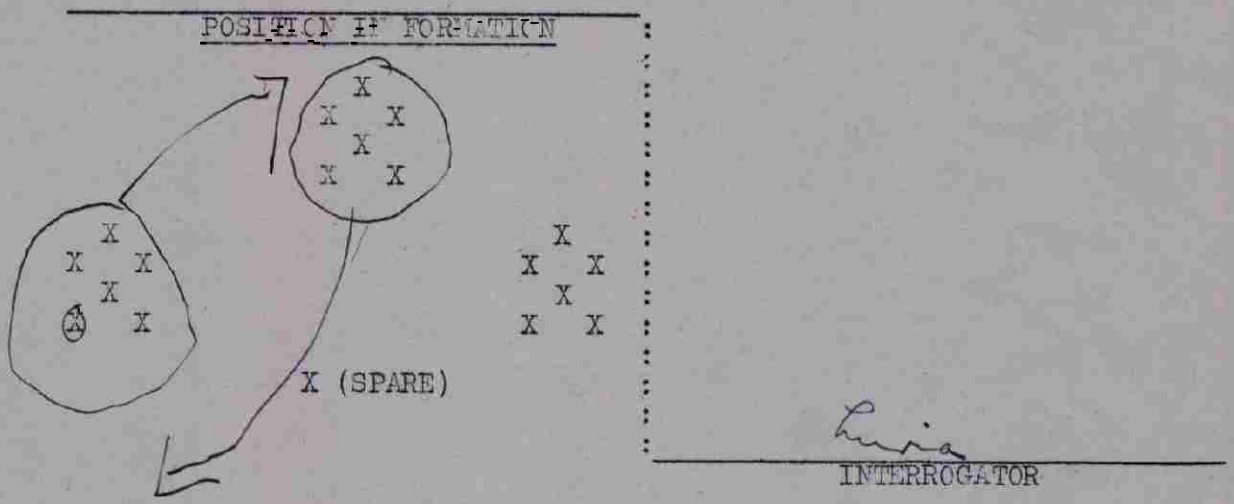
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : XH1 - (8-10 bursts) crossing B/C
on way back from Target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:
10/10 target



This Box actually CONFIDENTIAL
flew as Bot II
after Capt Evans
aborted

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FLAK : *nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 2nd box got flak - 15 miles east of R.R.
about 10 miles south of course -
This box took over formation on leaving
field because lead P.F.F. went out - T.P.F. took
13,100 B. all. over lead about F.R.
T.O.T. 1450

4. to 5. to I. P. to 10. to 10

PFF dropped on minute over EJA

POSITION INFORMATION

~~II - I~~

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 SCHMERS A/C# 609 BOX ~~A~~ FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>00</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>	:		

W 0833
 FLAK : 40 - 50 bursts - FREIBURG - course back - we were about 10 miles off course.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT 1450 (
 alt - 13000 (I) 12600 (A)
 1A S - 195

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

Box I in fact

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PILOT Parkhurst A/C# 233 BOX IV FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 Incand bombs ON PPF :
 X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E"
 X JETTISONED : : nil :

FLAK : About 5 mins before Rhine crossing on way back from target, 1 at Box I (in II position)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

no

OBSERVATIONS:

Box II fool lead
10/10 at target

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 D. Bose A/C# 381 BOX 14 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES *nil*

BOMBS : -6 X 500 ^{m/9} ON PFF : BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

X X
X X
X X

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BATTLE DAMAGE

"E"

X JETTISONED

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PILOT Bower --- A/C# -383 BOX 4 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

X#I when flt box was off course
at 1525

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

W 1447 heavily wooded area appeared
to be active. possible supplier.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Wallace A/C# 286 BOX ~~2~~ II FLT. 3

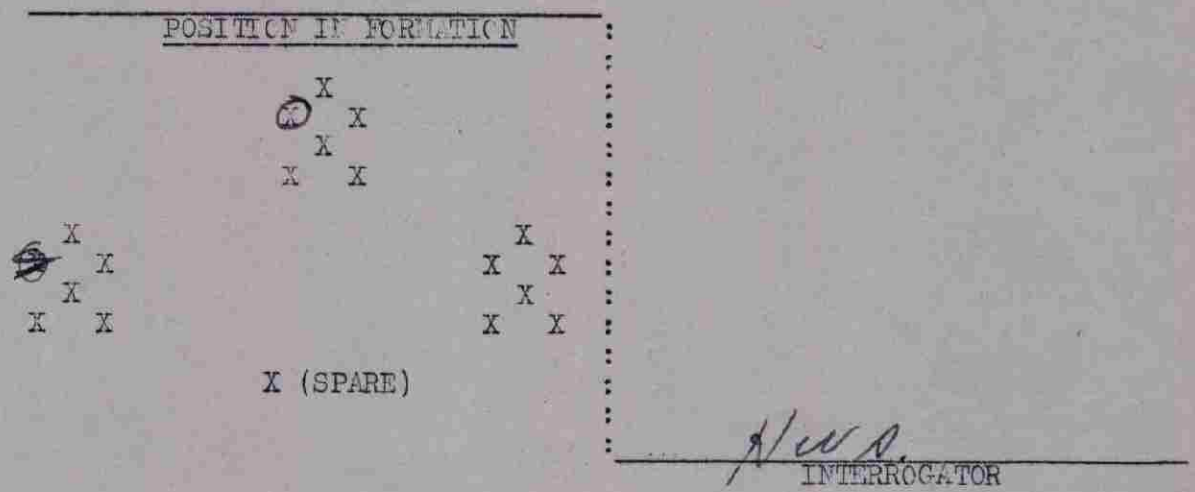
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>300</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 near F riefing on way out.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:
10/10 at Sgt.
nil obs.



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PILOT Harris A/C# 378 BOX IV FLT.. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

none at this flight.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 at Tgt.

no obs.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Spire A/C# 326 BOX IV FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : Sp B. L. out. XXH A.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

I Boy

X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X

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PILOT Mc Cready A/C# 178 BOX # FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : B. h. out - 20 livestock
X - X X / 1A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

No. fr. escort until after bombing.

POSITION II FORMATION

X
X X
X X

B₇I

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Annin A/C# 492 BOX IV FLT. 1

CASUALTIES
BOMBS : 6 X500 ON P : BATTLE DAMAGE
 X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E"
 X JETTISONED : : :

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: TOT 1457 1/2
alt 13,000
1 run
80.2 percent

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 (SPARE)
MAZ
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PILOT: Long A/C# 264 BOX 15 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>300</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	:	:
		X		RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"A-C"	:
		X		JETTISONED	:		:		:

FLAK : 25430 bursts at Barr

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

solid overcast

Camera.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X
X X
X X

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

X (SPARE)

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

FLAK : before B.L. (1518) XX HA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS: howled PPF. - 10/10

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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NINTH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D 1046

- (a) LOCALITY: ULM M/Y (GSGS 4416/W 4 - X/655809)
- (b) SORTIE: US 31/4876 - 1026,27,51-55. SORTIE SCALE: 10,000
- (c) TOT: 16 Apr 45, 1305B F.L.: 24" ANNOTATED PRINT: None
- (d) PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: This report covers all damage to date.
- (e) COVER: The M/Y is covered on partially cloud obscured prints of good quality
- (f) STATEMENT: Twelve hits in the area just to the south of the main sorting sidings have caused minor damage to tracks and rolling stock. Through traffic remains possible.
- (g) ACTIVITY: Loading is heavy in the main sorting sidings and moderate elsewhere in the M/Y. Three possible light flak wagons and twelve dead locos are noted in the M/Y.

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20th P.I.D. at Hq. 10th P.G.

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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader
X		15 April 24b				?

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.
Pos. No.	Reason	T S O	T S T F R	M D A A C B E D F D K W M		
1. 640	Returned early					
2. 498						
3. 259						
4. 389						
5. 274						
6. 325						
7. 348						
8. 330						
9. 232						
10. 2315						
11. 334						
12. 205						
13. 501						
14. 383						
15. 286						
16. 416						
17. 561						
18. 223						
19. 335						

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Wallace Bowser 286 383

Shelley 232

Heinke 501

Exelshere 348

Zeimet Roberts 325 274

Cannon 389

Pyche 3 Solquitt 2 498 259

Evans 640

Returned early

TOTALS FOR MISSION

E.

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

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

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
11		15 April 45				Stanley	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fall to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
1. 484	Reason	P S O	T S T F R	M D A A C B E D P D K W M				
2. 492								
3. 127								
4. 378								
5. 233								
6. 260								
1. 609								
2. 263								
3. 354								
4. 381								
5. 314								
6. 338								
1. 447								
2. 326								
3. 297								
4. 313								
5. 209								
6. 300								
360								

384/c Dispatched
228 x 500 ft (M-76) down on
Plum

Stanley 484
McSteady 492
Harris 378
Balkunst 233
Sutton 447
Sommetts 609
Winn 297
Spies 326
Weinert 354
Shard 263
Dewitz 313
DeRose 381
Simpson 300
Moore 209
Dehner 338
Smith 314
(Spare) Wright 360

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

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

E. 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).

TO: CG: 4 Bomb Div. Att A₂
CG. 97th Combat Wing att A₂

FROM: 416 Bomb gp.

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A. 416 Bomb gp.

B. ULM M/y - (X-655809)

C. 38 A26's

D. 38 A26's ON PRIMARY (PFF)

E. NIL

F. 228X500 M76 ON PRIMARY

G. UNOBSERVED (10/10 CLOUD)

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF AT FREIBURG (W-080330)

K. NIL

L. 13,000 (BOX I)
12,000 (BOX II)

M. 1450 (BOX I)
1450 1/2 (BOX II)

X. Good lead by Pathfinder.

Secret

To: CG, 9th Bomb. Division, att A2

CG, 97th Combat Wing, att A2

From: 416th Bomb. Gp(1)
Opflash for 15 April 1945
Secret

A. 416th Bomb. Gp.
B. ULM Marshalling yard(X- 655809)
C. 38 A26's
D. 38 A26's on primary target (Pathfinder lead)
E. Nil
F. 228 x 500 M76 on primary
G. Unobserved(10-10 cloud at target)
H. Nil
I. Nil
J. Weak inaccurate HFF at Freiburg(W-080330)
K. Nil
L. 13,000(Box I)
12,000 (Box II)
M. 1450 (Box I)
1450 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Box II)
N. Good lead by pathfinder.

M.B.Sheridan,
Capt., AC.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI23/15 OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GP (L) 15/1715B
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV. (M) ATT, A-2
CG, 97TH COMBA WING " "

BT

SECRET 416BG P-270-D OPFLASH FOR 15 APRIL 1945:

- A. 416TH BOMB GP.
- B. ULM MARSHALLING YARD (X-655800)
- C. 38 A-26'S
- D. 38 A-26'S ON PRIMARY TARGET (PATHFINDER LEAD)
- E. NIL
- F. 228 X 500 M76 ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED (2 10-10 CLOUD AT TARGET)
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF AT FRIEBURG (W-280330)
- K. NIL
- L. 13,000 (BOX I)
12,500 (BOX II)
- M. 1450 (BOX I)
1450 1/2 (Ø BOX II)
- X. GOOD LEAD BY BOTH PATHFINDERS.

CAPT SHERIDAN

BT 15/1715B

JF BBB

ITA R.....15/1840B CLEV KKK

JEA R.....15/1840B LCB KK

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 18/15 P - P

FROM COBOMGR 416 15/1715B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATT: SIGNAL OFF.
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG P-263-J

A - VS - 99
B - 15 APRIL 1945 (1300-1617)
C - C-CHARLIE AND W-WILLIAM REPORTED " OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE.
D - THRU K - NONE

AYLESWORTH
BT 15/1715B

JF B B

ITA R.....15/1835B HAS KKKK
JEA R.....15/1835B LCB KK

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 21/15 OP - OP
FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI
 HQS 9TH BOMB DIVN (M) ATT: A-2 PI
 HQS 97TH COMBAT WING ATT: A-2 DUTY OFF.
BT
SECRET 416BG P-271-D

D. ULM M/Y

J. NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER. BOMBED ON PPT.

BT

CAPT ZESIGER

BT 15/1800B

JF : B B

ITA R.....15/1844B CLEV KKKKK

JEA R..R.....15/1844B SS KKKK

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

AUTH: CO Sta A-69
A-69
DATE: 17 April 1945
INIT: _____

16 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPRT No. 13 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 April 1945

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

Mission No. I
Mission No. 272, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 254-052

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
 Take-off time 1300 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1300
 Targets 10/10 (primary) 10/10 (secondary)
 Landing time 1435 Oper. hours (a) 139:00 Oper. hours (b) None
 Weather 10/10's clear
2. Effort:

Dispatched 30 A-26's Sorties 30 Effective sorties 30
 A/C expending bombs 30 Non-effective sorties None
 A/C returning early None
3. Bombs carried into air: 228 x 500 lb M-75 Impact, Fused East Nose Main Delay Tail

Expended 228	fused	Inst.	N	T Alt.	12500-13000
target 10/10	results	Destroyed			
Expended	fused	N	T Alt.		
target	results				
Expended	fused	N	T Alt.		
target	results				
4. Ammunition carried: 71600 x .50 calibre
 Ammunition expended: None
5. None.
6. Flak encountered:

Location 10/10 amount small accuracy inaccurate type 10/10
7. Enemy a/c encountered: None
 - a. type and model of a/c
 - b. individual air claims
 - c. individual ground claims
8. Claims against miscellaneous ground targets: None
9. U. S. Aircraft casualties: None

Destroyed Missing
 Damaged
10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None

No. type cause
11. Remarks: None

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1. Efforts:
 Dispatched _____ Sorties _____ Effective Sorties _____
 Non-effective sorties _____

Not Applicable

2. Bombs carried into air: 228 x 500 lb M-76 General. fused Lost NH/O T
 fused N T
 fused N T
 fused N T

- Expended on operations: 228 x 500 lb M-76 General. fused Lost NH/O T
 fused N T
 fused N T
 fused N T

Jettisoned : NoneLost on wrecked a/c : NoneReturned : None

3. Ammunition expended : None

Ammunition lost on : None
 wrecked or missing a/c

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHINKLIN,
 Captain, Air Corps.
 Adjutant.

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PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GRP (L)

TO : 1ST BOMB DIVISION 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
1ST FERRISIDER SQUADRON PROVISIONAL

416BG F _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL

15 MARCH 1945

BOTH BOXES BROUGHT ON RESPECTIVE PFF LEADS. BOTH PFF LEADS EXCELLENT.

AYLESWORTH COBOMER 416

I certify that this is official business:

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

Mission # 272--15 April '45

With the bomb line moving along by leaps-and-bounds, and no targets still within reach in the central part of our lines, our planes took off at about noon on the 15th after a couple of days of rest to attack the Ulm marshalling yards, southeast of Stuttgart. An almost solid cloud cover necessitated the use of PPF equipment. Results were unobserved.

Flak, ranging from weak to moderate and generally inaccurate, was experienced at the bomb line out.

There were no enemy fighters.

The formation was to be led by Capt. Evans, but when he was forced to abort, Capt. Stanley, who was to lead the second box, took over the formation lead. Lt. Heinke assumed the lead of the second box.

JES JKI JPO VIA JEA V ITA JJF NR 04/15 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. PROV. 15/1745B
 TO CG, IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 98TH COMBAT WING
 CG, 99TH COMBAT WING
 CO'S 394TH, 397TH, 410TH, 409TH, 416TH, 391ST, 322ND
 BOMB GROUPS

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1ST PPF SQ. PROV. P-173-D

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP.
 B. GUNZBURG M/Y WX 88008780
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
 1 B-26 CASUAL ON GEE. EQUIPMENT FAILURE. ICHENHAUSEN WX 095776
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
 4 X 500 GP CASUAL.
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S ON BOTH.
 H. THRU K. NONE.
 L. 13,200 PRIMARY.
 13,000 12,300 CASUAL
 M. 1300 PRIMARY
 1301 CASUAL
 REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROU.
 B. GUNZBURG M/Y WE 88008780
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
 1 B-26 ON CASUAL, EQUIPMENT FAILURE. GEISINGEN WW 682249 NORDEN.
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
 4 X 500 GP CASUAL.
 G. UNOBSERVED PRIMARY.
 CASUAL. BOMB FELL 2 MILES NORTH OF TWON IN FIELDS.
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 13,000 PRIMARY
 12,500 CASUAL
 M. 1334 PRIMARY.
 1331 CASUAL
 REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP.
 B. ULM M/Y WX 65088065
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON ETA. EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
 E. NONE
 F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
 G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
 H. THRU K. NONE
 L. 13,500 12,500 PRIMARY.
 M. 1350 - 1350 1/2 PRIMARY
 REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT. NO WINDOW SHIPS SEEN.

A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 397TH BOMB GROUP.
 B. GUNZBURG M/Y WX 88008780
 C. 2 B-26'S
 D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
 1 B-26 GROUP SECONDARY ON ETA. GROUP LEADING. EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
 E. NONE
 F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
 4 X 500 GP SECONDARY.
 G. UNOBSERVED PRIMARY.
 SECONDARY. HITS OBSERVED IN WOODED AREA.
 H. THRU K. NONE

- L. 13,000 PRIMARY.
- 13,500 SECONDARY.
- M. 1317 1/2 PRIMARY
- 1315 SECONDARY.

REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION GOOD. WINDOW SHIPS POOR.XX ESCORT GOOD.
SWISS BORDER WELL MARKED WITH COLORED PANELS.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP.
- B. ULM M/Y WX 65628088
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. THRU K. NONE.
- L. 13,500 - 12,500 PRIMARY.
- M. 1401 - 1402 PRIMARY.

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD. NO WINDOW SHIPS SEEN.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ULM M/Y N WX 66588100
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON SECOND BOX. EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
- 1 B-26 UNREPORTED. LANDED AT A-68.
- E. NONE.
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. THRU K. NONE.
- L. 12,500 PRIMARY.
- M. 1450 PRIMARY.

REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT. GROUP WINDOW SHIP NOT SEEN.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BG
- B. LULM M/Y WX 65428080
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. TWO B-26'S PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT.
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY.
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10
- H. THRU K. NONE.
- L. 13,000 AND 12,500 PRIMARY.
- M. 1432 AND 1433 1/2 PRIMARY.

REMARKS: GROUP FORMATION GOOD. WINDOW SHIP GOOD.

--- COMPILED BY:
CAPTAIN GEORGE H. YARNALL. ---

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ. PROV.

BT 15/1745B
WF/CLEV AR
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SS (RELAY)

JES R

JKI R 15/2120B

JPO R 15/2117B

JF

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WAC

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JEA JKI V ITA JJF 17/15 OP OP
T SELF

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 15/2050B
TO : CG, IX BOMB DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP
SECRET QXX BT

1ST PPF SQ PROV P-136-E
PPF PILOT : BOND DATE : 15 APRIL 1945 TIME : PM

- A. FORMATION
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : EXCELLENT
 - 2. REMARKS
- B. WINDOW SHIPS
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : NONE
 - 2. REMARKS
- C. NAVIGATION
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS : GOOD
- E. BRIEFING : GOOD
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS : NONE

CO 1ST PPF SQ PROV

BT 15/2050B

EG B
JEA R...16/0029B RL K
JKI R...16/0029B WFG KKKK

JEA JKI V ITA JJF 18/15 OP OP
T SELF

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 15/2055B
TO : CG, IX BOMB DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING
CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP
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1ST PFF SQ PROV P-137-E
PFF PILOT : VOORMIES

DATE : 15 APRIL 1945

TIME : PM

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A. FORMATION

1. CLASSIFICATION
2. REMARKS

--- (NOT AVAILABLE, A/C DIVERTED) ---

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B. WINDOW SHIPS

1. CLASSIFICATION
2. REMARKS

C. NAVIGATION

1. CLASSIFICATION
2. REMARKS

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS :

E. BRIEFING :

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS :

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 15/2055B

EC B

JEA R.....16/0023B RL K
JKI R.....16/0023VB WFG KKKK

JEA JKI V ITA JJF NR 1/16 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 16/0045B
TO: C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3
CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3
C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. P-138-E
15 APRIL 1945
PFF PILOT: VOORHIES

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: FAIR
2. REMARKS:

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE SEEN
2. REMARKS:

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION: FAIR
2. REMARKS:

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS: GOOD

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: NONE

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.

BT 16/0045A
SG AR

JEA R.....16/0330B DJP AR
JKI R.....16/0333B WFG AR

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
15 April 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #112

Field Order No. 852

Section I

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
394 BG	Gunzburg (WX-883879) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Undet. (PT) Box II - Flt. A - Undet. (PT), Flt. B - Excellent (PT), Flt. C - Excellent (PT)
397 BG	Gunzburg (WX-883879) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Undet. (PT) Box II - Flt. A - M.O. (Geo) Flt. B - Undet. (PT) Flt. C - M.O. (Geo)
410 BG	Gunzburg (WX-883879) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Undet. (PT) Box II - Flt. A - M.O. (Geo) Flt. B - Undet. (PT) Flt. C - M.O. (Geo)
391 BG	Ulm (WX-655809) Marshalling Yard	Box I - M.O. (PT, Geo) Box II - Undet. (PT)
322 BG	Ulm (WX-655809) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (PT)
409 BG	Ulm (WX-655809) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (PT)
416 BG	Ulm (WX-655809) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (PT)
344 BG	Ulm (WX-655809) Marshalling Yard	No attack

One group was recalled
while in the process of
taking-off after PT a/c
were reported to be non-
operational.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Five full groups plus one box from each of two other groups attacked two marshalling yards while one box from each of two groups attacked Secondaries recording Excellent to Undetermined results.

Gunzburg (Marshalling Yard)

394 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 20 dropping 32 X 2000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary, 11 dropping 22 X 2000 GP on Secondary, 2 dropping 4 X 200 GP on Other. 1 FFF dropping 4 X 500 GP on Secondary (X-950780) because of equipment failure at Primary.

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

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes and flights on FFF and visually from 8,500 - 13,000 feet

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

Box II - Flt. A - AMFI - UNSATISFACTORY. This flight lost FFF a/c in clouds and bombed the casual, Donauochingen, W-569200, approximately 90 miles SW of Primary. No bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMFI. Incomplete pattern approximately 2000 ft. NE of AMFI. (Clouds obscured target on last 15 seconds of bomb run.)

Flt. B - SMFI - EXCELLENT. (Briefed Secondary) This flight lost the FFF a/c in clouds and bombed a selected a/c in the briefed secondary of Tuttlingen, W-792313, due to possible hospital train being near SMFI. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMFI. Flight pattern approximately 350 ft. W of SMFI. Hits on built-up area, intersection and two roads. Damage should be heavy.

Flt. C - AMFI - EXCELLENT. This flight lost the FFF a/c in clouds and bombed casual, Gockach (X-250175), approximately 70 miles SW of Primary. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of AMFI. Hits on M/Y, a road and several depot buildings. Damage should be severe.

397 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 22 dropping 42 X 2000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 10 dropping 18 X 2000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Secondary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes and flights on FFF and Gao from 11,500 - 13,500 feet.

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

Box II - Flts A & C - MaO (Gao). After FFF a/c failed to bomb these flights bombed the Secondary, Tuttlingen Marshalling Yard (W-792313). No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Flt. B - UNDETERMINED (FFF). After becoming separated from flights A and C this flight dropped on Box I. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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410 BG: 45 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 41 dropping 243 X 500 GP on Primary. 1 PFF dropping 4 X 500 GP on Geisingen (W-682249) due to equipment failure at Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes and flights, Box I and Box II, flights A and B on PFF, flight C on LFA from 11,500 - 13,700 feet.

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

Ula (Marshalling Yard)

391 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 33 A-26, 2 PFF), 29 A-26, 2 PFF dropping 114 X 1000 GP, 8 X 500 GP on Primary. 1 a/c jettisoning 4 X 1000 GP at S-715715 (enemy territory) after wrong switches had been turned on at Primary.

3 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes on PFF (Box I, LFA; Box II on equipment) from 12,500 - 13,300 feet.

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

322 BG: 32 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), all dropping 59 X 2000 GP, 8 X 500 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 12,940 - 13,150 feet.

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

409 BG: 42 a/c dispatched (including 38 A-26, 2 A-20, 2 PFF), 36 A-26, 2 PFF dropping 216 X 500 IB, 8 X 500 GP on Primary. 2 window a/c.

2 A-26 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 1, personnel.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 11,000 - 11,800 feet.

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

416 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 38 A-26, 2 PFF), all dropping 228 X 500 IB, 8 X 500 GP on Primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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

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

344 BG: 7 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF). None bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: Other (Immediately prior to take-off group notified Wing that PFF a/c were non-operational. After being notified by

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Wing of the status of FFF a/c this headquarters directed Wing to cancel mission. By the time Group was contacted 1 FFF a/c, which had prop governor trouble, had been repaired and was airborne along with 6 Group a/c. After receiving the message to cancel mission Group recalled a/c which were already airborne.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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Section II

A/C Off		273
A/C Bombing	250	
A/C Failing to Bomb	13	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	2	
Other		
Window	8	
Total		273

Bombs on Enemy Territory	426.99
Total Bombs to Date	145,356.23

A/C Lost	0
A/C Missing	0
A/C Crash-Landed	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
Killed	0
Wounded	0
Missing	0
Injured	0
Claims	0-2-0.

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FAILURE TO ABLE

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
394	1	Personnel	Pilot was slightly high in ab. position and consequently could not see loader's bombay doors open.
391	3 (A-26)	Mechanical	1 - Oil leak in left engine. 1 - Top-turret cover came off. 1 - Left landing gear failed to retract.
409	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Bombay doors would not open because of hydraulic system failure.
	1 (A-26)	Personnel	Crewman became ill.
344	7	Other	Recalled when it was reported that AF a/c could not take-off.

OBSERVATIONS

Weather: Gunsburg 394 BG: 10/10 medium cloud, tops 12,500', base 11,000'. 9/10 strato-cumulus cloud, tops 9000'. Visibility 10 miles above cloud and between layers.

397 BG: 10/10 medium cloud, tops 13,000', base 12,500'. 10/10 strato-cumulus cloud, top 8-9000'. Visibility unlimited above cloud but 2-3 miles between layers in haze.

410 BG: 10/10 alto-cumulus cloud, top 13,000'. 5/10 scattered high cirrus cloud estimated 20,000'. Air-to-air visibility 10-15 miles.

Ulm 391 BG: 10/10 medium cloud, top 11-12,000', base estimated 10,000'. Visibility above cloud unrestricted.

322 BG: 10/10 medium cloud, tops 11-12,000', base estimated 10,000'. Visibility above cloud unrestricted.

409 BG: 10/10 alto-stratus cloud, top 11,000'. Air-to-air visibility 10-15 miles.

416 BG: 6-8/10 alto-cumulus cloud, top 11,000', base 9000'. 10/10 thin strato-cumulus cloud, top 4000', base 3000'. Air-to-air visibility 10-15 miles.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAIL.</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
394	100%	0	0	0	0

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FLAK ANALYSIS AMEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	262
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
Gunzburg M/Y	394, 397, 410 Gp.
Ulm M/Y	391, 322, 344, 409, 416 Gp.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

All Groups reported nil flak except the 416 Gp. Weak inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at Friburg (W-080330). Approximately 80 heavy guns are plotted at this point; however, it is probable that not more than a single four gun battery was in action. Experiences of the fighters and heavy bombers has shown that fire may be expected at isolated points as long as firing conditions are favorable to the gunners. However, unless the target is within midrange or closer the gunners are not apt to engage due to not being able to resupply ammunition expended.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.P.'s: 1300 to 1450

Box II of the 394th Group was attacked by an undetermined (small) number of Me 262's from 1300 to 1338 just north of Lake Constance. All attacks were made singly from 6 o'clock high, level and below, while the Group was flying just above cloud layer. The jetcraft broke away in climbs toward 10 or 2 o'clock. Preliminary claims are 0-2-0; no bombers were damaged.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, HANOI, APRIL 15.--Rail yards at Ula and Gungburg, 65 and 75 miles respectively west of Hanoi, key points in Southern Vietnam's transportation system, were attacked today by 250 medium and light bombers of Ninth Bombardment Division.

Both targets were obscured by clouds, which forced the bombers to drop their high explosive, fragmentation and incendiary bombs with the aid of Pathfinder technique. Results were unobserved.

The attacks were aimed at blocking movement of supplies into the national "Redoubt" area. Gungburg had not been bombed previously, but Ula was attacked March 4 by Eighth Air Force heavy bombers.

The formations encountered no flak, but three enemy jet-propelled fighters attacked a B-26 Marauder group which bombed Gungburg. Fire from the medium bombers caused the attackers to withdraw when an engine of one ME262 burst into flames and the plane disappeared into the clouds. All the bombers returned.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, HANOI, April 15 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-24 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Sunday:

Aircraft dispatched	273
Aircraft over enemy territory	262
Bomber losses	0
Bomb tonnage	427
Claims against enemy aircraft	3-2-3
Marshalling yards attacked	3
Highway cuts	5
Buildings destroyed or damaged	10

Damage assessment figures are very incomplete due to limited photo coverage of the day's operations.

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