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GENERAL INFO

TARGET WIKENBURG M/Y DATE 16 APR 45 NO. A/C 39 MISS. # 274
 COORD. E-391743 F.O. # 256-854 STATUS ⑦ ATTACHED.
 BRIEFING OFFICER LT. MAZANEC

1. RECCO. PRINTS (IF ANY)
2. MISSION SUMMARY, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
3. MISSION NARRATIVE
4. OPS FLASH
5. PHOTO REPORT
6. FIELD ORDER (AIRCRAFT, ASSIGNMENTS, SUB-TEAMS)
7. LOADING LIST OF CREW'S
8. FLAK REPORT
9. GEE & RADAR REPORTS
10. AFT CRITIQUE (IF ANY)
11. CREW REPORT
12. Y2 REPORT
13. NAVIGATOR'S LOG AND FLIGHT PLAN
14. WEATHER REPORT
15. DECLASSIFICATION FORMS
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17. _____
18. _____
19. _____

P.R.C.

00092097

ITA JKI V JEA 11/16 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 16/1225B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET 97CBW P-134-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 256-854

PLAN A VISUAL

1. TARGET: WITTENBURG M/Y (E-391743)

2. MAP COVERAGE:
GSGS 4416 SHEET V-5

PHOTO COVERAGE:
GH 5584
F-592
6(D)(VI)184/2

3. TARGET IS ON CURRENT BOMBLINE

4. FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 16/1225B
LCB BBB ITA

ITA R.	.161250B	SK	K
JKI R.	.161250B	WJF	AR K

39
36
234
42

192

Dist.
S-2
S-3
S-9

579

ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 15/16 (INFO-INFO)

FROM COMBATWIG 97 16/1245B

TO COMCONDIV IX (M)

CODONGR 489

CODONGRA 16

BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE COPY (INFO) OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 489TH BOMB GROUP (945876)

(2) GEEVGOOSE

(3) SHUTTER

(4) BABY

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (391743)

(2) COURAGE

(3) CADMAN

(4) SWEEPSTAKES

COMBATWIG 97

BT 16/1245B

DE AR

ITA D. . . .161307B

DD DD

JES R.....161807B

JJH KK

JKI R.....161307B

UJF K AR

T

Intell

B

IFB - 320-28
TOT 320+40

FIELD ORDER BY TELEPHONE

Zero Hour 1730

Aircraft required _____ Formation _____

Target:

Primary: HH 391243 Illustration _____ Reference _____

Secondary: _____ Illustration _____ Reference _____

Bomber Rendezvous: _____

Group _____ Place WG Time _____ Altitude _____A Fighter Rendezvous: 916TAC A0522 320+60
Type Place Time AltitudeRoute Out: Base to FR - D 6944 - E 3543
to target Right & retroceB Route Back: Base to FR - Y 5220 to Y 9514
to tgr Right to E 3543 to D 6944
PPF's to G 0522 to Base

IP _____

Axis of Attack _____

RP _____

Bombing Altitude _____ Altitude Enemy Coast Out _____

Bomb Load 6x 500GCP Nose 1/10 Tail 1/10

REMARKS _____

2 other gpus
ahead

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 14/16 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) 16/13050
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
409TH COBOMGP
416TH COBOMGP (INFO)
416TH COBOMGP

BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)
A P O 140
16 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 256-854 97CBW P-136-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE
(2) 19 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH GROUP.
9 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 16/1730H

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) KEMPTEN ORDNANCE DEPOT (X-945076)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT V-7878 AT 8,000 FEET. AT ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (4) BASE TO V-7878 TO W-3748 TO W-6825 TO X-4213 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO H.P. TO U-6825 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-7201
- (8) GENERALLY WESTSOUTHWEST TO EAST NORTHEAST
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 3 (K) 7 1/2 COVER AREA BOUNDED BY REF. 032047, 039030, 062021 AND 052056.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. M-17 INCENDIARY CLUSTER FUSED TO OPEN AT 5,000 FEET.
- (11) X-5722
- (12) GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
A. PRIMARY VISUALLY ONLY
B. ALTERNATE VISUALLY
C. ALTERNATE GEE
- (13) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DURING BOMBING DUE TO P/W CAMP 3 MILES SOUTH OF PRIMARY TARGET.
- (14) GROUP MAY SELECT ANY OF THE ALTERNATE TARGETS LISTED BELOW
W-8031
W-2565
X-4011
X-4112
X-5961 M/V AT THESE POINTS WILL BE ATTACKED.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) WITTENBURG M/V (WE-391743)
- (2) 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT G-0522 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 60 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (4) BASE TO G-0522 TO D-6944 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 11,000 FEET OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 7,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
- (7) E-3543
- (8) GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 6(D)(VI)184/2

1ST BOX COVER M/Y FROM REF. 829827 TO 812928
2ND BOX COVER M/Y FROM REF. 853060 TO 829827
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE 1/100 SECOND TAIL
- (11) E-35A3
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.

X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE
(4) EMERGENCY FIELDS. Y-1, Y-2, Y-6A, Y-73, Y-74, A-96, A-98.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (945976)

- (2) GREYGOOSE
- (3) SHUTTER
- (4) BABY

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (391743)

- (2) COURAGE
- (3) CARMAN
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

CONCETWIG 97

BT 16/1305B

AR JMB

ITA R.	161341B	DEG	AR
JES R.	16/1341B	JMB	AR
JPO R.	16/1341B	CEN	AR
JKI R.	16/1341B	WJF	AR

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the mps to be used if bombing is visually one:

Illustration No. F. 592.

127	726
230	606
225	543
378	223
403	286
395	355

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FROM : 416 BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

ATTN:A-2

SECRET (AFTERNOON MISSION)

1. THE ~~REF~~ MPI'S TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUALLY ARE:

ILLUSTRATION NO. f.592

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- 230606
- 225543
- 398223
- 403286
- 395355

FRANK MAZANEC,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.

JEA V JKI JKI 9/16 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 16/1600B
TO : CG , 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET P-286-D (AFTERNOON MISSION)

1. THE MPI'S TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUALLY ARE:
ILLUSTRATION NO. F.592

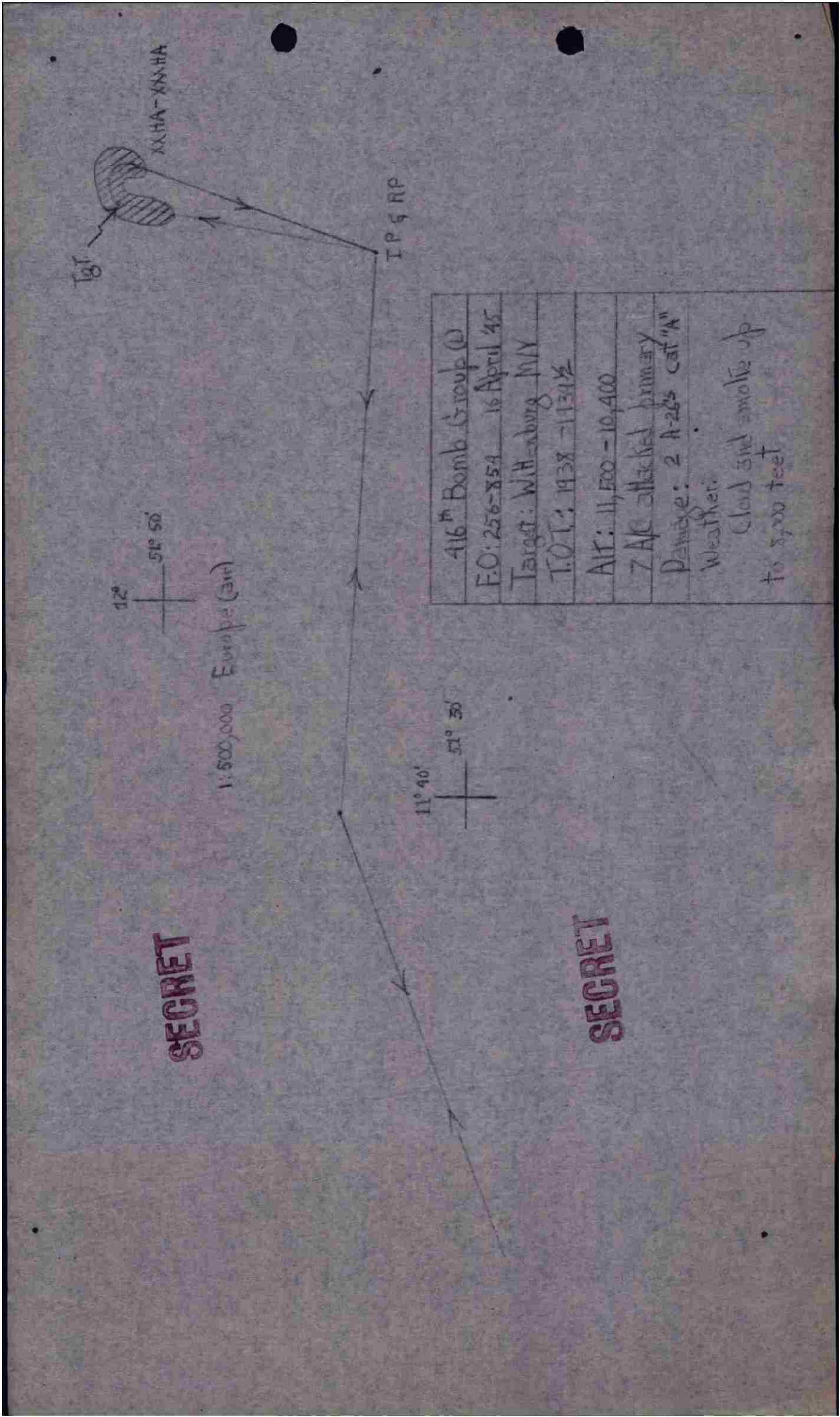
- 127726
- 230606
- 225543
- 398223
- 403286
- 395355

1ST LT. FRANK MAZANEC,

BT 16/1600B
WJF AR

JEA R.....16/1600B DB AR

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SECRET

SECRET

MISSION NO. 274

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

16 APRIL 1945

1. 398 G
Capt. H.M. Evans
Lt. T.H. McCartney
Lt. H.E. Myrold
S/S O.N. Morritt

2. 223 B
Lt. R.S. Bower
S/S A.A. Cianciola

3. 286 D
Lt. J.F. Wallace
Sgt H. Plant

4. 416 G
Lt. R.E. Singletary
S/S H.G. Wiggins
S/S J.O. Ottaviano

5. 212 K
Lt. J.O. Curtis
Sgt O.R. Walset

6. 2315 L
Lt. A.G. Benson
Cpl R.R. Rowler

FLIGHT II

1. 484 G
Lt. F.E. Parker
Lt. R.H. Shaft
S/S J.C. Edenburn

2. 505 Y
Lt. L.J. Frucha
Lt. F.A. Reeves
S/S L.C. Ferguson

3. 264 I
Lt. T.D. McGready
S/S W.E. Lehonda

4. 335 W
Lt. J.W. Wright
S/S P.J. Profita

5. 325 L
Lt. A.V. Swarts
Sgt C.D. Fagan

6. 385 D
Lt. R.J. Lackner
S/S G.L. Skeens

FLIGHT III

1. 640 N
Lt. W.H. Lancaster
Lt. M.P. Schlefer
S/S G.L. Calabrese

2. 274 S
Lt. L.E. Cannon
Sgt J.I. Spence

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

4. 305 U
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/S W.F. Fuehrer

5. 378 O
Lt. J.P. Phillips
S/S W.A. Miller

6. 352 J
Lt. W.H. Roberts
S/S R.P. Windisch

SPARE

271 R
Lt. D.E. Smith
S/S S.J. Kirik

CAMERA SHIP

492 H
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/S L.R. Getzen
W/O C.E. Scheuerman
T/S H.A. Childs

MISSION NO. 274
16 APRIL 1945
BOX I

MISSION NO. 274

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

16 APRIL 1945

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

2. 528 T
Lt. P.P. Baransky
Lt. W.L. Sheehan
Cpl B.R. Wilson

3. 320 S
Lt. G.H. Sholey
S/S D.V. Paladino

4. 232 N
Lt. W.E. Downing
Sgt A.F. Sgroi
Sgt P.A. Mirabella

5. 205 M
Lt. E.G. Bishop
S/S R.J. Perujo

6. 564 V
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
S/S F.H. Carey

FLIGHT II

1. 490 X
Capt. R.J. Tutt
Lt. L.A. Orr
S/S D. Schwartzapel

2. 249 F
Lt. T.E. Gracher
S/S A.H. Miller

3. 209 M
Lt. J.W. Spires
S/S R.W. Messinger

4. 265 V
Lt. A.J.P. Winn
S/S W.G. Davis

5. 297 T
Capt. L.O. Nielsen
S/S K.W. Schmidt

6. 360 L
Lt. D.L. Price
S/S F.E. Barber
S/S H.K. Miller

FLIGHT III

1. 609 N
Major H.L. Scherer
Lt. J. Ruppits
Capt. G.D. Murphy
S/S R. Heath

2. 354 S
Lt. R.H. Heckley
S/S O.T. Hawk

3. 252 D
Lt. P.W. Wills
S/S W.S. McCaughy

4. 362 Y
Lt. M.W. DuBose
S/S A.A. Dalton
Lt. J.W. Britt

5. 381 Q
Lt. O.E. Weisert
Sgt R. Dubi

6. 263 G
Lt. A.W. Dwyer
S/S R.R. Gillespie
Sgt S.J. Snider

SPARE

239 N
Lt. R.L. Simpson
Sgt V.S. Styrenski

MISSION NO. 274
16 APRIL 1945
BOX II

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Prucha A/C# 505 BOX ✓ FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X</u> <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>Nil</u>		

FLAK : XXXXA - (5 red bursts at outposts)
on air - along river track to Elbe
started with red burst & then
began several hundred bursts

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

1939

11,400

50 M

Hard to see tower
but did see reply
below just before
droppings

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X							
		X		X					
				X					
		X		X					
X	X					X	X		
X		X				X	X	⊗	
X		X				X		X	

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

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INTERR. FORM

Lester

A/C# 646

BOX 4

FLT. 3

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

FLAK : $K\alpha Ni$ ATgt

1133

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 240 \end{array}$$

OBSERVATIONS:

1 min
11,300

89

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 8 \\ \hline 16 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 3^2 \\ 5 \\ \hline 1481 \end{array}$$

POSITION INFORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X X
X X
X X

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

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

XXHA at turn off of target
2 burst of red flock at target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

haze

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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Roberts

BOX

FLT. 3

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

FLAK : KKHIA T97.

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FORMATION

X X X
X X X
X X X

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

X (SPARE)

MAZ

INTERROGATOR

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Colovitt

A/C# 259

BOX

FLT. 3

X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
6 X 360	RETURNED	"A" "A-C" "E"
X	JETTISONED	

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POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

 $MA \approx$

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Phillips

A/C# 372

BOX 4

FLT. 5

6 X 500

FLAK : KKHIA at Target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Smith, D.E. A/C# 276 BOX Y FLT. (Spare)

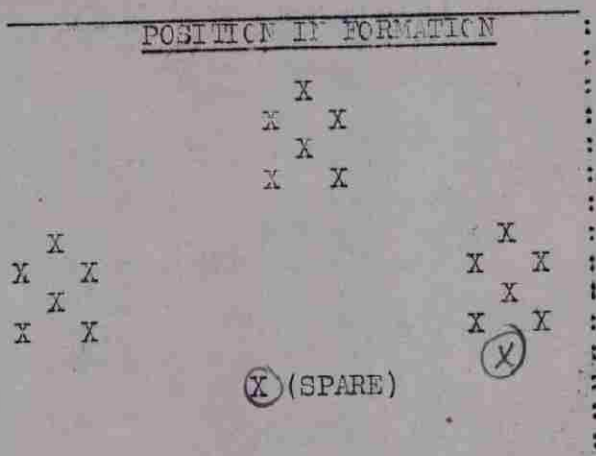
CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XXXXA- 30 sec before, - dropping, and followed
around on turn off tgh
Ref & Black

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
X

OBSERVATIONS: Smoke & haze prevented observ.



T.W.S.

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Harris

A/C# 305

BOX

FLT. 3

X

ON

RATTLE DAMAGE

$$6 \times 500$$

RETURNED

“A”

10A-C

“ ”

X

JETTISONED

mil

FLAK : XXHA - (Red bursts among them) Target

mid

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X
X X
X (X) X
X X

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

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK : XXHA - target. Possibly unseen. Red.
From the right of course..

mil

OBSERVATIONS:

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Wright A/C# 335 BOX 1 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :
XX HA - on run just before bombs
away
~ burst of red flak at target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:
layer of haze

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

Perk

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Facts

FLT.

BATTLE DAMAGE

" E "

JETTISONED

XX HA at target began with
red bursts of flock.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

X X
X X
X X

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

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

XXHA on bomb run 30 seconds before
dropping. also on turn off.
5 red bursts. flash followed flight
around turn

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

$\frac{7}{10} + \frac{4}{10}$ clouds with smoke & haze down low. no obs. could not see bombs hit.

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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Curtis

FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

JETTISONED

XXXHI at end of run - as target
2-3 bursts of red colored flock as target

hazy & cloudy

X (SPARE)

Perk-

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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

XXXXH I Aal Egt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

10/18 Class with breaks.

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

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Wallace

A/C# 286

BOX

FLT.

3

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

$$x \sim 0$$

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

" E "

X

JETTISONED

FLAK :

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 clouds.
no obs

X
X
X

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

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

X (SPARE)

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Singletary A/C# 416 BOX V FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : _____

*XX XHA-Z at tgt.
Red bursts - 3 to 4 red bursts*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS: _____

*Fires observed at tgt
w/ clouds.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X

X X

X X

Kerr

INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____

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PILOT Henson A/C# 2315 BOX X FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : X ON _____

BATTLE DAMAGE

6 X 500 RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E" :

X JETTISONED : _____ : _____ : _____ :

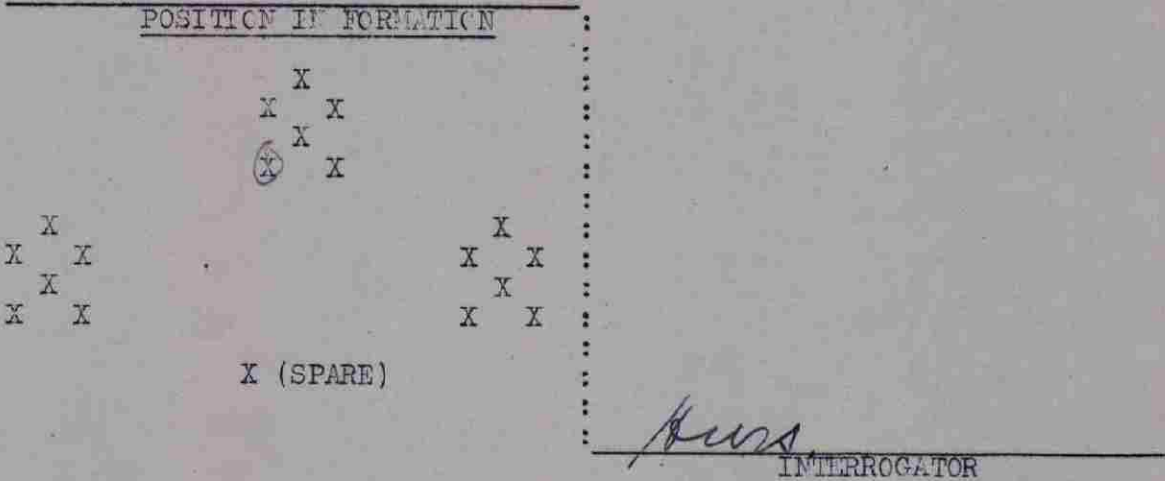
FLAK :

XXH/E to rear at tgt.
3rd bursts.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 clouds -
not obs.



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PILOT F Vans A/C# 398 BOX X FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

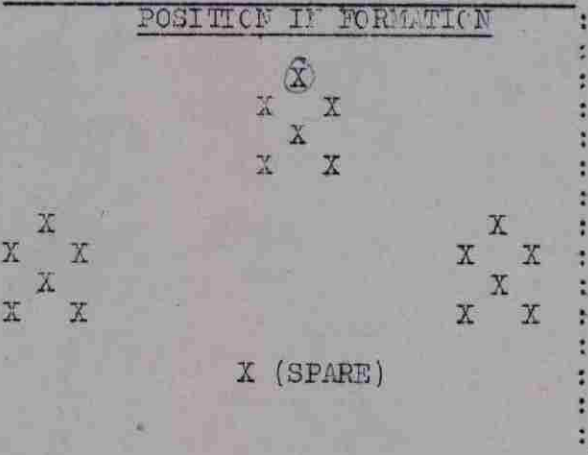
BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u> <u>500</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>1</u> <u>Run</u>	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>			

FLAK : Lost 1/2 of bomb run XXH1 Red flak, too
unseen fire, probably.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 clouds, large & smoke.
Tops of clouds 5 to 6,000 ft
Called Sweepstakes for entire tactical area.
"On course & 2 mins late".

TOT 1938
alt 11,500
Axis 10°
175 - 210



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Parker

A/C#

BOX

FLT. 2

$$\underline{6} \times \underline{500}$$

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

JE TTI S O N E D

quit on Jerry

7 Bursts red

 α

- Bombs hit right around MPJ -

TOT- 1938

Alt = 11,100

Run - one run

H_{220} + smoke from J.P. on

X
X X
X X

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

X X
X
X X

X (SPARE)

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Dr B 65E

BOX

11

FLT. 3

BOMBS : X ON

6 X 500 RETURNED

X JETTISONED

BATTLE DAMAGE

W A W

"A-C"

"E"

Wil

FLAK : XXX - notes for
thin flight. tracked in turn
Bl at sunset. big red puffs

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

11

OBSERVATIONS:

break to Am. Jazzy
not seen.

Other gfs bombed ahead

POSITION INFORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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X (SPARE)

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PILOT Brewster A/C# 501 BOX IV FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

XXHA (not for this flight)
 until late in flight followed around
 one hole in this flight. turn.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Red bursts in each batch.

TOT - 1439

Alt - 10,900

10°.

was on course from IP.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

(X)
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

X
X X
X X
X X

Could not see target
 but saw NW
 Return.

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3 separate gun installations.
 More bursts at one time than indicated
 by plotted position.

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PILOT T.H. A/C# 490 BOX IV FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : XX to XXX - acc.
tracked around turn.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil

OBSERVATIONS:
TOT. 1939 1/2
alt - 10,400
8°

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	X
	X	
X	X	

X	(X)	X
X	X	X
X	X	X

X (SPARE)

Cloud or smoke
was at abt 6-8-000,
Solid at tgt.

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Somnifers-

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
6	X580	RETURNED	"A" : "A-C" : "E"
	X	JETTISONED	

K: XX- XXXX at light & turn off.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

14/10 Clouds at Hgt. Heavy smoke
no obs.

L.O.T. 1939
alt - 11700
Head - 10°
IAS - 210

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Bishop A/C# 205 BOX ✓ FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : *X X - XXXX/1A 797.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

camerq.
POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

MAZ.
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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

XX (75-100 bursts). Red puff phenomena
Accurate. Target.

trial

10/10 — thick haze layer

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Downing A/C# 232 BOX 11 FLT. 1

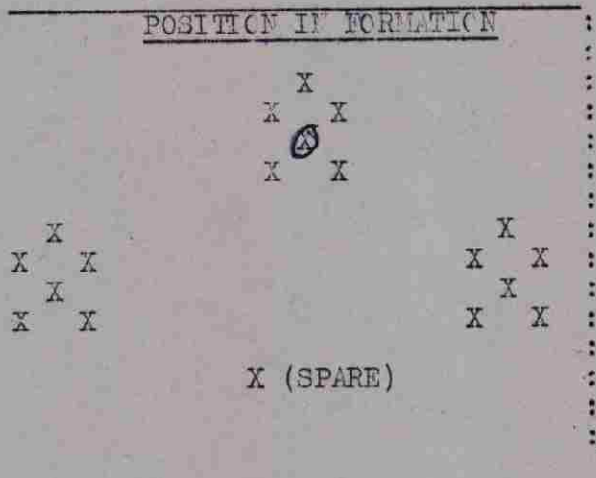
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : XXXH1 - target, Red pluff phenomena.
Scuddy clouds - probably unseen
fire

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:- nil



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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

XXHA at Tgt -
of red banner: Trained other flet

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Waco clouds
tot. -- 1942
alt. -- 10900
Humid - 60°
LTS 210.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : -

LAK :-
XXHE just before reaching tgt.
4 red bursts.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS:
10/10 clouds with smoke & haze
no obs.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X
X
X

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X (SPARE)

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Winn

A/C# 265

BOX

IV

FLT. 2

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

FLAK : KXWA T9T

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:-

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Nelson A/C# 247 BOX IV FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : X ON _____

BATTLE DAMAGE

6 X 500 RETURNED

"A" "A-C" "E"

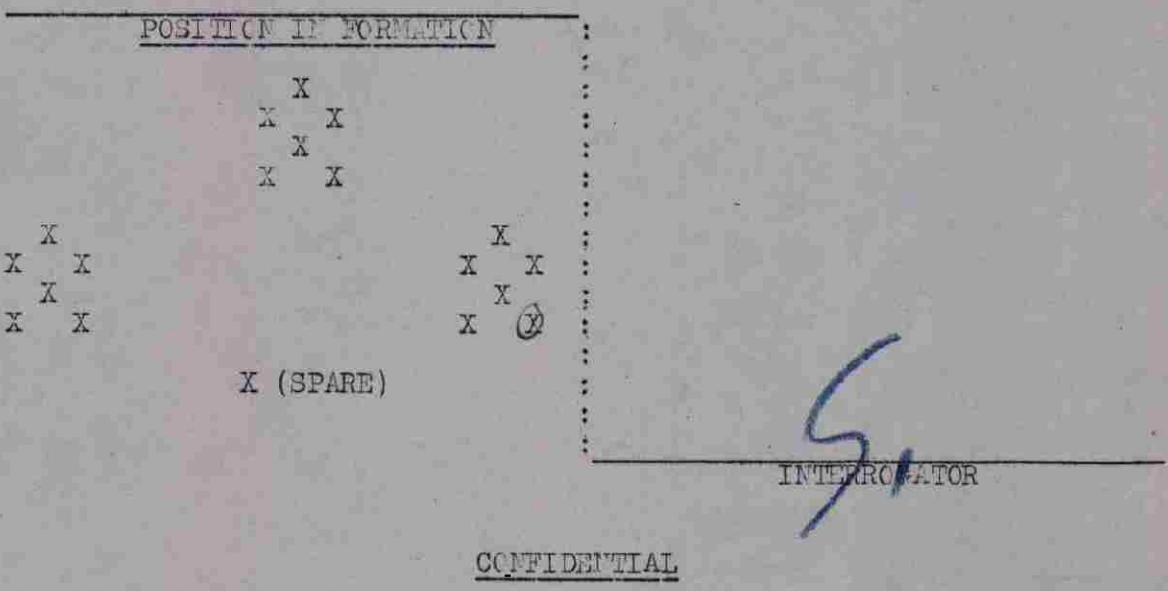
X - JETTISONED

the

FLAK :
XXX

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
nil

OBSERVATIONS: Indie mostly-



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PILOT: Grabber A/C# 249 BOX 14 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

*XX/HA on bomb run & to R & at tgt.
4 red bursts. F-lab trailed flight and
turned*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Smoke & haze. no flames observed.

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

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Simpson

A/C# 239

BOX

FLT. (Spare)

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

XXX HA at tgt & before tgt.
4th ^{on wave} red bursts.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: Pulled to left off tye to get out of
flak.
1000 clouds.
no obs.

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)

(X) (SPARE)

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INTERR. FORM

Spires

A/C# 269

BOX

FLT. 2
$$\underline{6 \times 500}$$

RETURNED

99 A 99

"A-C"

1991

JETTISONED

XXXXH H On bomb run when door even
open:

10/10 Clard.
no do. —

X
X X
X
X X

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

XXX HA - between EP & target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:-

Smoke & haze over target

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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F/O _____

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT W. M. M. T. A/C# 381 BOX IV FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : X ON _____

BATTLE DAMAGE

6 X 300 RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

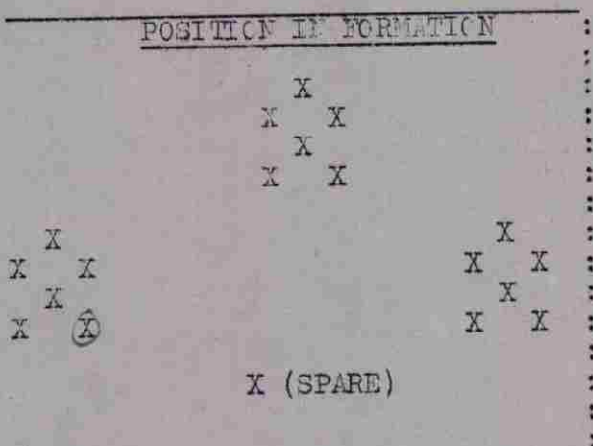
"E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK : XXX H/A. TGT.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Hackley A/C# 354 BOX 14 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : X ON : BATTLE DAMAGE

<u>6</u> X <u>100</u> RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u> </u> X <u> </u> JETTISONED	<i>True</i>		

FLAK : XX to XXXHA — on bomb run

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X (SPARE)

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INTERR. FORM

Definer

A/C#

263

BOX

FLT.

3

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

FLAK :

XXH/A - Target of the fusion

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Thick Haze

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

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X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

CONFIDENTIAL

INTERR. FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK : ~~X~~~~X~~# A - continuous - seen five
2 red puffs. Target area

Nil

nil

POSITION INFORMATION

X
X X
X X

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

X (SPARE)

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM
Camera Ship

PILOT Allen A/C# 492 BOX _____ FLT. _____

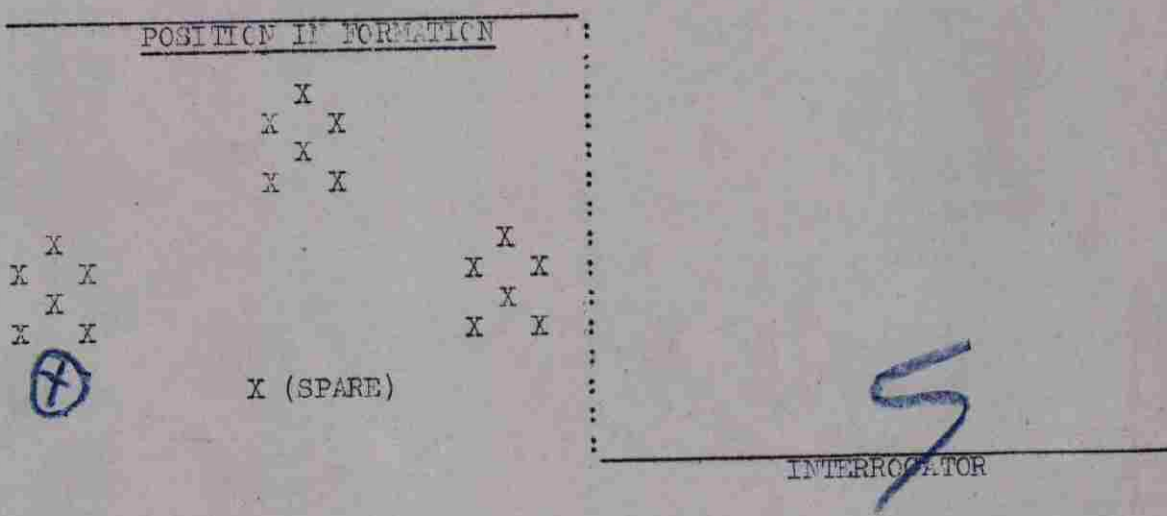
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : XXHA + started with markers.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS:
Did not see target.
A few tracked in turn. Made it left.



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Box #	CPSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader
7		16. April				Evens
		14.5				

$\frac{4}{68}$

Evans ✓
 348
 Wallace ✓
 276
 276
 273
 416
 212
 212

1285
640

Darker
484

Calcutt	259
Cannon	274
McCreedy	261
Prychda	505

Harris
305

Wright
335

Roberts	352
Phillips	378
Walker	385
Evart	325

Camera Ship
(Spare) Smith, D.E.
271

Allen
A92

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).

Box #	Cps/FI	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
11		16 April 1945				Brewster	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fell to Bomb	ATP	Bomb	Lisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Fall No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	J	F
1. 501								
2. 528								
3. 320								
4. 232								
5. 205								
6. 564								
1. 490								
2. 249								
3. 207								
4. 265								
5. 297								
6. 360								
1. 601								
2. 354								
3. 252								
4. 362								
5. 381								
6. 263								
231								

37 A/C 05-15
412 x 500 6000 P/min
192 x 500 6000 P/min

Brewster 501 ✓
Shelley Parasky 320 528

Downing 2328
O'Brien Bishop 564 205

Commerz 609
Tuff 490 ✓

Wills Hackley 354
Pires 209
Stoeker 249

D. Rose 362
Winn 265

Dequer 363
Went 381
Price 360
Nickson 297

(Spart) Simpson 239

TOTALS FOR MISSION

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- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-200's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
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 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.) _____

C.

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

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____ Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
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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).

SECRET

TO: CG, 9

CG 97

FROM: 416

OPFLASH FOR 16 APR 1945

A. 416

B. WITTENBURG M/Y (E-391743)

C. 39 A26's

D. 7 A26's ON PRIMARY

E. 32 A26's (NO ATTACK. COULD NOT SEE TARGET
BECAUSE OF CLOUD AND SMOKE.)

F. 42 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY

192 X 500 GP RETURNED - NO ATTACK.

G. EXCELLENT RESULTS (FOR ONE FLIGHT.)

H. 2 A26's DAMAGED CAT. "A."

I. NIL

J. MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE AT
TARGET, AND AROUND TURN OFF TARGET.

K. NIL

(NO ATTACK)

L. BOX I FLIGHT A - 11500 BOX II FLIGHT A - 10,900 (NO ATTACK)
 B - 11,100 (ATTACK) B - 10,400
 C - 11,300 (NO ATTACK) C - 10,700

M. BOX I FLIGHT A - 1938 BOX II FLIGHT A - 1939
 B - 1938 B - 1939
 C - 1939 C - 1939

X. LEADER INFORMED SWEEPSTAKES HE WOULD
 BE TWO MINUTES LATE, ON COURSE.

Y. - SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT HEADING OF BOX I - FLIGHT B
 PERMITTED SIGHTING OF TARGET.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 17/16 P P

FROM COBOMGR 416 162100B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: XXX SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCETWIG 97 (INFO)

BT

SOMFIDENTIAL 416BG P-293-J

- A. YS - 101
- B. 16 APRIL 1945 (1717-2132)
- C. W-WILLIAM REPORTED OPS ABANDONED TO PARADE
Q-QUEENIE UNABLE TO RECEIVE PARADE.
- D. Q-QUEENIE CONTACTED SWEEPSTAKES UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE.

---AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416---

BT 162100B

DM AR AR

JEV R.....16/2354B SS AR

ITA R.....16/2357B RJS AR

V

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 02/17 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 170010B
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION, ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET OPFLASH FOR 16TH APRIL 1945 416BG P-296-D.

- A. 416TH BOMB GP. - AFTERNOON MISSION.
- B. WITTENBURG M/Y (E-391743)
- C. 39 A-26'S
- D. 7 A-26'S ON PRIMARY TARGET.
- E. 32 A-26'S (NO ATTACK. COULD NOT SEE TARGET BECAUSE OF SMOKE AND
COULD.)
- F. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 42 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY TARGET.
192 X 500 GP RETURNED (NO ATTACK)
- G. EXCELLENT
- H. 2 A-26'S DAMAGED CAT. "A" (FLAK)
- I. NIL.
- J. MODERATE TO INTENSE ACCURATE AT TARGET AND IN TURN OFF.
- K. NIL.
- L. BOX I - FLIGHT A. 11,500 NO ATTACK.
B. 11,100 (ATTACK)
C. 11,300 (NO ATTACK)
BOX II FLIGHT- A. 10,900 (NO ATTACK)
B. 10,400 (NO ATTACK)
C. 10,700 (NO ATTACK)
- M. BOX I - FLIGHT A. 1938 BOX II - FLIGHT A- 1939
B. 1938 B- 1939 1/2
C. 1939 C- 1939 1/2
- X. LEADER INFORMED SWEEPSTAKES ON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA THAT
FORMATION WAS ON COURSE AND TWO MINUTES LATE.
- Y. SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT COURSE ONTO TARGET ALLOWED SECOND FLIGHT
TO SEE TARGET DESPITE ~~XXXX~~ CLOUDS AND SMOKE IN AREA.

M. B. SHERIDAN, CAPT. A/C.

---AMLESWORTH COBOMGR 416---

BT 170010B

DM BBBB

JE A R.....17/0040B RL K

ITA R.....17/0040B RJS K

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 01/17 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 170010B
TO 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 P.I. OFFICER.
97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.

BT
SECRET 416BG P-295-D

B. WITTENBURG M/Y
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUDS AND HAZE OBSCURING TARGET.

BT 170010B
DM BBBB
JEA E.....17/0030B RL K
ITA R.....170034B IC K

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S E C R E T

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

AUTH: CO Sta

A-69

DATE: 17 April 1945

INIT: _____

17 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPRT No. 16a for 24 hours ending sunset 16 April 1945

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

I
Mission No. 27a, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 251-253

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1717 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1718-1729
Targets Wittsburg A/T (primary) None (secondary)
Landing time 2249 Oper. hours (a) 50:00 (day) Oper. hours (b) 40:30 (night)
Weather Cloud and haze obscuring target. 7130 (night) 12:15 (day)

2. Effort:

Dispatched 39 A-26's Sorties 39 Effective sorties 7
A/C expending bombs 7 Non-effective sorties 32
Clouds, haze, and haze obscured target (weather)

A/C returning early None3. Bombs carried into air: 234 x 500 lb GP's 1/100T 1/100T

Expended 42 x 500 lb GP's fused 1/10 N 1/100T Alt. 11,100
target Wittsburg A/T results _____
Expended _____ fused _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
target _____ results _____
Expended _____ fused _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
target _____ results _____

4. Ammunition carried: 72,800 x .50 cal.Ammunition expended: None

5. None.

6. Flak encountered:

Location Target amount Mod. to int. accuracy scattered type MT7. 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:

Destroyed None Missing None
Damaged 2 damaged ext. - 1 flk

10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None

No. _____ type _____ cause _____

11. Remarks: None

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1. Effort:

Dispatched _____ Sorties _____ Effective Sorties _____
 Non-effective sorties _____ 77 _____ 38

59
 1 - bomb master switch not on (Paramot)
 6 - colliding course and low limit (Other)
 32 - clouds, haze, and smoke obscured target (Weather)

2. Bombs carried into air:

	fused	N	T
320 x 500 lb M-17's	fused	to counter 2000 feet	
150 x 500 lb M-17's	fused	1/10	N 1/100 T
	fused	N	T

Expended on operations:

	fused	N	T
150 x 500 lb M-17's	fused	to counter 2000 feet	
40 x 500 lb M-17's	fused	1/10	N 1/100 T
	fused	N	T

Jettisoned

None

Lost or wrecked s/c

None

Returned

52 x 500 lb M-17's
 150 x 500 lb M-17's

3. Ammunition expended

None

Ammunition lost on

wrecked or missing s/c

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEL,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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MISSION SUMMARY #114

(Afternoon Missions)

Field Order 854

Section I

GROUP	TARGET	MISSION RESULTS
397 BG	Kompton (WX-945076) : Ordnance Depot	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent (SMPI) Flight C - Excellent Box II - Superior.
323 BG:	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent Box II - Excellent
366 BG:	" "	Box I - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior (SMPI)
307 BG:	" "	Superior
409 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Box II - Undet.
344 BG	Wittenburg (RL-391743) Marshalling Yard	Undet.
322 BG	" "	Box I - No attack Box II - Flight A - No attack Flight B - No attack Flight C - Excellent
416 BG	" "	Undet.

A total of 91 aircraft were unable to attack because of cloud, haze and smoke at target.

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GROUP ALTERNATIVE

Five full groups attacked an Ordnance Depot.
27 aircraft from three additional groups
bombed a marshalling yard and flak positions in
the target area. Superior to Undetermined
results were recorded.

Kepton (Ordnance Depot)

397 BG: 34 a/c dispatched, 32 dropping 64 x 2000 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which crash-landed at Lunerville, on sin 30 engine.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8300 - 11,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 425 feet SW of DMPI. Bombs fell in open area. Probably no damage.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. DMPI concealed by curtain of smoke from earlier bombing. Selected DMPI 330 feet NW of DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, and 300 feet N in good pattern. Bombs fell across five buildings, roads, & RR tracks in area.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 265 feet W of DMPI. Bombs fell across two buildings (including DMPI), road & rail lines.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 75 feet S of DMPI, falling across two buildings, roads, & RR tracks.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 150 feet SE of DMPI. Bombs fell across four buildings and across roads servicing area.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 140 feet E, across building used as DMPI, and into open area east of target area.

323 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (36 B-26, 1 A-20), 36 dropping 70 x 2000, 4 x 1000 GP on primary. 1 A-20 camera a/c.

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

Visual bombing by flights from 8400 - 10000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good concentration. MPI of burst 370 feet W of DMPI. Bombs hit in open fields, with 1 hit on road west of target.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Loose concentration. MPI of burst 240 feet north of DMPI. Probable hits obtained on the five northernmost buildings, as well as main road west of target.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good concentration. MPI of burst 260 feet NE of DMPI. Bombs fell on or near five northernmost buildings in target area, except for 1 salvo which fell in open fields east of target.

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Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Rather long pattern, with MPI of bursts 290 feet SSE of DMPI. First bombs caused explosion in SW corner of target area. Bombs blanketed center of target area, with near misses being obtained on storage buildings, and hits on main E-W road through target.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good concentration. MPI of bursts 420 feet N of DMPI. Bombs fell in courtyard immediately N of assigned buildings, with near misses being obtained.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good concentration. MPI of bursts 340 feet from DMPI. Some bombs fell into smoke of Flight B, Box II, immediately north of assigned buildings, with near misses being obtained.

386 BG: 37 a-26 a/c dispatched, all dropping 222 x 500 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 7400 - 9000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. More than 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentration 45 feet SE of DMPI. Pattern covers SE edge of target area, with very near misses to a large building and hits on another building, probably causing severe damage.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. More than 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentration 700 feet S of DMPI. Pattern covers S edge of target area with near misses or possible hits on a building and hits on main road which services depot.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. More than 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentration 620 feet E of DMPI, blanketing E edge of target area. Later photos show near misses to buildings on E side of target area.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs fell into smoke of previous bombing. Later photos show that one building is approximately 1/2 destroyed, another 2/3 destroyed and both ends of a third building have received direct hits.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Concentration covers DMPI with hits on three buildings. These buildings are probably severely damaged, making the depot unserviceable.

Flight C. SMPI - SUPERIOR. Smoke obscured DMPI. Bombardier selected another building as MPI. Pattern covers SMPI and later photos show it to be almost completely destroyed. There is also severe damage to W corner of another building.

387 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 54 x 2000 GP on primary. 1 a/c, which is missing, was observed to jettison 2 x 2000 GP at WM-590200, 40 miles S of bomb line, in enemy territory. A/c was last seen headed S after jettisoning bombs, and is unreported. 6 crewmen missing.

No losses, battle damage, further casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8,500 - 11,500 feet.

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Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 235 feet SE of DMPI, blanketing entrance road and southern portion of five warehouses.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 50 feet SE of DMPI, in approximately the center of target area. Bursts blanketed undamaged portions of four warehouses and caused violent explosions.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 75 feet SE of DMPI, falling into almost identical area of preceding flight.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered approximately 230 feet S of DMPI, covering portion of target area.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered approximately 185 feet E of DMPI, blanketing remaining NE portion of target area.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 240 feet SE of DMPI, falling into smoke of thoroughly covered target.

499 DG: 31 A-26 w/c dispatched, all dropping 100 x 500 lb on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9000 - 10200 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Previous bombings obliterated briefed DMPI. Bombardier selected a large building in the NE portion of assigned T/A for an MFI, approximately 350 feet N of DMPI. 95% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of excellent pattern is approximately 300 feet S.E. of DMPI. Pattern blankets northern portion of large building chosen as MFI, as well as all of a building immediately E of it, and part of a storage building still farther E. Photos show what appears to be smoke from an explosion in large building, which was used as DMPI. These buildings, which showed little apparent damage from previous strikes, probably received severe fire damage.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 410 feet S.E. of DMPI. Pattern blankets T/A SE, and SW of DMPI, with bombs reaching to or just N of DMPI. At least ten previously undamaged buildings and a large area containing open stores were covered by incendiaries. These buildings and stores were probably destroyed or severely damaged by fire.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern is approximately 290 feet W.N. of DMPI. Pattern blankets DMPI and T/A W of it. At least four partially damaged buildings in T/A, and several undamaged structures to W were covered by incendiaries. They and their contents probably received severe fire damage.

Box II - Flight A and B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Photographs show no bursts which can be assigned to these flights. Bombardiers report excellent to superior results.

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Wittomburg (Marshalling Yard)

344 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, 3 dropping 24 x 500 Gamp B on primary. 6 a/c dropped 96 x 250 frags on flak positions in target area. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c which landed at Trier and a t VH-600910.

31 a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical; 29, weather (haze and smoke prevented bombardiers from picking up target).

5 a/c flak battle-damaged, a/c which landed at VH-600910 is reported to have sustained Cat E damage, for reasons unknown. 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing from 9500 - 11,500 feet.

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

322 BG: 43 a/c dispatched, 6 dropping 11 x 2000 GP on primary. 5 a/c dropped 80 x 250 frags on flak positions in target area. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c which were lost.

30 a/c failed to bomb: weather (haze and smoke prevented bombardiers from picking up target).

2 a/c lost to flak. 1 received direct hit in left engine, directly over target; a/c burst into flames and went into steep dive. 6 chutes (entire crew) observed. Second a/c was hit directly over target, went into spin, and crashed and exploded. Possibly 2 chutes observed. 12 crewmen missing.

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

Visual bombing from 10050 - 11150 feet.

Box I - NO ATTACK. Smoke and haze prevented bombing.

Box II - Flights A and B. NO ATTACK. Smoke and haze prevented bombing.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to evasive action all bursts do not appear on photos. However, all bombs seem to be within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern, centered probably 425 feet N of DMPI, covering, at least partially, goods depot, passenger station, many rail cars, and buildings adjacent to N. side of M/I.

Flak positions - bombs fell in desired area (2-6 gun position due north of target). However, wide spacing of bombs (200 ft) and fast turnoff target, permitted photos of only a few bursts.

416 BG: 39 A-26 a/c dispatched, 7 dropping 42 x 500 GP on primary.

32 a/c failed to bomb: weather (thick haze and cloud obscured target.)

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

Visual bombing from 11,100 feet.

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

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SECTION II

A/C Off		301
A/C Bombing	201	
A/C Failing to Bomb	3	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	91	
Other		
Camera 1		
Bombs of 5 A/C Unaccounted for	6	

TOTAL		301
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Bombs on Enemy Territory		344.38
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Total Bombs to Date		146,140.87
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A/C Lost (322 BG)	2	
A/C Missing (387 BG)	1	
A/C Crash-Landed (397 BG)	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	28	9,343%
Killed	0	
Wounded	2	
Missing	10	
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>
397	1	Mechanical	Left engine cutting out.
344	2	Mechanical	1-Engine cutting out. 1-hydraulic system out.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Kemten

397 BG: Clear. Visibility 7 to 10 miles on bomb run.

323 BG: Clear. Visibility unlimited.

386 BG: Scattered cumulus top 10,000 feet base estimated 5000 feet. Visibility 3-4 miles up sun and 10 miles down sun.

387 BG: Clear. Air to ground visibility 12-15 miles on bomb run.

409 BG: Clear. Visibility 8-12 miles.

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344 BG: Clear. Visibility $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile in battle smoke and light haze to 7000 feet.

322 BG: Clear. Visibility $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 miles in thick battle smoke and haze.

416 BG: 10/10 stratus over an area 40 miles south and west of the target and 10 miles north and east. Haze and cloud mixed with top 5-6000 feet. Air to ground visibility 1-2 miles, air to air visibility unlimited.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	297
A/C LOST TO FLAK	2
A/C MISSING	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	26
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	9.323%
<u>Kemten Ordnance Depot 397, 323, 386, 387, 409 Gps.</u>	
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Missing	1
A/C Battle Damaged	1
% A/C Battle Damaged	0.75%

Enroute from the target the 323 Gp encounter d weak inaccurate heavy flak near W-200600. This flak probably was being fired at extreme range from the defenses of Offenbug. The 387 Gp observed 6 bursts while crossing the bombline enroute out.

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Wittendale E/Y

WA, 322, 216 Gns.

A/C Lost to Flak

2

A/C Battle Damaged

25

A/C Battle Damaged

22,943

All groups encountered moderate to intense accurate heavy flak fire in the target area. Groups of the 322 Gp reported that most of the flak seemed to be coming from the 40 yards south of the town. The flak also seemed to be a barrage except the a/c that were attacking the flak positions were tracked. The flak was more intense and accurate for the 322 Gp and the 2 a/c lost from this group were hit while attacking the target. 3 minutes were spent after this attack the gunners were not as accurate and only damaged 2 a/c of the last group over the target. 16 heavy guns are sited at the target and the enemy has probably been able to bring in railway guns to bolster his defenses.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT RELATION

P.O.T.'s: 1004 - 1032

No enemy aircraft encountered.

S/A PHOTO REPORTS

GROUP	CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHIC	CAMERA FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
327	100%	0	0	0	0
323	100%	0	0	0	0
306	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS

16 April 1945

A/C OFF

579

A/C Bombing

449

A/C Failing to Bomb

27

A/C Recalled (Weather)

91

Other

Camera 2

Spare 2

Bombs of 8 A/C Unaccounted for

12

TOTAL

579

Bombs on Enemy Territory

790.64

Total Bombs to Date

146,148.87

A/C Lost (409 BG-1, 322 BG-2)

3

A/C Missing (387 BG-1, 397 BG-1)

2

A/C Crash-Landed (397 BG)

1

A/C Battle Damaged

49

6.46%

Killed

0

Wounded

3

Missing

26

Injured

0

Claims

0

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, BELGIUM, APRIL 16.—Two widely separated centers of resistance in the path of the Seventh and Ninth armies were attacked this morning by 250 medium and light bombers of Ninth Bombardment Division. Returning bombardiers reported results ranging from fair to superior.

A force of 150 planes took advantage of excellent visibility to blanket targets at Zerbst, a communications center 65 miles southwest of Berlin. Another force of 100 planes went deep into Southern Germany to attack rail yards at Gunzenhausen, 26 miles southwest of Nurnberg.

The fragmentation, high explosive and incendiary bombs showered upon installations, supply dumps and personnel at Zerbst started huge fires and destroyed transportation facilities being employed to reinforce Nazi troops opposing the Ninth army.

A rail yard was the principal target at Gunzenhausen, in the area of greatest resistance encountered by the Seventh army since crossing the Rhine. The railroad station and a group of large storage buildings were destroyed, in addition to a large number of freight cars.

The force attacking Zerbst encountered moderate flak and one bomber was missing. There was no flak defense at Gunzenhausen but two enemy jet propelled fighters made one sweep through the formation before retiring without opening fire.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 16 — Medium bombers attacked a large ordnance depot at Kempten, in southwestern Germany, and a railway yard at Wittenberg, 50 miles southwest of Berlin, this evening. The operation brought the total to more than 500 sorties by Ninth Bombardment division bombers today.

At Kempten, 62 miles southwest of Munich, 180 Marauders and Invaders directed their attacks against buildings remaining after a successful attack April 12. High explosives wrecked warehouses and barracks buildings and hit rail sidings, while incendiaries caused fires, according to bomber crews. Germans were reported to be using the area as a supply center for their so-called National Redoubt defenses.

A smaller force of bombers struck at the Wittenberg rail yard, southwest of Berlin, near where the Ninth U. S. Army is fighting to widen its Elbe River bridgehead. Bombing results were unobserved because of haze and battle smoke.

Earlier, 250 medium and light bombers attacked a communications center at Zerbst, 65 miles southwest of Berlin, and a rail yard at Gunzenhausen, 26 miles southwest of Nurnberg, with fair to superior results.

Heavy flak was encountered over Wittenberg and, although some of the bombers directed their attacks against flak positions, two Marauders were lost. One was lost in the early operation, making three planes lost for the day. No enemy aircraft were seen in the late operation.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEAD QUARTERS, BELGIUM, April 16 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures for combined missions of B-26 Marauders, A-26 Invaders and A-20 Havocs of the Ninth Bombardment Division Monday:

Aircraft dispatched	579
Aircraft over enemy territory	575
Bombers lost	3
Bomb tonnage	791
Marshalling yards attacked	2
Communications centers attacked	1
Ordnance depots attacked	1
Railroad cuts	30
Highway cuts	59
Goods wagons destroyed or damaged	230
Railroad stations damaged	1
Warehouses destroyed or damaged	16
Buildings destroyed or damaged	227
Storage sheds damaged	8

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