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9th B.D. S-2 Report 100A

416 TH	9TH B.D. (M) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 17 April 45	Magdeburg Built Up Area.
OTTER HUNTER TARGET		
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Magdeburg Built Up Area. PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. 6 points in town.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 42A26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 42

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1 2 3 4 5 6

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 216x500GP FUSING 1/10 1/100

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED

Box I Flt A	350 deg	1054
B	320	1054 1/2
C	330	1054 3/4
Box II Flt A	330	1055
B	320	1104
C	320	1107

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET
Large number of trains active in vicinity.

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A DMPI - Super: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 250 ft E of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bursts on buildings and roads destroying buildings and cutting and blocking roads.

Flt B AMPI - Super: Bombardier misidentified target. Bombs fell in elongated pattern 2 1/2 miles SW of DMPI with center of bursts 115 ft NW of AMPI. Hits were scored on buildings and road causing considerable damage. Used impulse bombing.

Flt C DMPI - Unsat: No bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern with center of bursts 2550 ft E of DMPI, hitting in fields and on small buildings and roads.

Box II Flt A DMPI - Undet: No photo coverage due to turn off target. Target ran off edge of film. Visual reports bombs hit in target area with excellent results.

Flt B DMPI - Excel: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI in tight pattern with center of bursts 500 ft SE of DMPI. Bombs fell in M/Y cutting tracks in several places and destroying a number of goodswagons. Used impulse bombing.

Flt C DMPI - Undet: No photo coverage due to turn off target. Target ran off edge of film. Visual reports bombs hit in target area with excellent results.

Box III Flt A DMPI - Undet: No photos due to no cameras being carried in a/c bombing flak positions.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET:	IX BC 97TH	WING
:	:	:	416TH
:	:	DATE	GROUP
:	:	ATTACKING UNITS	:
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____
 A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACKED _____ MILES FROM PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20'S NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED _____	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL
	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416 TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 17 APRIL 1945TO MAGDEBURG BUILT UP AREA

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
FLT A	<u>Maj. L.F. Dunn (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt.W.E.Brewer (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
	<u>Lt.J.E. Kerns (N)</u>		
FLT B	<u>Lt.D.O. Turner (P)</u>	<u>A.M.P.I.</u>	Bombardier misidentified target.
	<u>Lt.P.G. McGivern(B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	Bombs hit in built up area very similar to briefed target in same town.
	<u>Lt.B.J. Morley (N)</u>		
FLT C	<u>Capt.W.F.DuFault(P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Bombardier had difficulty in picking up aiming point because of haze and smoke in area. Took short bomb run and was not synchronized at release.
	<u>F/O.O.A.Cardinale(B)</u>	<u>UNSAT.</u>	
BOX II			
FLT A	<u>Lt.J.A.Buskirk (P)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	No photo coverage due to turn off target. Bombardier estimated that bombs hit DMPI with excellent results.
	<u>Lt.R.C.Hanna (B)</u>		
	<u>F/O.B.J.Przywitoski(N)</u>		
FLT B	<u>Lt.M.Errotabere (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt.M.F. Wilbur (B)</u>	<u>EXCEL.</u>	
FLT C	<u>Lt.R.B. Hall (P)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	No photo coverage due to turn off target. Bombardier stated bombs hit 200 ft short of DMPI.
	<u>F/O.T.L.Goss (B)</u>		
BOX III			
Elem.1	<u>Lt.P.E. Parker (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Bombed flak positions in target area. Reported excellent results
	<u>Lt.R.E. Shaft (B)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	
Elem.2	<u>Lt.W.W. Annin (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Bombed flak positions in target area. Reported excellent results.
	<u>Lt.R.L. Martin (B)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	
Elem 3	<u>Lt.L.J. Prucha (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	Bombed flak positions in target area. Reported excellent results.
	<u>Lt.F.A. Reeves (B)</u>	<u>UNDET.</u>	

All flights bombed on first run except flights B and C of Box II

WILLIAM M. LYTLE
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
GROUP BOMBARDIER

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DATE 10/10/2001

REASON FOR REVIEW 10/10/2001

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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 12 GROUP 416TH Bomb Gp (L)
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 12 100 % WING 97TH Combat Wing (L)
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 17 April 1945.
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS 0

TARGET MAGDEBURG
 ALTITUDE 12,000 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 245 MPH

TARGET MAGDEBURG
 ALTITUDE 11,300 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 240 MPH

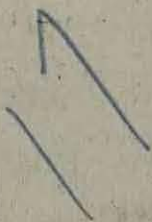
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:NO. :	NO. :	TYPE :	:	:	SORTIES :	SORTIES :	:
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1	209	"	5	0			Duplicate coverage
1	314	"	7	0	14		
1	354	"	5	0			Duplicate coverage
1	381	"	7	0	13		
1	252	"	6 3/8	0			Duplicate coverage
2	259	"	7	0			No photos due to evasive action
2	378	"	6 3/8	0			" " " "
2	416	"	6 3/8	0	15		
2	9315	"	6 3/8	0			Duplicate coverage
2	2315	"	7	0			" "
2	564	"	7	0			" "

K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____
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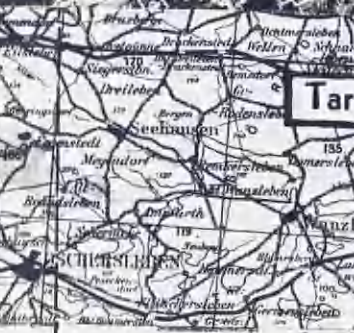
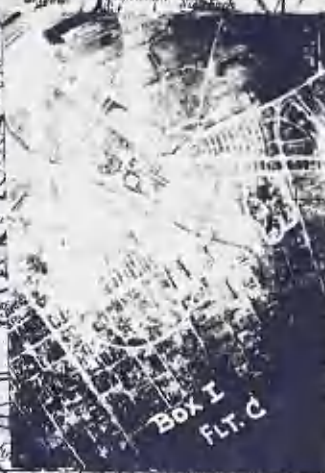
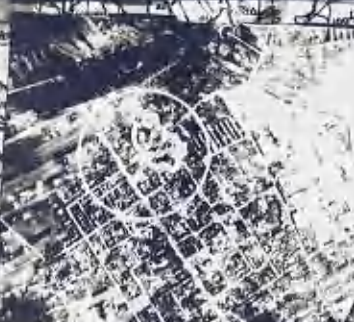
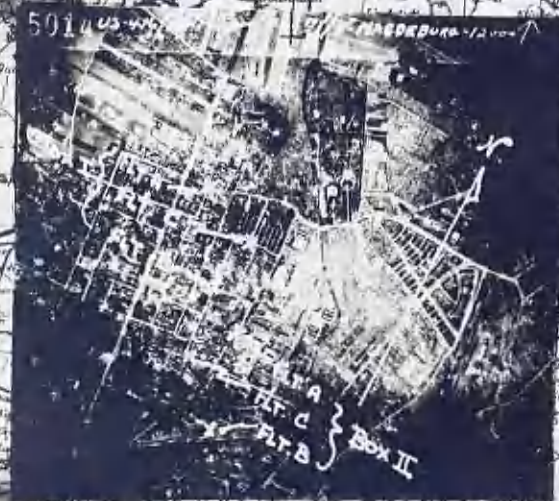
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17 APRIL 1945

BOX I FLT. A-DITI-SUPER:- ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DITI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 250 FT. E. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BOMBS DESTROYING BUILDINGS AND CURTING ROADS.
FLT. B-ANTI-SUPER:- BOMBARDIER 'IS-IDENTIFIED TARGET. BOMBS FELL IN ELONGATED PATTERN 24 MILES SW OF DITI, WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 115 FT. NW OF ANTI. HITS WERE SCATTER ON BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
FLT. C-DITI-WEAT:- NO BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DITI. BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN 2550 FT. E OF DITI HITTING IN FIELDS AND ON SMALL BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
BOX II FLT. A-DITI-INDET:- NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.
FLT. B-DITI-EXCEL:- ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT. OF DITI IN GOOD PATTERN 500 FT SE OF DITI. BOMBS HIT IN W/Y CURTING TRACES IN SEVERAL PLACES AND DESTROYING A NUMBER OF GOOD WAGONS.
FLT. C-DITI-INDET:- NO PHOTOS DUE TO EVASIVE ACTION.



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TARGET MAGDEBURG DATE 17 APR 45 NO. A/C 42 MISS. # 275
 COORD. RD-670990 I.O.# 257-855 STATUS ATTACKED
 BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. SHERIDAN

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Mission file
275HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140
17 April 1945

Field Order 855

MISSION SUMMARY # 115

Section I

(Morning Missions)

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
416 BG	Magdeburg (RD-660990) Defended town	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior (SMPI) Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - Undet Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Undet.
410 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior (SMPI) Flight B - Good Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Flight D - No attack
409 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior (SMPI) Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - N.A.O.
366 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior (SMPI) Flight B - Superior (SMPI) Flight C - Superior (SMPI) Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent (SMPI)
391 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - No attack Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior
344 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Excellent (SMPI) Flight C - Excellent (SMPI) Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent (SMPI) Flight C - Unsatis.
322 BG:	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent (SMPI) Flight B - Excellent (SMPI) Flight C - Superior (SMPI) Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Eleven groups attacked one Defended Town recording Superior to Undetermined results. One group employed SHORAN to attack an Ordnance Depot recording Undetermined results.

Magdeburg (Defended Town)

416 BG: 42 A-26 a/c dispatched, 36 dropping 216 X 500 GP on Primary, 6 dropping 132 X 100 frags on flak positions at RD-71149604, RI-75900390, RI-7590003

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,300 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI with center of pattern 250 ft. E of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bursts on buildings and roads destroying buildings and cutting and blocking roads.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier misidentified target. Bombs fell in elongated pattern 2 1/4 miles SW of DMPI with center of bursts 115 ft. NW of SMPI. Hits were scored on buildings and roads causing considerable damage. Used impulse bombing.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier had difficulty in picking up aiming point because of haze and smoke in area. Took short bomb run and was not synchronized at release. No bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Bombs fell in good pattern with center of bursts 2550 ft. E of DMPI, hitting in fields and on small buildings and roads.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to turn off target. Target ran off edge of film. Visual reports indicate bombs hit in target area with excellent results.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI in tight pattern with center of bursts 500 ft. SE of DMPI. Bombs fell in M/Y cutting tracks in several places destroying a number of goods wagons.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to turn off target. Target ran off edge of film. Visual reports indicate bombs hit in target area with excellent results.

Flak Positions - No photos because no cameras were carried in a/c bombing flak positions.

410 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 222 X 500 GP on Primary.

5 a/c failed to bomb: other (flight leader could not pick up target due to haze and smoke).

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,500 - 12,800 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier was forced to make last minute change in course due to smoke billowing into air from ground explosions and unable to pick up DMPI selected large factory type building 2500 feet to SE of SMPI. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Excellent pattern centered on highways and buildings 150 ft. NW of SMPI. Probable direct hits to factory.

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Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approxi-

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 75 percent of bombs are within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approxi-
mately 770 ft. SW of DMPI. Bombs are largely on buildings previously destroyed. The streets in this area, which appeared to be passable before bombs hit, are now probably blocked by craters and rubble.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 80 percent of bombs are within a 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 730 ft. E of DMPI. Pattern blankets two deck side buildings and the adjacent rail yards. These installations as well as possibly others were probably destroyed or severely damaged.

Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. Smoke obscured DMPI so bombardier selected for an HPI a gas tank approximately 675 ft. SW of DMPI. 100 percent of bombs are within a 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 150 ft. E of DMPI. Pattern blankets gas tank and probably destroyed or damaged this installation as well as many adjacent buildings. Streets in the area of strikes are probably blocked by rubble.

Visual bombing by Flt. A from 11,800 - 12,800 feet.

No losses, 1 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

409 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 37 A-26, 3 A-20), 37 dropping 122 X 1000 GP on primary. 6 dropping 132 X 100 frags on flank positions at RD-71149604, RV-75900390, RT-75900360. 2 X 1000 GP were jettisoned safe in open field at WC-700381, 1 3/4 miles W of Gieboldshausen (friendly territory) after hanging up at target. 3 Window a/c.

Flt. D - NO ATTACK. Bombardier made two runs but could not pick up DMPI due to smoke and haze in I/A.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 55 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Irregular pattern centered in I/A 1000 ft. S of DMPI. Bursts blanketed main line and sidings and a large number of related installations in I/V area.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 50 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered in smoke of bombs of previous flights 1000 ft. SSE of DMPI. Bursts blanketed several large factory type buildings and a number of smaller ones at the northern edge of marshalling yard.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier was unable to pick up DMPI due to smoke and haze and selected highway intersection 1000 ft. to S of DMPI. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered on highway 500 ft. SW of DMPI blanketing intersecting highways and city streets and a large number of buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 75 ft. E of DMPI blanketing two large factory-type buildings and a large number of smaller buildings. Bursts blanketed intersecting highways and city streets.

Flt. B - DMPI - GOOD. 40 percent of bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Bombs centered in built-up area 1050 ft. SE of DMPI. Bursts blanketed buildings and streets but smoke prevents further statement of damage.

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mately 80 ft. S of DMPI. Pattern completely blankets a 7-road street intersection (the DMPI) and craters and rubble have probably blocked traffic.

Flt. B.- JAO. Smoke obscured MPI so bombardier estimated MP and bombed. Bombs are in excellent concentration approximately 4300 ft. SE of DMPI. Bombs are largely in open fields with a few strikes in the Elbe River.

Flak Positions - No bomb bursts can be seen in photographs coming from elements 1 and 3. Bombs from element 2 can be seen in open field and woods approximately 7400 ft. WNW of the plotted position of the assigned flak installation.

386 BG: 42 A-26 a/c dispatched, 40 dropping 144 X-1000 GP, 80 and 100 frags on Primary. 1 dropping 20 X 100 frags on flak position at WX-75900360.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 12,500 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to heavy smoke in and about T/A, bombardier selected center of M/I at WD-664994 as MPI. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius. No circular error. Closely concentrated pattern falls across M/I with probable hits on tracks, warehouses, and repair shed in target area.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to heavy smoke in and about T/A, bombardier selected MPI of crossroads at WD-677967, all bursts within 1000 ft. radius. Center of concentrated pattern is 250 ft. N of MPI, falling in residential and warehouse area with hits on roads, houses and buildings.

Flt. C - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to heavy smoke in and about T/A, bombardier selected MPI of center of warehouse area at WD-672968. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius. No circular error. Bursts completely envelop warehouse area with probable destruction of large warehouses.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. No circular error. Long concentrated pattern centers directly on crossing of RR and road, probably cutting both.

Flt. B - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI. Center of pattern is 250 ft. E of DMPI, with N end falling across RR tracks and S end probably severing E-W road crossing tracks.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to heavy smoke in and about T/A, bombardier selected MPI at WD-660990. All bursts within 1000 ft. radius of SMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 650 ft. W of SMPI, falling at edge of M/I severing a road.

Flak Positions - Flt. A - Due to clouds and battle smoke from previous bombing, bombardier could not identify flak position and selected MPI at crossroads (WD-651987). Center of pattern is 730 ft. N. of MPI, covering edge of residential section with hits on houses.

Flt. B & C - No photo coverage due to smoke and haze.

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Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Same reason as Flight A. SMPI was main street junction 2870 feet NE of DMPI at Y67500079. 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Good pattern 560 foot NE of SMPI hit a street junction but fell mainly in cemetery. One a/c had been left straggling due to excess speed (air speed indicator malfunction) and dropped short, hitting buildings.

Box I - Flight A. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Clouds on early part of bomb run made extremely short runs necessary. Haze and battle smoke in area made visibility poor and synchronization difficult. Bomber selected street intersection and square, 1800 feet NE of DMPI at Y67350042. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Excellent pattern 570 feet E of SMPI covered 3 blocks of buildings and two streets with probable heavy damage.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,200 - 12,800 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

344 BG: 42 a/c dispatched, 36 dropping 262 x 500 GP on primary. 4 dropped 74 x 100 frags on flak positions at RD-71149664, NY-75900390, NY-75900360. (2 of these a/c dropped 40 x 100 frags at Y-510322) (friendly territory). 2 a/c failed to bomb: Other (could not locate target due to smoke and haze).

Flak position - Bombs fell in a dispersed pattern about 4000 ft. NW of flak positions across one roadway and in open fields.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs fell within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI 175 ft. NE of DMPI in a long pattern cutting 5 roadways and hitting 8 previously untargeted and at least 15 already gutted business residential type buildings.

Flt. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 60 percent of bombs fell within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI centering in a good pattern 600 ft. SE of DMPI, cutting 2 roadways, 4 rail lines and at least 6 residential type buildings.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. About 90 percent of bombs fell within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI in a tight pattern 600 ft. SE of DMPI cutting 3 rail lines, damaging 6 goods wagons and one loading platform and hitting one roadway and 6 small buildings.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs fell within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI in a tight pattern 300 ft. SE of DMPI cutting 3 roadways and hitting in 2 blocks of already gutted residential type buildings.

Flt. B - NO ATTACK. Could not identify target positively due to smoke and haze.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs fell within 1000 ft. radius of DMPI in a tight pattern 500 ft. SW of DMPI hitting 4 roadways and at least 25 large business residential type buildings.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,600 feet.

No losses, casualties, 1 a/c damaged when a bomb fell off shackles into bomb bay doors upon landing.

7 a/c failed to bomb: 1, mechanical; 6, other (flight leader could not identify target due to smoke and haze).

391 BG: 43 a-26 a/c dispatched, 29 dropping 113 x 1000 GP on primary. 7 dropping 3 x 1000 GP, 72 x 260 frags on flak positions at NY-75900390, NY-75900360, NY-71149604. 2 x 1000 GP were jettisoned safe in open fields at NY-565235, KC-235145 (friendly territory) due to rack malfunction at target.

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Flight C. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Same reason as Flight A. SMPI was street junction 1000 feet NE of DMPI at Y67400025. 85% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Ragged pattern 576 feet E of SMPI fell in building area with probable heavy damage. Several salvos about 1000 feet west of main pattern.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern 396 feet E of DMPI covered three city blocks and main streets with probable heavy damage.

Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Same reason as Box I, Flight A, and DMPI also covered by smoke. SMPI was main street junction 2200 feet NE of DMPI at Y68150090. 55% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Long pattern 792 feet E of SMPI. Strikes extend from river across unidentified factory building and railway spur lines with probable heavy damage.

Flight C. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 1460 feet SE of DMPI fell on edge of island and in river. Some damage to buildings. Bombardier identified target and reported good synchronization. Had 90 second bomb run.

Flak Positions - (D712960) Bombs fell in open 2600 feet NE of DMPI. (Y760035). Bombs fell at Y510322 near the town of Roxferde, 24 miles NW of target and 16 miles behind troop line. (Reason undetermined but under investigation).

222 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 67 x 2000 GP on primary.

2 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,750 - 12,750 feet.

Box I - Flight A. SMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Began mission as Flight B, but moved to "A" position when lead a/c of Flight A had PDI trouble. Smoke and haze caused bombardier to misidentify the DMPI and bombed 3400 feet to the north. All bombs beyond 1000 foot radius of the SMPI, centering 1200 feet to the N, covering some dock facilities and storage buildings. Between the river and the shipping basin.

Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. When the PDI went out, #4 a/c of this flight took the lead and the whole flight changed from "A" position to "B". Smoke and haze prevented sighting on DMPI. Bombardier bombed 2080 feet N of DMPI. Bombs hit 550 feet W of SMPI on a crossing of 6 roads, buildings, and into a park.

Flight C. SMPI - SUPERIOR. Smoke and haze caused the bombardier to misidentify the DMPI and bomb 2130 feet to the E. Bombs hit 225 feet E of SMPI on a main bridge, a road and buildings adjoining, on the E side of the island.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern 110 feet S of the DMPI, on main road crossing.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI and centered 210 feet to the SE in a tight pattern on river's edge.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI and centered 550 feet to the NE in a tight pattern on roads and buildings at end of bridge.

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Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Pattern centered 650 feet E of DMPI. All bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Several buildings and RR tracks on docks were hit.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Good pattern centered 500 Feet E of DMPI in center of marshalling yard. Extent of damage undetermined.

Flight D. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to smoke and haze bombardier selected MPI 879 feet S of DMPI. 90% of bombs fell within 1000 feet of SMPI. Good pattern center 800 feet SW of SMPI across a factory type building. Damage should be heavy.

Flight C. N.A.O. Because of smoke and haze bombardier could not identify points within target area; however, by using cross-reference points he endeavored to drop within desired target area. Pattern fell 800 feet S of target area across several apartment houses. Extent of damage undetermined.

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping; 69 x 2000 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Florennes/Juzaine. 1 spare a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9,800 - 13,100 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in loose pattern 340 feet E of DMPI hitting across buildings, roads and RR tracks.

Flight B. SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardiers were instructed that mission was to level town. Bombardier selected an SMPI 810 feet S of DMPI because of the main road and concentration of buildings there. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI in good pattern 565 feet E of SMPI. Bombs fell across main road and many buildings.

Flight C. SMPI - EXCELLENT. DMPI was not bombed because flight was cut off by flight A, Box I, on bomb run. Since this cut the bomb run short the bombardier selected road overpass over RR yard as SMPI, which is 2350 feet N of DMPI. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Bombs fell in loose pattern 450 feet NE of SMPI across buildings roads and RR tracks.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in good pattern 240 feet NE of DMPI. Bombs fell among several large buildings and across roads.

Flight B. SMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier could not pick up primary due to smoke and haze so bombed SMPI approximately 3 1/2 miles SE of DMPI at RD-687938. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of SMPI. Bombs fell in loose pattern 225 feet E of SMPI. Across houses, RR tracks and roads.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in good pattern 400 feet E of DMPI. Bombs fell across several long buildings and roads.

387 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 70 x 2000 GP on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: other (changing of a/c just prior to take-off made it impossible for a/c to catch formation.)

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9000 - 12000 feet.

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J - 1

No photo coverage; however, crews report satisfactory results.

Combing by individual a/c on Shoran from 13,000 feet.

No losses, damage, casualties.

9 a/c failed to bomb: other (ground station, Shoran, failure).

409 FFF: 10 a/c dispatched, 1 dropping 3 x 500 GP on primary.

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Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts inside 1000 foot radius, centered on DMPI in excellent pattern, blanketing industrial buildings and dwellings in target area.

Flight D. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Smoke column obscuring target area during bomb run apparently caused bombardier to mis-identify target area and bomb on smaller Mt-river check points. All bursts inside 1000 radius in excellent pattern, centered approximately 300 foot N of DMPI, located 2 1/2 miles south of target area, blanketing road junction blocking ferry crossing which has apparently been in recent use.

Flight E. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of target area, located 1 1/4 miles through his 'scope and banded into smoke as briefed. All smoke from fires in N/E for bursts of preceding flights

Box II - Flight A, DMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier apparently mistook DMPI falling on river front industrial buildings and dwellings.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, in excellent pattern, centered 330 foot S of

Flight D. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts inside 1000 foot radius in excellent pattern, centered 230 foot NE of DMPI, blanketing industrial area and row of houses.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in excellent pattern, centered approximately 400 foot E of DMPI, area of industrial plants.

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Section II

A/C OFF		455
A/C Bombing	422	
A/C Failing to Bomb	27	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	0	
Other		
Window	3	
Spare	1	
Bombs of 2 A/C Unaccounted for	6	

TOTAL		455
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Bombs on Enemy Territory	779.01
Total Bombs to Date	146,927.68

A/C Lost (322 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	1	0.21%
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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WEATHER: Hazy, visibility 5 miles up sun, 10 miles down sun
416 BG: Clear. Visibility 5 miles up sun, 10 miles down sun
410 BG: Smoke and haze. Clear below 18000 ft. Visibility 1-2 miles on B.R. Restricted by smoke and haze.
409 BG: Clear. Visibility zero in smoke patches, 8 miles out of smoke.
386 BG: W/C 1/10 at 8000 ft. Visibility 6-8 miles up sun, 10-12 miles down sun reduced in spots due to battle smoke.
391 BG: 3/10 medium cloud base 7000 foot, tops 8000 foot. 6-8/10 cirrus above 20,000 foot. Visibility 5 miles in light haze.
344 BG: 2-3/10 cumulus tops 6000 foot. Visibility 10 miles down sun 5 miles up sun. Much battle smoke.
322 BG: One small patch of cloud E 7-8,000 foot over first part of bomb run. Visibility generally 5-10 miles air to ground.
323 BG: No low or medium clouds, 10/10 cirrus above 20,000 foot. Visibility 2-3 miles on bomb run due to haze and battle smoke.
394 BG: 2-4/10 thin cirrus above 20,000 foot. Visibility 3-4 miles on bomb run down sun in battle smoke and haze to 8,000 foot.
397 BG: Scattered altocumulus at 10-11,000 foot. Visibility 12-14 miles aloft; 5-6 miles air to ground in moderate haze. Moderate to heavy haze layer base 13,000 foot, tops 14,000 foot. Cloud dissipated before second box reached target.

OBSERVATIONS

GROUP	No. a/c	CLASSIFICATION	REASON
410	5	Other	1 - Flight leader could not locate target due to smoke and haze. 4 - Leader did not drop.
386	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Bomb rack malfunction.
391	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Bomb rack malfunction.
	6 (A-26)	Other	1 - Flight leader could not locate target due to smoke and haze. 5 - Leader did not drop.
344	2	Other	Could not locate flak positions due to smoke and haze.
322	2	Mechanical	Bomb bay door malfunctions.
387	1	Other	Could not catch formation due to late change of a/c.
409	9	Other	Ground station failure.

FAILURES TO BOMB

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387 BG: No low or medium clouds. 6/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility 5 miles on bomb run.

Aalen 409 FFF: 3/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility 6 miles up sun, 10 miles down sun.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	451
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	1
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0.21%
Magdeburg Defended Town	416, 410, 409, 386, 391, 344, 322, 323, 394, 397, 307, Gns.
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	1
% A/C Battle Damaged	0.22%

The only flak reported was by the 409 Group. The 1st, 3rd and 9th groups over the target attacked three flak positions within range of the target and the FA of the Army also provided counter flak fire. The defenses at this target has usually engaged the attacking formations of the VIII AF with moderate to intense accurate fire. It is believed that the countermeasures employed on this attack completely rendered the defenses ineffective.

<u>Aalen Ordnance Depot</u>	<u>409 FFF</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1029 to 1439

In the target area at 1123 hours, an FW 190 D-9 (long-nosed) approached from 3 o'clock level to within 700 yards of the 410th formation, then peeled off.

S/A PHOTO REPORTS

GROUP	CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHING	CAMERA FAILURES		PERSONNEL FAILURES	
		NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT
416	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
391	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
323	94%	1	6%	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
397	90%	1	10%	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS
17 April 1945

A/C OFF		709
A/C Bombing	664	
A/C Failing to Bomb	39	
Window	3	
Spare	1	
A/C with Bombs Unaccounted for	6	
TOTAL		709

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Bombs on Enemy Territory	1,243.51
Total Bombs to Date	147,392.38

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A/C Lost (322 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	1	0.14%
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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SECRET

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 8/17/45 OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 17/1540B
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV (M) ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2
 BT

SECRET 416BG P-300-D

OPSFLASH FOR 17 APRIL 1945 (MORNING MISSION)

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. MAGDEBURG BUILT UP AREA (RD-670990).
 FLAK POSITIONS AT

- RD - 71149604
 - RY - 75900390
 - RY - 75900360

C. 42 A-26'S.

D. 42 A-26'S ON PRIMARY TARGETS.

(2 A/C ATTACKED EACH FLAK POSITION : 3 INCLUDED IN 42 A/C TOTAL)

E. NIL.

F. 216 X 500 LB GP ON PRIMARY

44 X 100 LB M1A1 FRAG CLUSTERS ON RD-71149604

44 X 100 LB M1A1 " " " RY-75900390

44 X 100 LB M1A1 " " " RY-75900360

B. BOX I

BOX II

BOX III (FLT. A)

FLT. A- EXCELLENT

FLT. A- EXCELLENT

ELEMENT 1- EXCELLENT

FLT. B- EXCELLENT

FLT. B- EXCELLENT

ELEMENT 2- EXCELLENT

FLT. C- GOOD

FLT. C- EXCELLENT

ELEMENT 3- EXCELLENT

(ON FLAK POSITIONS)

H. NIL

I. NIL.

J. NIL

K. TWO (2) FW 190 A/C WERE OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 YARD TO THE RIGHT OF THE FORMATION AT THE IP (RD-850830). BOTH ENEMY A/C WERE HEADING SOUTH ON A COUNTER COURSE TO THE GROUP FORMATION. ONE (1) UNIDENTIFIED A/C WAS REPORTED BY THE GUNNER IN NO. 4 SHIP, OF THE THIRD FLIGHT OF BOX II, TO CLOSE IN ON THE FORMATION FROM HIGH AT 4 O'CLOCK, BREAKING AWAY AT 150 YARDS. THIS A/C WAS NOT REPORTED BY OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

L. BOX I

BOX II

BOX III (FLAK POSITIONS)

FLT. A-12300-1 RUN

FLT. A-11700-1 RUN

ELEMENT 1-11700

FLT. B-11600-1 RUN

FLT. B-11000-2 RUNS

ELEMENT 2-11700

FLT. C-12000-1 RUN

FLT. C-11500-2 RUNS

ELEMENT 3-11700

M. BOX I

BOX II

BOX III

FLT. A.-1054-1 RUN

FLT. A-1054 1/2-1 RUN 1-1052 1/2

FLT. B-1054-1 RUN

FLT. B-1104-2 RUNS

2-1053

FLT. C-1054-1 RUN

FLT. C-1107-2 RUNS

3-1053

X. FORMATION LEADER OR LEADER OF BOX II COULD NOT CONTACT ROSELEE OR YOUNG GIRL.

CAPT. HAROLD W. ANDERSON.

BT 17/1540B

WJF BBB

ITA R.....171756B DD KK

JEA R.....17/1756B DB KK

THE TIME IS 1656

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-OP-

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

SECRET

OPSFLASH FOR 17 APRIL 1945 (MORNING MISSION).

- A. 416th Bomb Group
- B. MAGDEBURG BUILT UP AREA (RD-670990).
FLAK POSITIONS AT
 - RD-71149604
 - RY-75900390
 - RY-75900360
- C. 42 A-26's.
- D. 42 A-26's on primary.
 2 a/c attacked each flak position.
- E. Nil.
- F. 216 x 500 lb GP on Primary
 44 x 100 lb M1A1 Frag Clusters on RD-71149604
 44 x 100 lb M1A1 " " " RY-75900390
 44 x 100 lb M1A1 " " " RY-75900360
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| G. <u>BOX I</u> | <u>BOX II</u> | <u>BOX III (FLT.A)</u> |
| Flt. A-Excellent | Flt. A-Excellent | Element 1-Excellent |
| Flt. B-Excellent | Flt. B-Excellent | Element 2-Excellent |
| Flt. C-Good | Flt. C-Excellent | Element 3-Excellent |
- H. Nil
- I. Nil
- J. Nil
- K. Two (2) FW 190 a/c were observed at approximately 1000 yards to the right of the formation at the IP (RD-850830). Both enemy a/c were heading south on a counter course to the group formation. One (1) unidentified a/c was reported by the gunner in No. 4 Ship, of the third flight of Box II, to close in on the formation from high at 4 o'clock. Breaking away at 150 yards this a/c was not reported by other crew members.
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| L. <u>Box I</u> | <u>Box II</u> | <u>Box III (Flak Position)</u> |
| Flt. A-12300-1 run | Flt. A-11700-1 run | Element 1-11700 |
| Flt. B-11600-1 run | Flt. B-11000-2 runs | Element 2-11700 |
| Flt. C-12000-1 run | Flt. C-11500-2 runs | Element 3-11700 |
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| M. <u>Box I</u> | <u>Box II</u> | <u>Box III</u> |
| Flt. A.-1054-1 run | Flt. A-1054 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 run | 1-1052 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Flt. B-1054-1 run | Flt. B-1104 -2 runs | 2-1053 |
| | Flt. C-1107 - 2 runs | 3-1053 |
- X. Formation leader or leader of Box II could not contact ROSELEE or YOUNG GIRL.

HAROLD W. ANDERSON,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Duty Intelligence Officer.

ITA JEA V JKI

JKI 13/17

OP - OP

FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GP (L) 17/1830B
 TO HQS 9TH BOMB DIV (M) ATTN: A-2 PI OFF.
 HQS 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFF.

BT
 SECRET 416BG P-386-D

B. MACDEBURG BUILT UP AREA.

C. 1034 - 1107.

J. BOX I FLT A DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI WITH
 (VISUAL) CENTER OF PATTERN 250FT E OF DMPI. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF
 BURSTS ON BUILDINGS AND ROADS DESTROYING BUILDINGS AND
 CUTTING AND BLOCKING ROADS.

FLT B AMPI - SUPER: BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET. BOMBS
 FELL IN ELONGATED PATTERN 2 1/4 MILES SW OF DMPI WITH
 CENTER OF BURSTS 1150FT NW OF AMPI. HITS WERE SCORED ON
 BUILDINGS AND ROADS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. USED
 IMPULSE BOMBING.

FLT C DMPI - UNSAT: NO BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL
 IN GOOD PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 2550FT E OF DMPI,
 HITTING IN FIELDS AND ON SMALL BUILDINGS AND ROADS.

BOX II FLT A DMPI - UNDET: NO PHOTO COVERAGE DUE TO TURN OFF TARGET.
 (VISUAL) TARGET RAN OFF EDGE OF FILM. VISUAL REPORTS BOMBS HIT IN
 TARGET AREA WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

FLT B DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000FT OF DMPI IN
 TIGHT PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 500FT SE OF DMPI. BOMBS
 FELL IN N/Y CUTTING TRACKS IN SEVERAL PLACES AND DES-
 TROYING A NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS. USED IMPULSE BOMBING.

FLT C DMPI - UNDET: NO PHOTO COVERAGE DUE TO TURN OFF TARGET.
 TARGET RAN OFF EDGE OF FILM. VISUAL REPORTS BOMBS HIT
 IN TARGET AREA WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

BOX III FLT A DMPI - UNDET: NO PHOTOS DUE TO NO CAMERAS BEING CARRIED
 IN A/C BOMBING FLAK POSITIONS.

K. BOMBARDIER HAD DIFFICULTY IN PICKING UP AIMING POINT BECAUSE OF HAZE
 AND SMOKE IN AREA. TOOK SHORT BOMB RUN AND WAS NOT SYNCHRONIZED AT
 RELEASE.

N. 12 - 100
 0 - 0
 0 - 0

N. 25 CUTS ON TRACKS DESTROYING 20 TO 300 R CARS. 25 BUILDINGS DES-
 TROYED AND 16 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING THEM.

1ST LT., PERKINS

CQUXGIEPB

BT 17/1830B

CC: UNDER N. SHOULD BE - 20 TO 30 RR CARS - NOT 3300 AS SENT 300

JF AR AR

ITA R.....17/2012B CLEV KIKKIK

JEA R 17/2017B SS AR

JEA V JKI JKI 05/17 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 17/0905B
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT

SECRET 416BG P-297-D
(MORNING MISSION)

1. THE MPI'S TO BE USED FOR VISUAL BOMBING ARE ON,
ILLUSTRATION NO. 5211E/3835.

- 118082
- 122077
- 122081
- 123077
- 124075
- 125077

1ST LT T.W. SAMPSON
BT 17/0905B
RSS AR

JEA R.....17/0925B

DB

AR



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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 04/17 (INFO)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/0100B

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

BT

ANNEX NO. 1 TO ADV. INFO COPY OF PARA. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

ADD FOLLOWING TO ADV. INFORMATION COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) EACH GROUP LEADER WILL CALL "YOUNG GIRL" 3 MIN.
PRIOR TO I.P. REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0100B

RL BBBBB

ITA R.....	17/0130B	SG	KKK
JES R.....	17/0130B	JAB	K
JKI R.....	17/0130B	DM	KKK
JPO R.....	17/0130B	HJS	KK

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ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 22/16 (INFO-INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 16/2300B

TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

BT

ATTENTION SIGNALS OFFICERS

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (670990)

(2) SHAVING
(3) PALLMALL
(4) ROSELEE

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP: (670990)

(2) QUICKSTART
(3) PALLMALL
(4) ROSELEE

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (670990)

(2) MARGIN
(3) PALLMALL
(4) ROSELEE

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 16/2300B

AR

SS

ITA R 162305B REY AR

JES R 2305B JW AR

JKI R 16/2305B EW AR

JPO R 16/2310B WAC AR KE

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 06/17 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/0255B

TO COMBOMDIV IX

COBOMGP 409

COBOMGP 410

COBOMGP 416

1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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SIG

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-140-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P. O 140

17 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 257-855:

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ: ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 17/1045B

CHANGE PAR. 1. B. (2) TO READ:

(2) THE XXIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

IN PLAN "B" AMEND PAR. 3. C. (9) TO READ:

(9) M.P.I. ILL 5211E/3835. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REF. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. REF.: 122086, 127070, 124068, 115083.

P.P.F. M.P.I. REF. 121077.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 0255B

RL AR K

JES R.....171 0330B

JAB AR

JPO R.....17/330B

HJS AR

JKI R.....17/0330B

DM AR

TM

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ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 8/17 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/0836B
 TO : IX BOMB DIV.
 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN (PROV)

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

97CBW P-141-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 17 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 2 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 257-855

CANCEL PLAN "B"

PLAN "A" IN EFFECT

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 17/0836B

FK-AR

ITA R.....	17/0843B	HCB	AR
JJF R.....	17/0842B	MT	AR
JES R.....	17/0847B	WL	AR
JKI R.....	17/0847B	FD	AR
JPO R.....	17/0846B	CEN	AR

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ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA

JEA 02/17

OP - OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/0020B
 TO IX BOMB DIV
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-138-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 257-855

PLAN "A" AND "B"

2164500CP-

(1) TARGET: (MAGDEBURG TOWN AT RD-670990. ON ILLUSTRATION 5211 E/3835,
 COVER THE FOLLOWING BUILT-UP AREAS: 416 - 122086 TO
 127070 TO 124069 TO 115083. 410 - 115083 TO 124068 TO
 117061 TO 112081. 409 - 139072 TO 123068 TO 130050.

(2) PHOTO COVERAGE:

SEE GH-608

3 (F) 17/5 AND 17

6 (D)(VI) 60/10 AND /12

5211 E/3

3 (K) 11/1

1 (A)(VI) 3/1

3 (F) 18/5

6 (D)(VI) 59/1

1 (G)(II) 12/1

1 (G)(I) 71/7

3 (AIR) 75/1

5211 E/3835

MAP COVERAGE

G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 3835

(3) NUMEROUS FLAK POSITIONS PLOTTED IN TARGET AREA. THE 416TH AND
 409TH ON PLAN "A" WILL HAVE 2 A/C EACH ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING
 FLAK POSITIONS 1) RD-71149604 2) RY-75900390 3) RY-75900360.

2922-M.A.

(4) TROOPS WILL BE 1500 YARDS FROM TARGET WHICH IS THE BUILT UP AREA OF
 THE TOWN. THE ENTIRE 11 GROUPS OF THE NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
 ARE ATTACKING THIS TARGET, WITH THE 97TH WING FIRST. THE 416 IS
 FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE 410 AND THEN THE 409, BOTH AT TWENTY
 MINUTE INTERVALS.

(5) A P/W HOSPITAL IS PLOTTED AT RY-680000

(6) UNDER PLAN "B", THE PPF MPI'S ARE AS FOLLOWS: (5211 E/3835)

416: 121077

410: 117074

409: 130064

(7) NOTE: NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED.

(8) NOTE: RUSSIAN AIR BOUNDARY AS OF APRIL 15 PASSES THROUGH
 MAGDEBURG. EXTREME CAUTION IS URGED TO RECOGNIZE RUSSIAN
 AIRCRAFT IN THIS AREA. SEE NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION CIPHER
 P-1125-E OF APRIL 15, 1945 FOR OTHER INFORMATION.

(9) NOTE: FORWARD LINE OF FRIENDLY TROOPS WILL BE MAJKED BY CERISE
 AND YELLOQX PANELS.

(10) NOTE: THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE AGAINST ENEMY FLAK
 POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 17/0020B

DJP BBBB

ITA R.....17/0145B RJS KKK

JJF R.....17/0445B JN QQ A TIC

JES R.....17/0145B MC KKK

JKI R.....17/0145B DM KKK

JPO R.....17/0145B HJS KK

(9) NOTE: FORWARD LINE OF R FRIENDLY TROOPS WILL BE MARKED BY CERISE
 AND YELLOW PANELS.

OK TBFR

ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 03/17 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 17/0045B
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416
 1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

BT
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 17 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 257-855

97CBW P-139-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) THE XXIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: PLAN "A" - 17/1100B
 ZERO HOUR: PLAN "B" - 17/1100B

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5211E/3835. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REF. 139072, 123068, 130050. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.
- (13) ONE FLIGHT 22 X M-1-A-1 100 LB. FRAG. CLUSTERS. BOMB THE FLAK POSITIONS AT THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES BY ELEMENTS OF 2 A/C 2 1/2 TO 3 MIN. BEFORE FORMATION. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET.
 COORD: RD-71149604, RY-75900390, RY-75900360.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5211E/3835. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REF. 115083, 124068, 117061, 112081.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5211E/3835. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REF. 122086, 127070, 124068, 115083. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.
- (13) ONE FLIGHT 22 X M-1-A-1 100 LB. FRAG CLUSTERS. BOMB THE FLAK POSITIONS AT THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORDINATES BY ELEMENTS OF 2 A/C, 2 1/2 TO 3 MIN BEFORE FORMATION. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FEET. COORD.: RD-71149604, RY-75900390, RY-75900360.

- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.
 (4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-64, Y-73, Y-74, A-93.
 (5) TARGET: MAGDEBURG BUILT UP AREA RD-670990
 (6) A/C REQ.: MAX. EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F-6232 TO RD-6568 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO F-6232 TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 6,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (10) I.P.: RD-8583
 (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SE TO NW.
 (12) R.P.: RD-4087
 (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED VISUALLY GROUPS WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
 (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED AGAINST ACCIDENTAL OR PREMATURE RELEASE DUE TO PROXIMITY OF FRIENDLY TROOPS SWITCHES WILL NOT BE TURNED ON UNTIL AFTER BOMB DOORS ARE OPENED.
 (15) EIGHT OTHER GROUPS WILL ATTACK THIS TARGET AT 20 MINUTE INTERVAL FROM ZERO PLUS 60 TILL ZERO PLUS 200 MIN.
 (16) FORWARD LINE OF FRIENDLY TROOPS WILL BE MARKED BY CERISE AND YELLOW PANELS.
 (17) THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE AGAINST ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

PLAN "B" PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C.
 (6) BOMB 1ST BOX 12,500 FEET, 2ND BOX 12,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 6,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5211E/3835. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REF. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. REF. 139072, 123068, 130050.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. REF. 130064. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (10) 4 X 1000 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C.
 (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 6,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
 (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5211E/3835. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REF. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. REF. 115083, 124068, 117061, 112081.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. REF. 117074.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE PPF A/C.
 (6) BOMB 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING 6,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN.
 (9) M.P.I. ILL. 5211E/3835. COVER BUILT UP AREA BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING REF. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES. REF. 112086, 127070, 124068, 115083.
 P.P.F. M.P.I. REF. 121077. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
 (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.
 (4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-64, Y-73, Y-74, A-93
 (5) TARGET: MAGDEBURG BUILT UP AREA RD-670990
 (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F-6232 TO RD-6452 TO TARGET.
 (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO F-6232 TO BASE.
 (8) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 AND A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUPS WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE RD-8583 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS GROUPS WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
 (9) EIGHT OTHER GROUPS WILL ATTACK THIS TARGET AT 20 MIN. INTERVAL FROM ZERO PLUS 60 TILL ZERO PLUS 200 MIN.
 (10) FORWARD LINE OF FRIENDLY TROOPS WILL BE MARKED BY CERISE AND YELLOW PANELS.
 (11) THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE AGAINST ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP (670990)

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

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP (670990)

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

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (670990)

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

X. GENERAL INFORMATION.

- (11) EACH GROUP LEADER WILL CALL "YOUNG GIRL" 3 MIN. PRIOR TO I.P. REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

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BT 0045B

RL AR K

ITA R.....

JJF R.....

JES R..... 17/0210B M C KKK

JKI R..... 17/0210B DM KKKK

JPO R..... 17/0210B HJS AR

AR&

17 APRIL 1945

MISSION NO. 275

LOADING LIST

BOX 1

FLIGHT I

1. 498 R
Major L.F. Dunn
Lt. W.E. Brower
Lt. J.E. Kerns
S/Sgt. J.W. Ross
2. 328 D
Lt. D. Mooney
Sgt. R.C. Schumacher
3. 239 H
Captain A.C. Sears
S/Sgt. J.J. Wells

4. 277 T
Lt. W.H. Ames
S/Sgt. F.E. Barber

5. 265 V
Lt. A.V. Hlivko
Sgt. R.E. Greub
6. 209 M
Lt. M. Wailman
Sgt. J. Helt

FLIGHT II

1. 472 E
Lt. D.C. Turner
Lt. P.J. McDivern
Lt. R.J. Morley
S/Sgt. M.A. Hayes

4. 354 S
Major H.L. Sommers
S/Sgt. M. Heath

2. 314 H
Lt. W.C. Martin
S/Sgt. L.B. Draft

5. 362 Y
Lt. B.A. Smith
Sgt. R.P. Wilson

3. 263 G
Lt. F.G. Dunn
Sgt. L.C. Stein

6. 271 R
Lt. R.H. Harper
Sgt. R.M. Black

FLIGHT III

1. 509 H
Captain W.F. DuFault
Lt. C.A. Cardinale
Colonel McAfee (97th CBR)
S/Sgt. W.W. Donnelly

4. 330 O
Lt. M.W. DuBose
Sgt. A.A. Dalton

2. 293 M
Captain J.M. Shepard
S/Sgt. J.J. McGuire

5. 252 D
Lt. C.E. Weinert
Sgt. R.D. Francis

3. 381 G
Lt. F.W. Wills
S/Sgt. W.S. McLaughy

6. 229 B
Lt. A.W. Depner
S/Sgt. R.W. Gillespie
Sgt. S.J. Snider

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17 APRIL 1945

AS A/O

BOX 1

MISSION NO. 275

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

17 APRIL 1945

1. 499 G
Lt. J.A. Buskirk
Lt. R.C. Hanna
F/O S.J. Przywitowski
S/Sgt. C.H. Corbitt

2. 249 F
Lt. D.A. Kero
S/Sgt. T.W. Skelton

3. 233 F
Lt. J.M. Van Noorden
S/Sgt. G. Thompson

1. 528 T
Lt. M. Errotabere
Lt. H.F. Wilbur
S/Sgt. E.J. Willover

2. 222 H
Lt. S.H. Sholey
S/Sgt. T.R. Langley

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

1. 501 H
Lt. R.E. Hall
Major G.H. Ferris
F/O T.L. Goss
S/Sgt. W.B. Jackson

2. 998 Q
Major H.F. Gonsat
Lt. L.J. Page
S/Sgt. H.C.M. Candler

3. 2315 L
Lt. W. Musgrove
S/Sgt. H.G. Seighman

1. 484 O
Lt. F.W. Parker
Lt. R.H. Shaft
S/Sgt. D.H. Benteler

2. 508 Z
Lt. W.W. Annin
Lt. R.L. Martin
S/Sgt. G.J. Siverd

3. 487 J
Lt. L.J. Frucha
Lt. F.A. Reeves
S/Sgt. L.G. Nevgison

4. 259 H
Lt. A. Beniczewski
S/Sgt. J.H. Miguez
Sgt. F.A. Mirabella

5. 378 O
Lt. J.B. Cooke
S/Sgt. R.D. Hedding

6. 334 G
Lt. J.R. Wright
Sgt. J.J. Ruckiewicz

4. 205 H
Lt. T.C. Bishop
Pfc. D.O. Finnell

5. 416 O
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
Sgt. A.H. Mitchell

6. 9315 F
Lt. J.O. Curtis
Sgt. C.R. Salzet

4. 564 V
Lt. W.D. Chitty
Sgt. B. Raccio

5. 212 H
Lt. W.M. Felch
Cpl. J.D. Brennan

6. 223 B
F/O J.R. Doerner
Cpl. R.A. Eddy

4. 325 L
Lt. G.L. Hale
S/Sgt. J.F. Geyer

5. 385 D
Lt. R.H. Long
S/Sgt. C.J. McCarthy

6. 335 W
Lt. L.R. Weinst
Sgt. R.E. Ray

FLIGHT IIFLIGHT IIIBOX III - FLIGHT I

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

AUTH: CO Sta

A-69

DATE: 18 April 45

INIT:

18 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OFRET No. 17 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 April 1945

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

I

Mission No. 275, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 257-835

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0909 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 1030-1107
Targets Maginot Line (primary) (secondary)
Landing time 1319 Oper. hours (a) 185:45 Oper. hours (b) none
Weather clear over target area

2. Effort:

Dispatched 12 A-26's Sorties 42 Effective sorties 42
A/C expending bombs 42 Non-effective sorties none

A/C returning early None

3. Bombs carried into air:

216 x 500 lb GP's 1/100 1/100
Expended 216 x 500 lb GP's fused 1/10 N T Alt. 11000 - 12000
target Maginot Line (primary) results Cap, Sup, Unst, Unst, Unst, Unst, Unst, Unst
" frag cluster
Expended 132 x 100 lb M-1-A-1 Fuz Clusters fused - N T Alt. 11000
target Flak Positions results Unobserved
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results

4. Ammunition carried: 73000 x .50 calibre

Ammunition expended: None

5. None.

6. Flak encountered: None

Location amount accuracy type

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:

SECRET

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/17 P P

FROM: COBOMGR 416 17/1410 B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE (SIG O)
COMCBTWIG 97

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG P-299-J

A - YS - 102
B - 17 APRIL 1945 (0843-1244)
C - R - ROGER AND G- GEORGE REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.
D - R- ROGER UNABLE TO CONTACT ROSELEE OR YOUNG GIRL AFTER SEVERAL
ATTEMPTS.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 17/1410B

WJF AR TO ITA

ITA R.....171659B DD AR
JEA R.....17/1659B DB KK

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COMBAT FORM (DAY)

a B.D. S-2 Report 108C

4167h 6707h 564 17-4-45
 (Group) (Sqdn.) (A/C No) (Target) (Date of Mission)

II-III-IV 4-25 miles 1103 9000 ft
 (Pos. in Fmtn.) (Heading) (Visibility) (Time) (Place) (Altitude)

Type of e/a: FW 190 Story of the attack: one FW 190 came in from slightly above at 4 o'clock and closed to 150 yards at 6 o'clock breaking sharply down FW 190 then chandelled to right at 8 o'clock then closed to 400 yards at 6 o'clock and then broke away down. EA fired a long burst on first pass and shot on on second

Mark clock directions on appropriate line

APPROACH
 Above 4 o'clock
 Level _____
 Below _____

BREAKAWAY
 Above _____
 Level _____
 Below 6 o'clock

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

Did this e/a take advantage of sun or clouds in approach, attack or breakaway? no

If so, how? _____

Our Fire:

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

Sgt. V. B. Paccin

nil

Effect of our fire on e/a: nil

If Marauder did not fire,

was e/a out of field of fire? yes none

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

E/A Fire:

2 500-150 nil
 (Bursts) (Yards) (Category Damage to Bomber, if any)

Number of other e/a attacking same time: no Attacking Whom? nil

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

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

Witnesses of Combat:

Name Position and a/c no. Confirming what?

Comment of Interrogator: _____

Dest., Prob. Dest., Dam., No Claim

(Group Opinion; mark one)

(Interrogator)

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

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		17 APRIL 48				DUNN	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
Pos No.	Reason	P S O	P S J F R	M D A A C B E	D P D K W M			
1			6					
2			6					
3 299			6					
4 297			6					
5 265			6					
6 209			6					
1 492			6					
2 314			6					
3 263			6					
4 354			6					
5 362			6					
6 271			6					
1 609			6					
2 393			6					
3 381			6					
4 338			6					
5 252			6					
6 229			6					

498
DUNN

299 328
SEARS MOONEY

297
AMES

209 265
WALLMAN BLIVKO

609
DU FAULT

492
TURNER

381 393
WILLS SHAPARD

263 314
DUNN MARTIN

338
DU BOSE

354
SOMMERS

229 252
DEPNER SEINERT

271 362
HARPER SMITH

B. (2) No. a/c off by type: _____

A-20G's _____

A-20J's (obtained from Ops) _____

(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. _____

Time Down _____

(Obtained from Tower).

D.

(1)

No. a/c _____

Missing _____

Destroyed _____

Damaged _____

Damaged _____

(cat. B/C)

(cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
(Obtained from Recaps).

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

I.

No.

Type

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.
<i>II</i>			<i>17 APRIL 95</i>				<i>BUSKIRK</i>		TOT	
									L/D	
A/C		Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Lisp			A/C Dam			Pers.
Pos	No.	Reason	P S O	P S J F R	M D A A C B E D P D K W M					
1	<i>499</i>			<i>6</i>						
2	<i>249</i>			<i>6</i>						
3	<i>233</i>			<i>6</i>						
4	<i>259</i>			<i>6</i>						
5	<i>378</i>			<i>6</i>						
6	<i>334</i>			<i>6</i>						
1	<i>528</i>			<i>6</i>						
2	<i>238</i>			<i>6</i>						
3	<i>286</i>			<i>6</i>						
4	<i>205</i>			<i>6</i>						
5	<i>416</i>			<i>6</i>						
6	<i>9312</i>			<i>6</i>						
1	<i>501</i>			<i>6</i>						
2	<i>398</i>			<i>6</i>						
3	<i>2315</i>			<i>6</i>						
4	<i>564</i>			<i>6</i>						
5	<i>212</i>			<i>6</i>						
6	<i>223</i>			<i>6</i>						

499
BUSKIRK

233 249
VAN NORDEN FERD

259
RAMISEWSKI

334 378
WRIGHT COCKE

501
BELL

528
ERRATABARE

2315 398
MUSGROVE CONENT

286 238
WALLACE SHELEY

564
CHITTY

205
BISHOP

223 212
BOERNER BELCH

9315 416
CURTIS STANKOWSKI

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.

Time Down

(Obtained from Tower).

D.

(1) No. a/c

Missing

Destroyed

Damaged

Damaged

(cat. B/C)

(cat. A)

(3) No. Crew Killed Wounded Missing
(Obtained from Recaps).

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

I.	No.	Type
Bombs on Primary	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Bombs on Secondary	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Bombs on Other	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Bombs Returned	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Bombs Jettisoned	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where <u> </u>

(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.
<u>III</u>		17 April 45				PARKER	TOT L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
No.	Reason	P S O	P S J F R	M D A AC B E D P D K W M				
1			✓					
2			✓					
3								
4			✓					
5			✓					
6			✓					
		60X4V						
		137X		MIA2				

484
PARKER

487 508
PRUCHA ANNIN

325
HALE

335 385
ZEIMET LONG

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type: A-20G's A-20T's (obtained from Ops)

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Mechanical

Other Reasons

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Primary.

Secondary.

Other.

(Obtained from recaps.)

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T.O.T.
Time Down

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Bombs Jettisoned	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
(Obtained from Recaps)	<u></u>	<u>Where</u>

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PILOT TURNER A/C# 492 BOX I FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>6</u> X <u>100</u> ON				
<u>1 Run</u> X RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

9 Divingibles headed West over BONN
at about 5000 feet at about 1000
TO T-1054
alt - 11,600 (I)
axis 320°
IAS - 210
Near collision course
with 72 3 Box I -
This fl let down to avoid

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	X

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PILOT DU FAULT A/C# 609 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
1 Run	X RETURNED			
	X JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT-1054

axis 330°

Alt 12000(I) 12,300(T) of us.

IAS-210

Bombs in town. This Fl flew ^{near} collision course with Fl. 1 which dropped bombs about 5 seconds ahead

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT MARTIN A/C# 314 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil. Possible P47s
E/A reported N of tgt. + NW of Kassel.

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit in town near left tgt area.
A/S (no activity) N of tgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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PILOT WALLMAN A/C# 209 BOX I FLT. _____

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>/</u>	:	<u>/</u>	:	<u>/</u>	:

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

*Hit on AP all bombs in tower -
Pictures should be OK. - Camera ship*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SEARS A/C# 299 BOX I FLT.

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK : *ml*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

RAFT ENCOUNTERS :
Fighters reported at Nurekhan
none seen

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SOMMERS A/C# 354 BOX I FLT.

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>h.c.</u>			

FLAK : *hile*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : none

OBSERVATIONS:

one run - hits on edge of my & into town

POSITION INFORMATION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

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X (SPARE)

X
X X
X (X) X
X X

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PILOT DUNN A/C# 263 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

*Tight pattern.
one run.
This flight bombed
first.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SHAPARD A/C# 393 BOX I FLT. _____

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>Nil</u>		

FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

2 unidentified at alt 6000 -
Probable inline engine

OBSERVATIONS:

1 plane on N-S
runway near tnt.

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 HARPER A/C# 271 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit just over tracks

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X  X  X
X  X
X  X

      X
    X  X
    X  X
    (X) X

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT Du BOSE A/C# 338 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs in town.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SMITH A/C# 362 BOX I FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil - 2 unid. A/c 2000 yds just before I.P.

OBSERVATIONS: other side of M / 1
This fl bombed on radio release
{ AMMO and clips - rusty
and filthy .

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 WEINERT A/C# 252 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Most of bombs of this Fl in fields

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT DEPNER A/C# 229 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

2 patterns observed in edge of town.

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 AMES A/C# 297 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs in good pattern in town.
~~2 Silver objects descended in target area. They - could have been A/C?~~

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BLIVKO A/C# 265 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *None Reported in Kassel area
none seen*

OBSERVATIONS: *Pattern in town*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

True

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PILOT MOONEY A/C# 328 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Fl's bomb pattern - tight - on town.

POSITION IN FORMATION

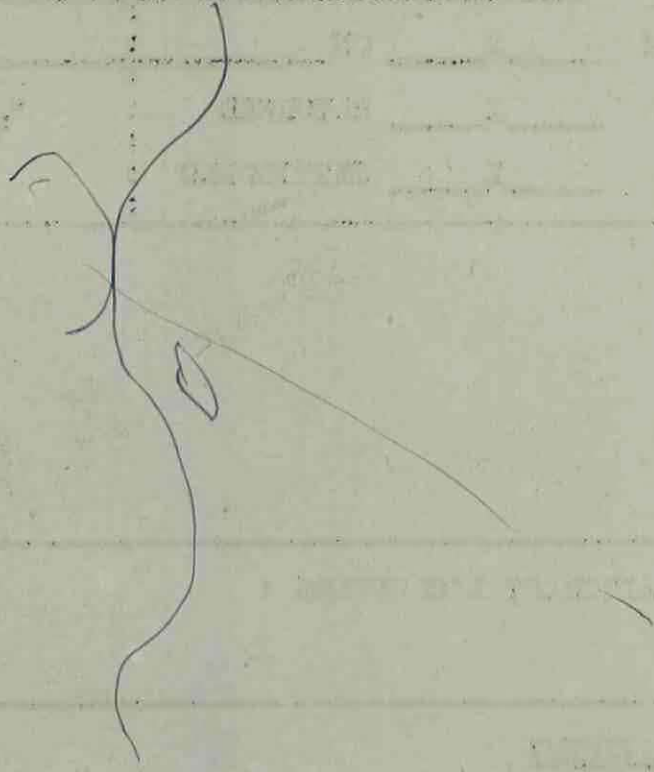
		X		
	X		(X)	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
				X
X				X
				X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT DUNN A/C# 498 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Excellent Results

P47 -

Couldnt get contact with -

Roske - Box II tried - no

Could hear sweepstakes. @

NG on Young girl

check Box II -

TOT - 1054

alt - 12300 (12500)

POSITION IN FORMATION

(X)
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

X X
X X
X X

350°

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nil low cloud at 4gt -
3/5/10 then west at 4gt.

vis - 8 Miles.

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PILOT BELL A/C# 501 BOX II FLT. _____

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 :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Were attacked by two Fw 190 - this crew did not actually see enemy a/c. Lt Chetner, gunner saw enemy a/c
Could not observe results of bombing

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

alt-11500
Tot-1107
Hd-320

Perk

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PILOT CONANT A/C# 398 BOX II FLT. _____

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>ref</u>			:

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Narrating

Reported - not seen
30 mi N of Kassel

OBSERVATIONS:

near RR & Hospital (104 S. of it)
Hosp was marked. - hit a few 1000 yds off

Truck in down

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

2 Ruins.

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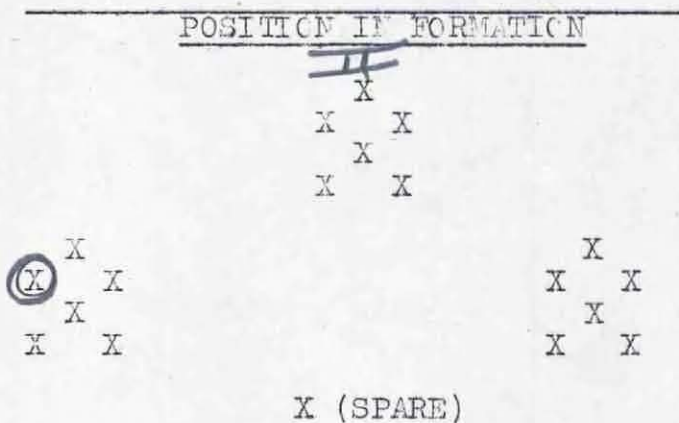
PILOT MUSGROVE A/C# 2315 BOX II FLT. III

CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil
Swiftestake - notified that E/A were in area
1/2 mile west of 12 o'clock -
 OBSERVATIONS: covered A.P. -



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PILOT CHITTY A/C# 564 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES nil

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 1 Fw 190 - 1000 yds
out - one attack - see remarks

OBSERVATIONS: Bomb hit in track near mouth of
yards - no fuselage hit

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      II
      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
```

X (SPARE)

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    X
  X  X
  (X)
  X  X
  
```

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    X
  X  X
  X  X
  
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total of 3 - one which came in from
 4 o'clock - from slightly above - broke off
 at about 150 yds - at 6 o'clock down -
 pulled high at 8 o'clock broke off at
 400 yds between 7 + 8 - straight down -

didn't fire because of no 5 + 6

at I.P. on way in -

alt. 9,000

was - 4 to 5 miles - came out of fog - -

dark color -

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PILOT BELCH A/C# 212 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bomb hit just south of tracks

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

Park

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PILOT BOERNER A/C# 223 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

1 fighter came in high - did not see it.
OBSERVATIONS: but heard it reported

No camera in A/C. Couldn't get
in before takeoff.
Bombs hit in m/y A/R of Tgt but in
tgt area.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT ERROTABARE A/C# 528 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Reported - not seen. | 47's - none questionable

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT - 1104
11000
320
210

2 runs -

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

Hazy - difficult
in seeing Sgt - so
went around

Fire in N/y - may have
been train

Sept fella worked good

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PILOT WALLACE A/C# 286 BOX II FLT.

CASUALTIES *ml*

BOMBS : 6 X 5000N Trunails BATTLE DAMAGE

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

X JETTISONED : :

FLAK : *nt*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 2 fighters at 1/2 mile away
of F.P. unidentified

OBSERVATIONS: Bomb hit in middle of R.R. on A.P.
good pattern —

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 205 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

P47 can clone to formation, no enemy.

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit in perfect pattern
on m/y on edge N central part of town.
Highways on both side of river crowded.
Heavy activity in town.
2 runs

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 STANKOWSKI A/C# 416 BOX II FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>5000N</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>2 Runs</u> X RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED	:		<u>nil</u>	

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs in tower.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT CURTIS A/C# 9315 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X500</u>	ON	<u>B</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 : no

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

*Saw plane which was called out but too far off to identify
it came no closer.*

OBSERVATIONS:

*Good results for bombing
hit part of navy trucks.*

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 BUSKIRK A/C# 499 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

p475
 OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit in town slightly to left of AP
 t.o.t. 1054 1 run -
 alt. 11700 Bombed 3rd.
 Head - 330°
 IAS. 210
 Couldn't contact Rosalee or young girl.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT FERO A/C# 249 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>1000</u> N	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<i>1 Run</i>	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs in tower

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT RAMISEWSKI A/C# 259 BOX II FLT. _____

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>hne</u>		

FLAK :

hne

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hne

OBSERVATIONS:

None at target - Bombs hit
in center of town.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT COCKE A/C# 378 BOX II FLT. _____

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>nil</u>		

FLAK : nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

*Smoke in four
to Pt as we went in.
Good position at 1st.
Bombs did not hit near
hospital Bldg*

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 WRIGHT A/C# 334 BOX II FLT.

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X <u>50</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>hio</u>	:		:	

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Traces started near RR track

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT VAN NORDEN A/C# 233 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

*Bombs all hit in tgt area.
Some flight hit in m/q in town*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT PARKER A/C# 484 BOX III FLT. _____CASUALTIES frags on field.

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:Tot. 1052 $\frac{1}{2}$

alt. 11200

head - 340°

IAS - 210

Believe bombs formed a cone on
tgt with other flights.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT ANNIN A/C# 508 BOX III FLT.

CASUALTIES

F lake position

BOMBS :

8 X 5 region Clinton

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

"A"

10A-C??

“E”

X JETTISONED

FLAK :

no flock from proaction

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

VATIONS: Bombs walked up in cone to flat position. Possible hits on target. Both flights bombs seen to hit close together.

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alt - 11700

head. 350°

145 - 210

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X X

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X (SPARE)

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PILOT PRUCHA A/C# 487 BOX III FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>1</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 :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

*Saw fires start in target area
fires burning in & near target area
before bombing.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

*Alt 11700
Hd 335
ToT 1053*

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1st Flak
(X) (X)

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PILOT HALE A/C# 325 BOX III FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>2</u> X <u>160</u> ^{frags} ON <u>Gun position</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u> RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u> JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>	

FLAK :

nil

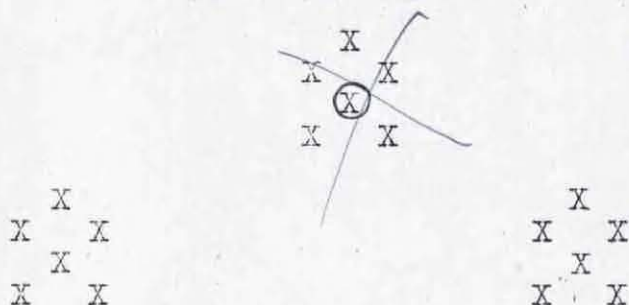
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil 2 mid A/C - 150 yds
about 5 mins before IP.
No poses. In line engines

OBSERVATIONS:

Check 484 "C" for data.
on this 2 ship element.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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2 on Parker

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PILOT LONG A/C# 385 BOX III FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 6 X 50 ON many clusters BATTLE DAMAGE
 _____ X _____ RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E" :
 _____ X _____ JETTISONED : nil : : : :

FLAK : nil - Bombed flak positions

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil - none reported

OBSERVATIONS:

11,700 alt ind.
red burst on ground - artillery probable,
smoked fire, before the town.
which was smoky.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
    (X)
     X (X)

X  X
X  X
X  X

X (SPARE)
  
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PILOT ZEIMET A/C# 335 BOX III FLT. 251

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 22 X FRAGS Primary

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

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Two fires in town -

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
  (X)  X

X      X
X      X
X      X

X      X
X      X
X      X
  
```

X (SPARE)

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