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00092100

ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 09/19 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 19/1240B

TO : IX BOMB DIV.

409TH BOMB GROUP.

410TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)

416TH BOMB GROUP.

1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-163-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

A P O 140

19 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 262-864

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMELINE.

(2) 29 T.A.C. WILGLSFBGCLCLOE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR 19/1600B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) 30 A/C WITH 2 P.P.F. A/C.

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT R-4545 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT F/R.

(9) M.P.I. ILL. 6(D)(VI)125/5 COVER M/Y FROM REF. 050042 TO 062049.

P.P.F. M.P.I. REF. 059046.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 60 MIN.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C WITH 2 PTVMMP.F. A/C.

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT R-4545 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 14 MIN. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER BASE. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES AT F/R.

(9) M.P.I. ILL. 6(D)(VI)125/5 COVER M/Y FROM REF. 050042 TO 062049

P.P.F. M.P.I. REF. 053042.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.

(12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES.

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

(5) TARGET: ULM - M/Y (X-680798)

(6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO R-4545 TO R-8300 TO X-2360 TO TARGET.

(7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO X-3359 TO R-8300 TO R-4545 TO BASE.

(8) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET ON MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 5,000 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.

(9) BOMB LOAD: 4 X 1000 LB. C.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

(10) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET. GROUPS WILL

BOMB BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY
WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY
WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
IF BOMBING ISOVGC IDYOUN WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B)
BOXES AND WILL USE X-4775 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUDS PREVENT
VISUAL BOMBING, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING
PRIORITY:

- (A) PRIMARY ON P.P.F.
- (B) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
- (C) ALTERNATE GROUP "GEE"

- (11) ALTERNATE TARGET SELECTED FOR GROUPS UT-2218
- (12) CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED DURING BOMBING DUE TO POSSIBLE
P/V CAMP AT X-641811, 13 LARGE BUILDINGS AND 10 SMALL
BUILDINGS.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (689798)

- (2) CASFIRE
- (3) BISHOP
- (4) BABY

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (689798)

- (2) TABLESPOON
- (3) CABMAN
- (4) BABY

CONCERNIG 97

BT 191240B

TK-AR

JES R.....19/1310B NO AR K
JKE R.....19/1310B VJF AR K
JPO R.....19/1310B SK AR K

NEW THANKS

UNDEK(WO) PLS RPT AFTER "IF BOMBING IS ????"
IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B)
BOXES AND WILL USE OK T B F RPP

IN 2 WA

IN U 1.B RPT (2)

IN 3 B RPT #27/ (2)

ANT ANYTHING LESEL

1. B. (2) 29 T.A. CC

1. B. (2) 29 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

3. B. (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 AXEX A/C WITH 2 P.FXXX P.P.FM. A/C.
OK OK TDF R P

ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 10/19 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 191338B
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
416TH BOMB GROUP.

BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-164-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 262-864

PLAN "E"

SEE INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 261-862

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 191338B

EK-AR

JES R.....19/1340B HO K

JKI R.....19/1340B WJF AR KKKKK

In case visual conditions exist the following
 MPIS will be used.

ill. 6(d)(vi) 125/5

0495 0432

0500 0429

0566 0433

0585 0456

0595 0474

0618 0496

Secondary Target

M/Y at Donaworth (WT-2218)

-OP-

FROM : 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

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

SECRET

1. IN CASE VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST THE FOLLOWING MPI'S WILL BE USED.

ILL. 6(d)(vi)125/5

04950432
05000429
05660433
05850456
05950474
06180496

2. SECONDARY TARGET: ~~XX~~ M/Y at DONAUWORTH (WT-2218)

FRANK MAZANEC,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
duty intelligence officer.

JEA V JKI JKI 10/19 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 19/1535B
TO : CG , 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET P-339-D

1. IN CASE VISUAL ~~EXX~~ CONDITION EXIST THE FOLLOWING MPI'S WILL BE USED.

ILL. 6(D) (VI) ~~XXXX~~ 125/5

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

04950432

05000429

05660433

05850456

05950474

06180496

2. SECONDARY TARGET: M/Y AT DONAUWORTH (WT-2218)

1ST LT. FRANK MAZANEC,

BT 19/1535B

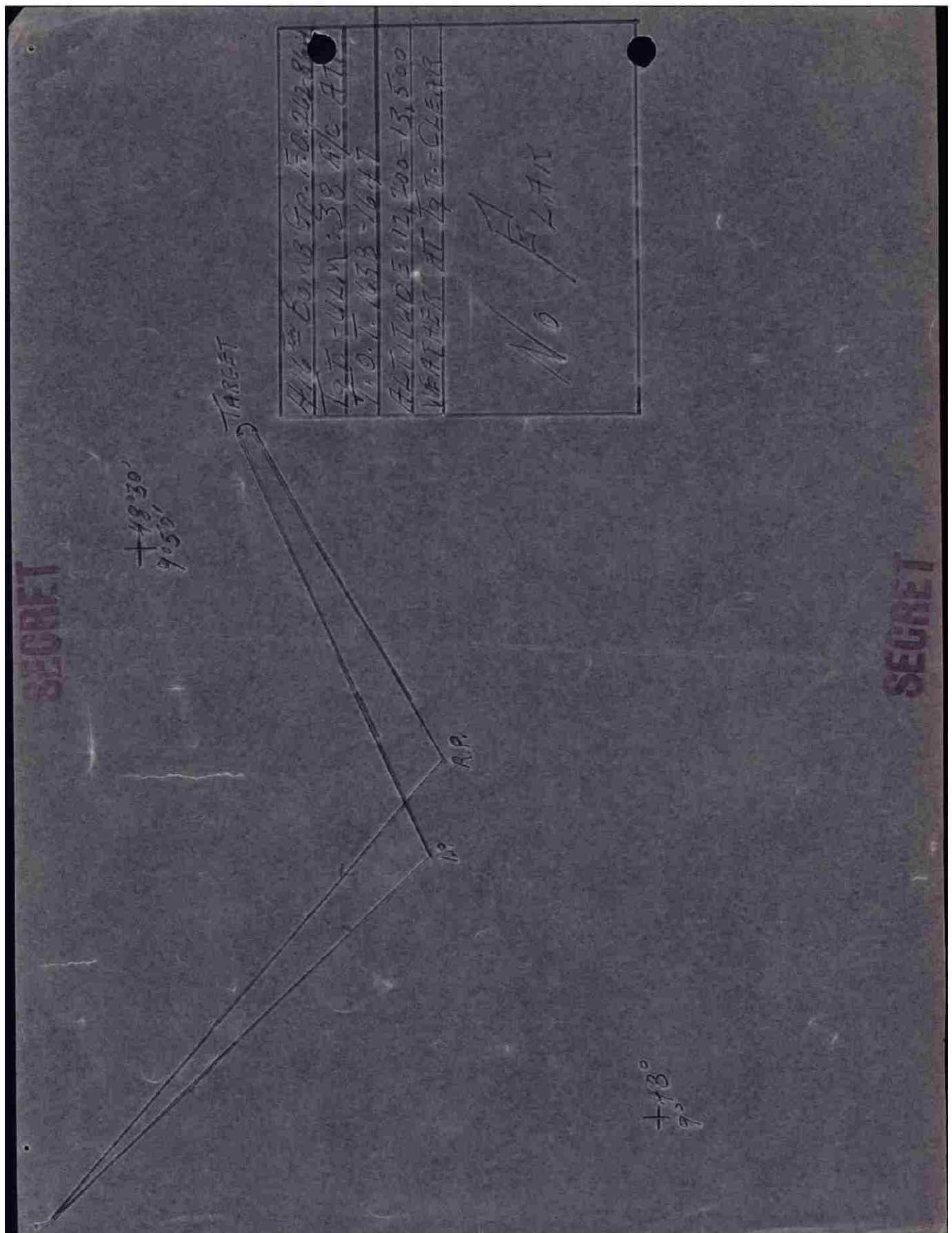
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WJF AR

JEA R.....19/1543B

DB

AR



MISSION NO. 277

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

19 April 1945

1. 487 J
CAPT E L MILLER
LT J K MILLER
LT K A VOLLMAYER
S/S J M PEMBERTON

4. 252 D
LT J F ALLEN
S/S C W VEASEY

2. 271 R
LT F G DUNN
LT J W BRITT
SGT J M FIKEL

5. 362 Y
LT C H HOUSLEY
SGT P J BLOCK

3. 393 M
CAPT J M SHAPARD
S/S J J MCQUIRE

6. 314 H
LT D E SMITH
S/S G E REYER

FLIGHT II

1. 498 R
LT H M VAN NOORDEN
P/O C W BRANDT
S/S R I STEFFEY

4. 209 H
LT D A FERO
S/S A A ROJAS

2. 2352 J
LT S MOONEY
SGT W C BUCKLEY

5. 265 V
LT A E BLIVED
SGT R E GRAUB

3. 328 D
LT J B COCKE
S/S W A MACCARINEY

6. 385 D
LT H WALLMAN
SGT A HELT
S/S H K MILLER

FLIGHT III

1. 497 E
CAPT L J GUTTON
LT J V REED
S/S D C GILLIAM

4. 313 H
LT A REMISZOWSKI
S/S F DI ORIO

2. 360 L
LT J W SPINES
S/S R W MISSINGER

5. 356 G
LT J R WRIGHT
SGT J J RUSKIEWICZ

3. 297 T
LT A J P WINN
S/S W G DAVIS

6. 334 G
LT R L SIMPSON
SGT V S STIPENSKI

SPARE

224 E
P/O S B BOHRNER
SGT K A RINDY

MISSION NO. 277
BOX XXX I
19 April 1945

MISSION NO. 277

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

19 April 1945

1. 609 H
MAJOR H L SCHMERS
LT J MUPITS
F/O D A CARDINALE
CAPT G D MURPHY
S/S K HEATH

2. 354 S
LT R H HACKLEY
S/S O F HAWK

3. 229 B
LT G E WEINERT
SGT R DUBY

4. 398 O
LT M W DUROSE
S/S K A REID

5. 259 H
LT A W DEPNER
S/S E R BRINKMAN

6. 233 F
LT F W WILLS
S/S W S MC GAUGHY

FLIGHT II

1. 398 Q
LT J R WARREN
LT T M FORBES
S/S S J TURPIN

2. 528 T
MAJOR H F OCKANT
LT L E PAGE
S/S D V PALADINO

3. 2315 L
CAPT R O GHUETZMACHER
S/S J J RICHETSON

4. 223 B
LT R S BOWER
CPL D O FINNELL

5. 416 O
LT J F STANROWSKI
SGT J R VELLINGA

6. ⁴⁵¹⁵
~~544~~ F
LT J C CURTIS
SGT E J WILLEVER

FLIGHT III

1. 508 Z
LT L J PRICHA
LT F A REEVES
S/S L G FERGUSON
MAJOR VARS (GRND FORCE)

2. 325 L
LT W L HAIN
S/S D H BENTZLER

3. 9352 J
LT T D McCREADY
S/S W E LEMMONS
MAJOR J W AMEND (ARTIL.)

4. 335 W
LT J W WRIGHT
S/S W F TURNER
CAPT W J RIEFROHL (ARTIL.)

5. 264 I
LT R H LONG
S/S C J KAMINSKI

6. 305 U
LT L R ZEINET
SGT F L SERENO

SPARE

286 D
LT J V O'BRIEN
SGT F E COREY

MISSION NO. 277
Box II
19 April 1945

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PILOT Poucha A/C# 508 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</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>NO</u>			

FLAK : hid

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hid

OBSERVATIONS:

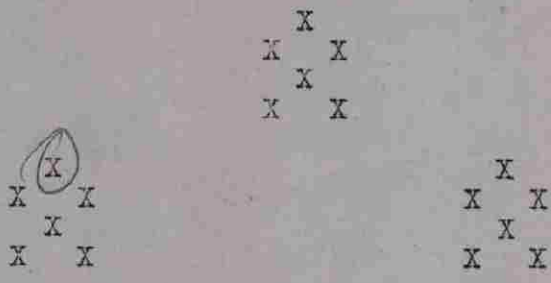
Heard something like explosion to the right but didn't see any flak.

TOT - 1641

Alt - 12,600

75°

POSITION IN FORMATION



210

Tgt posn much obscured but not enough to prevent bombing.

Results looked good.

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INTER. FORM

PILOT Boerner A/C# 234 BOX Ist FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON	<u>PT-</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
		X		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"
		X		JETTISONED		"E"

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Bump, hit M/Y and covered some of area Between River and tracks -

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Simpson A/C# 334 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		<u>"E"</u>

FLAK :

mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

1 pass
Saw bomb hit on edge of M/V

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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

Peru

INTERROGATOR

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INTERR. FORM.

PILOT Winn A/C# 297 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>Vishy Air.</u>			
<u> </u> X <u> </u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u> </u> X <u> </u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *1st reported but did not
see any.*
"Baby" reported 1st. Hughesburg.

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: four banks killed / yds.
 Others hit in yds - exc.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Spive A/C# 360 BOX I FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____
BOMBS : 4 X (on) ON _____ BATTLE DAMAGE
 X RETURNED : "A" : "A-C" : "E"
 X JETTISONED : nil : : :
FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
\$ nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION :
 X
 X X
 X
 X X
X X X
X X X
X (SPARE)
INTERROGATOR

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Wallman --- A/C# 385 BOX I FLT. R

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P : BATTLE DAMAGE

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSTECH INFORMATION

X
X X
X X

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

X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

MAZ

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

INTERROGATOR

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PILOT Freso A/C# 209 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1005</u> ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

on River bank -
Some Heights were
short.

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

X
X X
X X

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PILOT Smith A/C# 574 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>(100)</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:

Good results

POSITION IN FORMATION

		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

PILOT Housley A/C# 363 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>P</u>				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Allen A/C# 252 BOX I FLT. 1

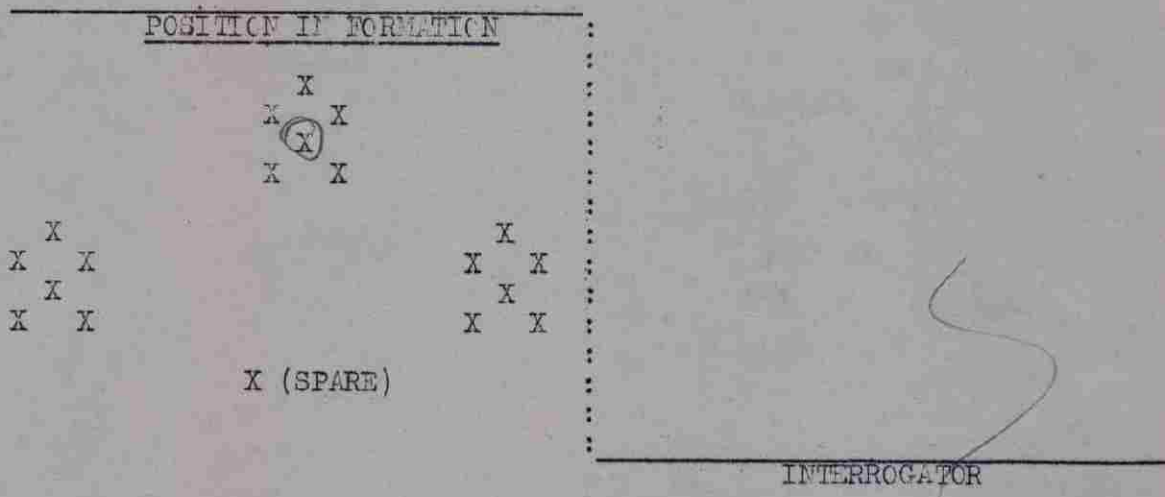
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> <u>X</u> <u>1000</u> <u>ON</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 :
Replied - none seen

OBSERVATIONS:
Good results
BR. cannon.



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PILOT Shapard A/C# 393 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>D.T</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE				
		X	RETURNED	:	"A"	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
		X	JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK : X-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit choke points M/Y
No activity

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

T.W.S

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PILOT Lunn A/C# 271 BOX I FLT. 1

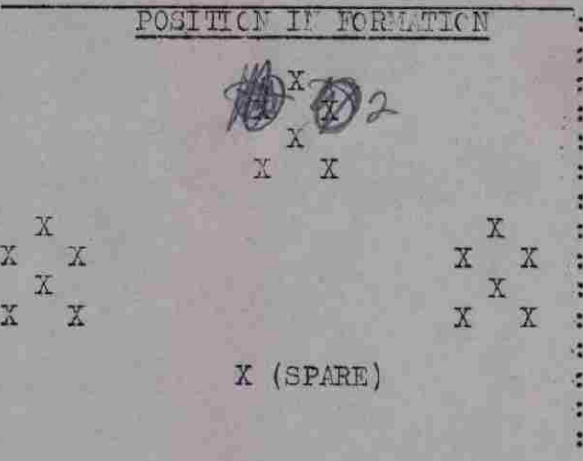
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u> ON <u>Pit</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : X

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit tracks in M/Y,
Most M/Y - empty, NO traffic on roads



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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

nil

OBSERVATIONS: ^{1000 ft} between 6 + 7 o'clock level. I fired first when he had closed to 800 or 900 yds. Whereupon he pulled up sharply and disappeared. My tracers seemed ~~to be~~ indicated accuracy. Fired 2 short bursts - 25 rounds all told. No return fire observed. Identified pilot at once - who did not see the counter. Claims probably damaged.

FELIX DIONO
S/Sgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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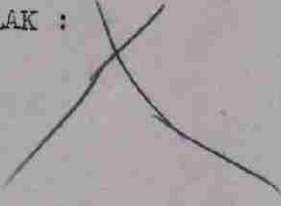
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PILOT Van Norden A/C# 498 BOX I FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	ON	<u>P.T</u>	:		BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:		<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>	:
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:			:		:		:

FLAK : 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS:

One run Visually -
Bombs hit M/Y -
TOT 1639 1/2
Alt - 13,000 -
No other obs. -

POSITION IN FORMATION

			X							:
		X		X						:
			X							:
		X		X						:
										:
X	X					X	(X)	X		:
	X						X			:
X		X				X		X		:

X (SPARE)

T.W.S

INTERROGATOR

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CASUALTIES

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

TOT	1641
alt	12,400
IAS	210
afis	60°

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Hale A/C# 325 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X1000</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 :

mil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit in town between river
+ M/X. (Gunner)

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT McCready A/C# 9332 BOX II FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X1000</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 : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit highway between M/4 and river -
No other obs

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

T.W.S.

INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Wright A/C# 335 BOX II FLT. 8

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>11</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	:		BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:
		X		RETURNED		:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>
		X		JETTISONED		:		:		:	

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

smoke observed M/V

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Bowen A/C# 223 BOX IV FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X <u>100</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		

FLAK :

me

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Thence saw POW camp - saw bomb
from one flt hit close to it. Directly east
2 M/Y.

Saw our bombs hit on north edge of
M/Y

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT Spitzmacher A/C# 2313 BOX II FLT. 2

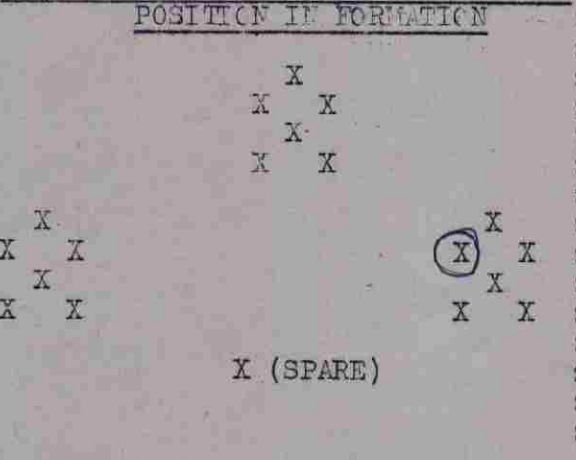
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X / <u>000</u> ON	:		:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:		:	<u>nil</u>	:

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit in my -
Rolling stock in my



Luria
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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Connant A/C# 528 BOX II FLT. 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>100</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

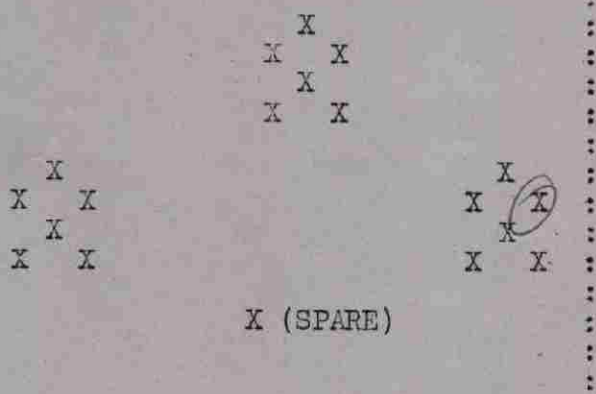
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT - 1640
alt - 11,800
55°
210

nil don't
from 1P to Jgt.
down E & S.

POSITION IN FORMATION



INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____

CONFIDENTIAL

INTERR. FORM

PILOT Wills - A/C# 233 - BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>P.F.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	" <u>A</u> "
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	" <u>A-C</u> "
			" <u>E</u> "

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs covered m/y area and spread out on both sides

Other 4/4 in Vling, had lots of cars in it, —

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

INTERROGATOR

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F/O _____ CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM
PILOT Hoppe A/C# 259 - BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X/1000 ON	<u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK : 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :  P-51's.

OBSERVATIONS: hit in center of Gd.

POSITION IN FORMATION :

X

X X

X X

X (X)

X

X X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

Hoppe

INTERROGATOR

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PILOT duBois A/C# 338 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

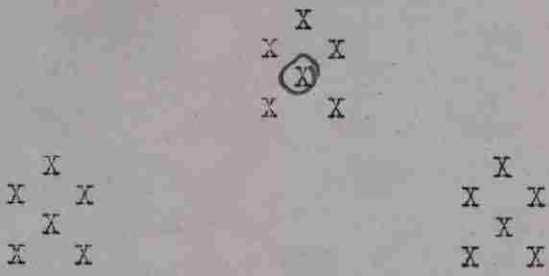
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

bomb hit in N.Y.

POSITION IN FORMATION



X (SPARE)

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STN B.D. S-2 Report 1004

416 TH	9TH B.D. (M) WING 9761	B
GROUP	DATE 19 April 1945	Ulm M/Y
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Ulm M/Y PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.P.I. 6 points in M/Y

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 38 A26 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 38
D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1 2 3 5 6 4
E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 152x1000 GP 1/10 - 1/100
F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED
Box I Flt A - 65 deg 1638
B - 50 1638½
C - 78 1639
G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED
Box II Flt A - 80 1647
B - 60 1641
C - 75 1641½
H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 170 ft NE. Excellent pattern of bursts on RR cutting tracks in 7 places. One direct hit on RR overpass destroying it, blocking end of M/Y. Bombs from 1 ship fell 2100 ft E hitting hwy overpass probably damaging it.
Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: 95% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 660 ft NE of DMPI. Good pattern of bursts on RR cutting tracks and on bldgs on edge of M/Y.
Flt C - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts 185 ft NW. Tight pattern of bursts on edge of M/Y and on bldgs. Several hits on tracks cutting them. Blanket of bursts covering 100 to 150 freight cars, destroying and severely damaging many of them. Several bldgs on edge of M/Y destroyed or damaged. Possible hits were scored on RR overpass probably damaging it.
Box II Flt A - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 150 ft S. Excellent pattern of bombs covering M/Y destroying freight cars and cutting tracks.
Flt B - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of bursts on the DMPI. Bombs fell in long pattern across M/Y and adjacent bldgs, destroying a number of goods wagons, bldgs and cutting tracks.
Flt C - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI, with center of pattern 500 ft N of DMPI. Bombs fell in tight pattern on bldgs and roads next to M/Y, causing severe damage to bldgs and blocking roads.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Intelligence Officer.

IX B.C. S-2 FORM NO. 106-B. Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

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

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
_____ SECONDARY
_____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____

A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACHED _____ 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 WHEN BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 19 APRIL 1945TO ULM MARSHALLING YARD

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
Flt.A	<u>Capt. E.L. Miller (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. K.A. Vollmayer (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
	<u>Lt. J.K. Conner (N)</u>		
Flt.B	<u>Lt. H.M. VanNoorden (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>F/O C.W. Brandt (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	
Flt.C	<u>Capt. L.J. Sutton (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. J.V. Reed (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
BOX II			
Flt.A	<u>Maj. H.L. Sommers (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. J. Kupits (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
	<u>F/O O.A. Cardinale (N)</u>		
Flt.B	<u>Lt. J.R. Warren (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. T.M. Forbes (B)</u>	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	
Flt.C	<u>Lt. J.L. Prucha (P)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u>	
	<u>Lt. F.A. Reeves (B)</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	

Flight A box II made two runs. All other flights made only one run.

OTTO R. KOCH
2ND LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUP BOMBARDIER

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED	<u>12</u>	GROUP	<u>416th. Bomb Gp. (T.)</u>
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING	<u>12</u>	100 % WING	<u>97th. C.R.</u>
CAMERA FAILURES	<u>0</u>	% DATE	<u>19 APRIL 45</u>
PERSONNEL FAILURES	<u>0</u>	%	
OTHERS	<u>0</u>		

			TARGET	ITEM	
		252	ALTITUDE	12000	FEET
	314		TRUE AIR SPEED	210	MPH
297			GROUND SPEED	256	MPH
	356	209		265	

				TARGET	UUM	
		354		ALTITUDE	11500	FEET
		259		TRUE AIR SPEED	210	MPH
325			2315	GROUND SPEED	232	MPH
264			416			

TARGET _____

ALTITUDE _____ FEET

TRUE AIR SPEED _____ MPH

GROUND SPEED _____ MPH

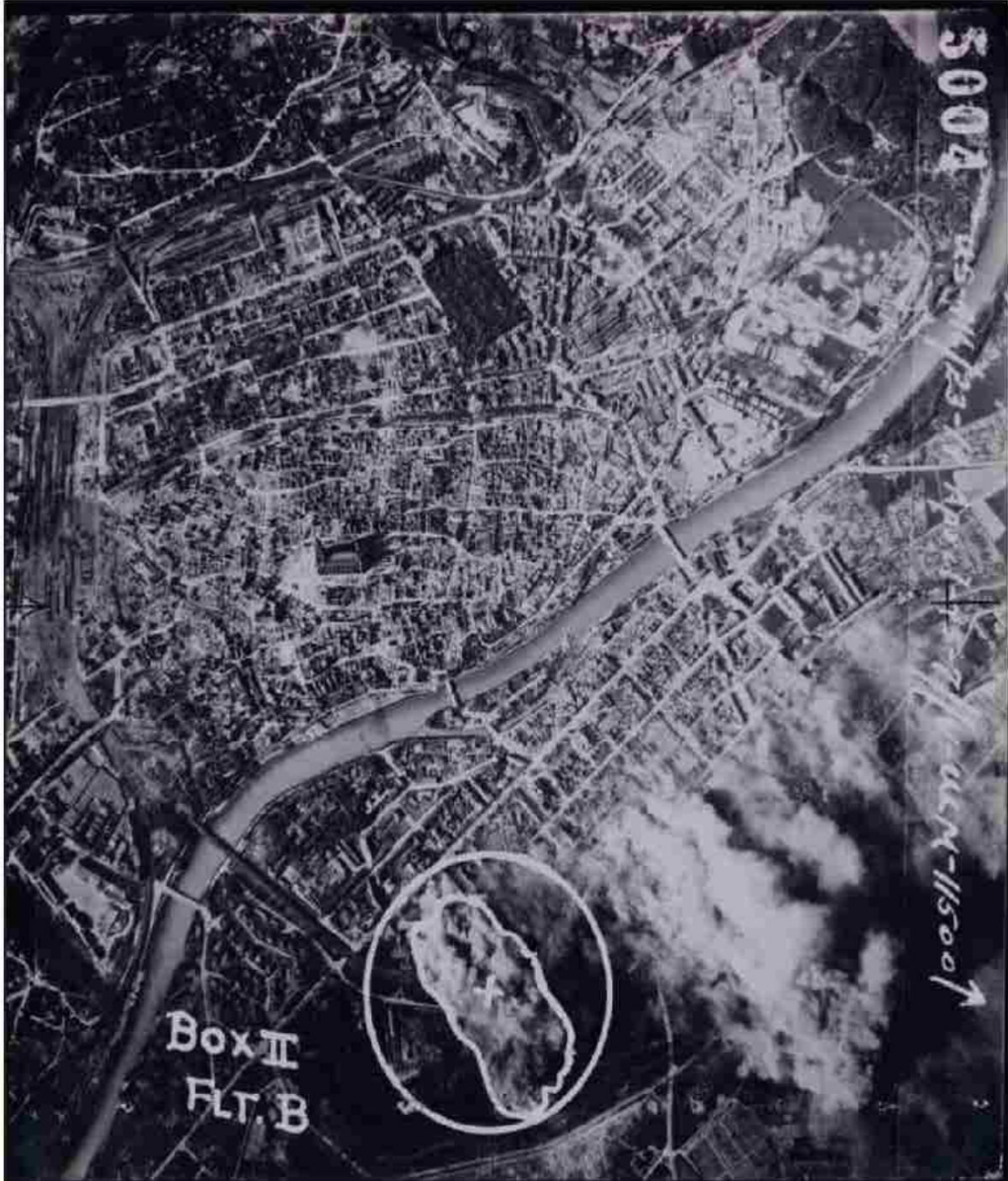
STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

BOX	A/C	CAM.	F.I.L.	INT.	PRINTED	UNPRINT	EXPLANATION
NO.	NO.	TYPE			SORTIES	SORTIES	
1	252	K-24	7	0			duplicate coverage
1	314	"	7	0	19		
1	209	"	6 3/8	0			" "
1	265	"	7	0	22		
1	297	"	6 3/8	0			" "
1	356	"	7	0	20		
2	354	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	259	"	"	0	21		
2	2315	"	7	0			" "
2	416	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	325	"	7	0	23		
2	264	"	7	0			" "

K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. _____	CHANG RUMEN	Reason Failure
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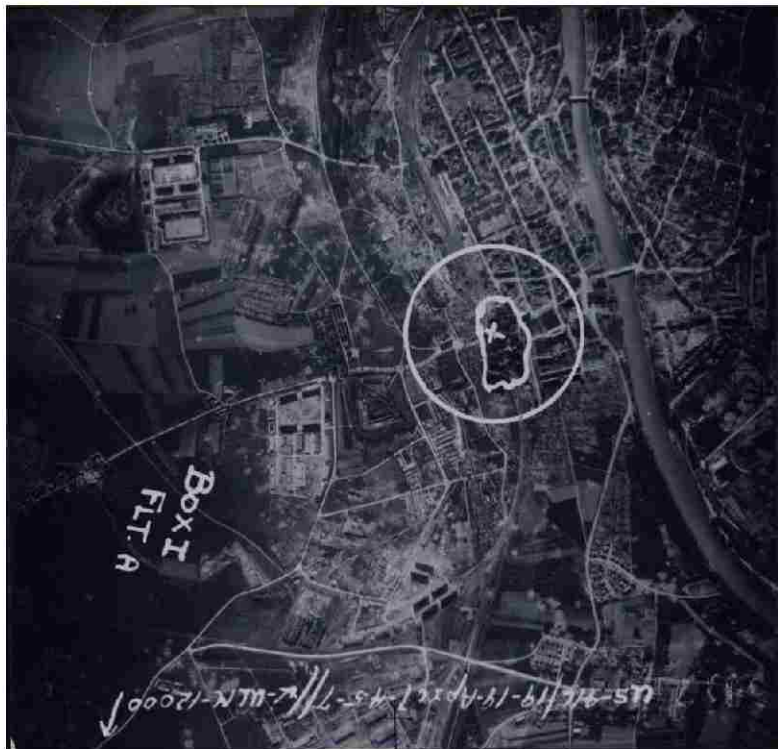
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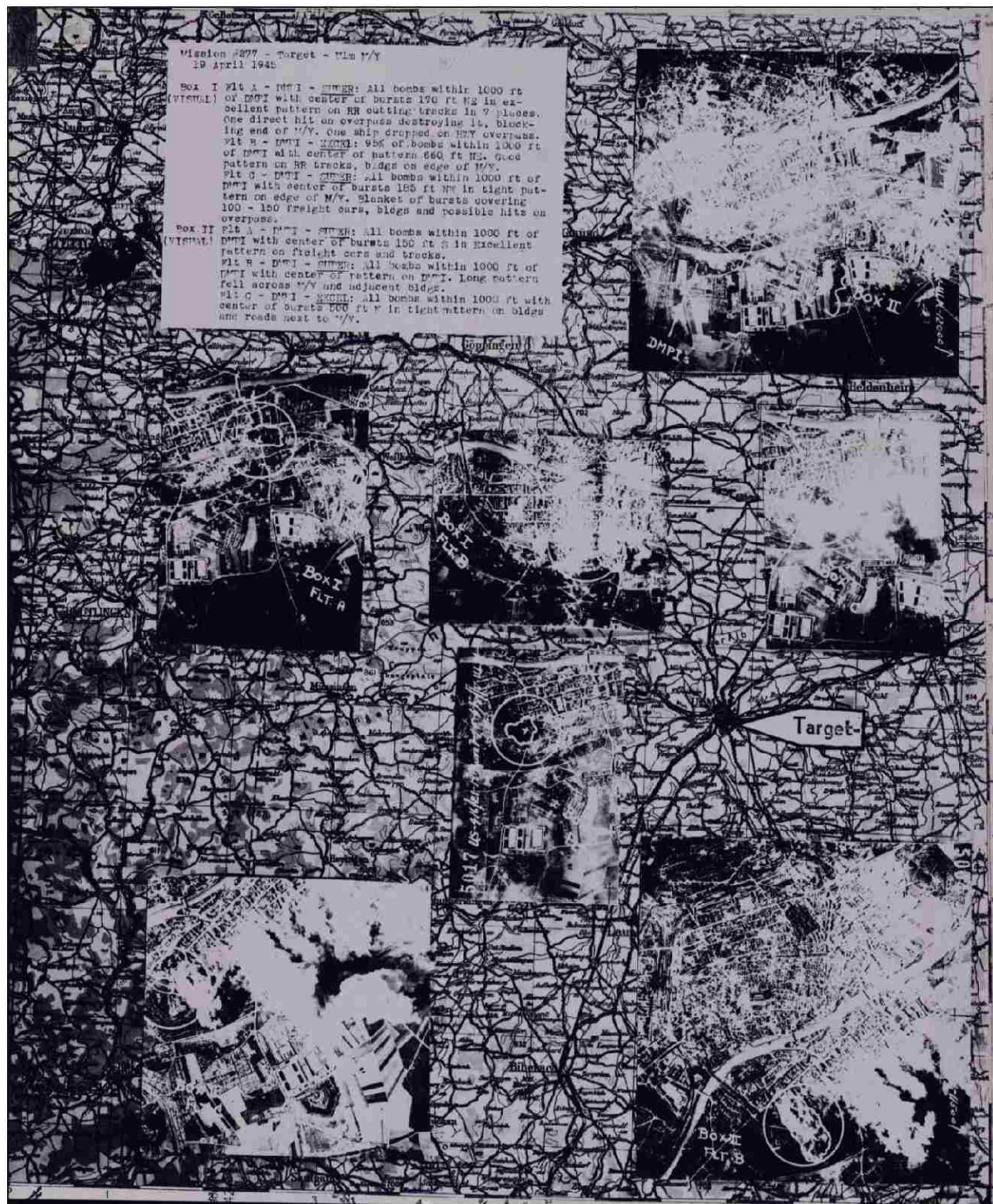


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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH BD / SA 1371

- (A) TARGET: NEU ULM M/Y 4416/W4 - WX/680798
 (B) SORTIE: US 416/19 THRU 23
 (C) DATE: 19 APR 45 TIME: 1638 - 1641 B
 (D) ATTACKING A/C: 38 A-26's BY 6's
 (E) BOMBS: 152/1000 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.
 (F) COVER: TARGET WAS SHOWN ON PHOTOGRAPHS OF GOOD QUALITY.
 (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: OF SIX FLTS BOMBING, BURSTS OF FIVE COVERED M/Y AND BUILT-UP AREA AND BOMBS OF THE OTHER BLANKETED BUILDINGS AND ROADS W OF ITS DESIRED MPI. BY PREVIOUS BOMBING, THERE IS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE ROUND-HOUSES AND BUILT-UP AREAS; HOWEVER, THE M/Y HAD BEEN MADE SERVICEABLE SINCE THE LAST ATTACK. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE BY 409th GP ATTACKING LATER, SHOWED THAT THE N CHOKE POINT WAS CUT.
 (H) ACTIVITY: IN THE YARDS, THERE WERE THREE RAKES OF CARS.
 (I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5005 & 3015 SORTIE: US 416/19

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

DISTRIBUTION: S/A

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DET "C" 20th FID
AT HQ. 9th B.D.

Box #	Opsfl	Date	F/O	target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I							TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb lisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
No.	Reason	F/O	P S J F R	M D A C E E D F D K W M				
487			4					
271			+					
393			+					
252			+					
362			+					
314			+					
498			+					
2352			+					
328			+					
209			+					
265			+					
385			+					
497			+					
360			+					
297			+					
313			+					
356			+					
334			+					
224			+					

MILLER
487

SHAPARD DUNN
393 271

ALLEN
252

SMITH HOUSLEY
314 362

SUTTON
497 VAN NOORDEN
498

WINN SPIRES
297 360 COCKE MOOREY
2352

REMISZENSNI
313 FERG
209

SIMPSON WRIGHT WALLMAN
334 356 395-265-

BOEAFER
224

277
125 A-20
119 A-26
39

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132/000
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25

Box #	opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II							TOT	
							L/D	

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Disp	A/G	Dam	E/A	Pers.										
Pos No.	Reason	T	S	J	F	R	M	D	A	C	B	E	D	F	D	K	W	M
609			4															
354			4															
229			6															
338			4															
259			4															
233			4															
398			4															
529			4															
2315			4															
223			4															
416			4															
9315			4															
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325			4															
936-2			4															
535			4															
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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).

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 22/19 P P

FROM: CO, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) AAF STATION A-63 19/1933B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.
COMCBTWIG 97TH (INFO COPY)
BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG P-348-J PERIOD

- A. YS - 104
- B. 19 APRIL 1945 (1522 - 1805)
- C. J-JIG REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS FOR BOTH BOXES.
- D. PPF WAS KNOWN TO HAVE CONTACTED F.C.G. UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
- E. NONE
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 19/1933B
EW BBBBBB

ITA R.....31/2033B CLEV KKKK
JEA R.....19/2033B SS KKKK

S-2
S-3
Sig

SECRET

TO: CG, 9th BOMB DIVISION, ATTAZ
CG, 97th COMBAT WING, ATTAZ

FROM: 416 BOMB GP.

OPFLASH FOR 19 APRIL 1945

SECRET

A. 416 BOMB GP.

B. ULM-M/y (X-680798)

C. 38 A26'S

D. 38 A26'S

E. NIL

F. 152 x 1000 GP ON PRIMARY

G. BOX I - FLIGHT A -
B -
C -

BOX II - FLIGHT A -

B -
C -

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. NIL

K. ONE UNIDENT. A/C - ^{SINGLE} BLK. ^{INLINE} ENGINE. FIRST SEEN
1000 FT ABOVE FORM. AT 6 O'CLOCK. CLOSING
ONE FORMATION. CONTINUED CLOSING UNTIL
ONE GUNNER FIRED TWO SHORT BURSTS AT

BETWEEN 600-900 YARDS. (AT ZWIEFALTENDORF - X-330519)
A/C PULLED UP AND AWAY.

L. BOX I FLIGHT A - 13,500
B - 13,000
C - 12,200

BOX II - FLIGHT A - 12,500

B - 12,400

C - 12,600

M. BOX I FLIGHT A - 1638
B - 1639 1/2
C - 1639

BOX II - FLIGHT A - 1647 (2 RUNS)

1641

1641

X.

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Secret

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

CG, 97th Combat Wing, att A2

From: 416th Bomb Gp.

Opflash for 19 April 1945(Afternoon)

A. 416th Bomb Gp.

B. ULM M/Y (X- 680798)

C. 38 A26's

D. 38 A 26's

E. Nil

F. 152 x 1000 GP on Primary(bombed visually)

G. Box I- Flight A- Good	Box II- Flight A- Superior
B- Excellent	B. Good
C. Good	C. Good

H. Nil

I. Nil

J. Nil

K. One unidentified AC, single inline engine, approached formation from 6 o'clock high and continued to close on formation until one gunner(No. 4 position in flight & C. Box I) fired two short bursts when he was at between 800-900 yards. Other AC pulled sharply up and away. Encounter not verified by other crews in flight. Took place at Zwiefaltendorf(X-330590) at 12,500 feet.

L. Box I- Flight A- 13,500
 B. 13,000
 C. 12,200

Box II- Flight A- 12,500
 B. 12,400
 C- 12,600

M. Box I- Flight A- 1638
 B- 1639 $\frac{1}{2}$
 C- 1639

Box II- Flight A- 1647(2 runs)
 B- 1641
 C- 1641

M.B. Sheridan,
 Capt. AC.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 22/19 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) AAF STATION A-69 19/1945B
 TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2

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SECRET 416TH BG P-350-D PERIOD
 OPFLASH FOR 19 APRIL 1945 (AFTERNOON)

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 B. ULM M/Y (X - 680792)
 C. 38 A-26'S.
 D. 38 A-26'S.
 E. NIL
 F. 152 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY (BOMBED VISUALLY)
 G. BOX 1 - FLIGHT A - GOOD
 B - EXCELLENT
 C - GOOD
 BOX 2 - FLIGHT A - SUPERIOR
 B. GOOD
 C. GOOD
 H. NIL
 I. NIL
 J. NIL
 K. ONE UNIDENTIFIED AC, SINGLE INLINE ENGINE, APPROACHED FORMATION
 FROM 6 O'CLOCK HIGH AND CONTINUED TO CLOSE ON FORMATION UNTIL
 ONE GUNNER (NO. 4 POSITION IN FLIGHT C. BOX 1) FIRED TWO SHORT
 BURSTS WHEN HE WAS AT BETWEEN 800-900 YARDS. THE UNIDENTIFIED AC
 PULLED SHARPLY UP AND AWAY. ENCOUNTER NOT VERIFIED BY OTHER CREWS
 IN FLIGHT. TOOK PLACE AT ZWIEFALTENDORF (X-330590) AT 12,500 FEET.
 L. BOX 1 - FLIGHT A - 13,500
 B - 13,000
 C - 12,200
 BOX 2 - FLIGHT A - 12,500
 B - 12,400
 C - 12,600
 M. BOX 1 - FLIGHT A - 1638
 B - 1639
 C - 1639 1/2
 BOX 2 - FLIGHT A - 1647 (2 RUNS)
 B - 1641
 C - 1641

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

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 19/1945B
 EW BBBBBBBB

ITA R.....19/2030B CLEV KKKK
 JEA R.....19/2030B LEG KKK

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 25/19 P P
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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) AAF STATION A-69 19/2250B
TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO COPY)
CO, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416TH BG P-352-E PD 19 APRIL 1945.

BOTH PATHFINDER LEADS GOOD. GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

BT 19/2250B
EW AR AR

ITA R.....19/2100B BAD BBB TO JKI
JEA R.....19/2100B LG AR KK

OK ITA KK TO JKI WHEN READY KKK

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 1/28 OP OP

FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 22/02300

TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH B WING (L) A-2 DUTY OFFICER

BT

SECRET 416BC P-334-D

D. ULM N/6

C. 1638 - 1647

J. BOX I FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 170 FT NE OF DMPI. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BURSTS ON RT CUTTING TRACKS IN 7 PLACES. ONE DIRECT HIT ON IN OVERPASS DESTROYING IT. BLOCKING AND OF N/Y. BOMBS FROM 1 SHEP FELL 2100 FT E HITTING HWY OVERPASS PROBABLY DAMAGING IT.

FLT C - DMPI - EXCEL: 95 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 600 FT NE. GOOD PATTERN OF BURSTS ON RR, CUTTING TRACKS AND ON BLDGS ON EDGE S OF N/Y.

FLT C - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 100 FT NW. TIGHT PATTERN OF BURSTS ON EDGE OF N/Y AND ON BLDGS. SEVERAL HITS ON TRACKS SOME CUTTING THEM. BLANKET OF BURSTS COVERING 100 TO 150 FREIGHT CARS, DESTROYING AND SEVERELY DAMAGING MANY OF THEM. SEVERAL BLDGS ON EDGE OF N/Y DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. POSSIBLE HITS WERE SCORED ON IN OVERPASS PROBABLY SOME DAMAGING IT.

BOX II FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 120 FT S. EXCELLENT PATTERN OF BOMBS COVERING N/Y DESTROYING FREIGHT CARS AND CUTTING TRACK

FLT B - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS ON THE DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN LONG PATTERN ACROSS N/Y AND ADJACENT BLDGS, DESTROYING A NUMBER OF GOODS WAGONS, BLDGS AND CUTTING TRACKS.

FLT C - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 5000 FT N. BOMBS FELL IN TIGHT PATTERN ON BLDGS AND ROADS NEXT TO N/Y, CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE TO BLDGS AND BLOCKING ROADS.

K. NIL.

H. A) 12 100 PERCENT

B) 0 0
C) 0 0

L. W/W 40 BURSTS ON TRACKS CUTTING THEM AND DESTROYING OR DAMAGING 150 - 165 RR CARS. 10 HITS ON 2 RR OVERPASSES DESTROYING THEM. 17 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING THEM AND DESTROYING OR DAMAGING 20 BLDGS.

CAPT. EYEN C. U. ZESIGER

CCCC IN PART J BOX I FIRST FLT C SHLD BE FLT B RPT FIRST FLT C SHLD BE FLT B AND IN FLT A LAST WORD IN FORTH LINE SHLD BE END INSTEAD OF AND AS SENT RPT SHLD BE END.

BT 02300

WFC AR

ITA P.....2200330B AL

JEAN P.....22/00330B LCD BDD

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

SECRET

AUTH: CO Sta
A-69
DATE: 21 April 1945
INIT: _____

20 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPREP No. 190 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 April 1945

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

. I
Mission No. 277, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 162-364

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of landing Station A-69
 Take-off time 1430 type mission Boasting T.O.T. 1630-1941
 Targets 121 71 (primary) None (secondary)
 Landing time 1930 Oper. hours (a) 1930-1940 Oper. hours (b) None
 Weather Visibility unlimited. No clouds.
2. Effort:

Dispatched 30 A-26's Sorties 30 Effective sorties 30
 A/C expending bombs 30 Non-effective sorties None

 A/C returning early None

3. Bombs carried into air: 152 x 1000 lb GP's fuzed 1/100 1/100
 Expended 152 x 1000 lb GP's fuzed 1/100 N 1/100 T Alt. 12000-13500
 target 121 71 results Large 10, 10, 10, 10, 10.
 Expended _____ fuzed _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
 target _____ results _____
 Expended _____ fuzed _____ N _____ T Alt. _____
 target _____ results _____
4. Ammunition carried: 71600 x .50 caliber
 Ammunition expended: 10 x .50 caliber
5. None.
6. Flak encountered: None
 Location _____ amount _____ accuracy _____ type _____
7. Enemy a/c encountered: Unidentified (see remarks below)
 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: _____
 No. _____ type _____ cause _____
11. Remarks: No. 4 gunner in flight 4 of box 1 fired two short bursts at unidentified single-engine aircraft. No verification from other crew members.

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II

1. Efforts:
- Dispatched 30 Sorties 30 Effective Sorties 30
- Non-effective sorties 0 Returned early due to weather over target area.
2. Bombs carried into air: 316 x 1000 lb G's
- | | fused | 1/2 | N | 1/200T |
|--|-------|-----|---|--------|
| | fused | | N | T |
| | fused | | N | T |
| | fused | | N | T |
- Deposited on operations: 316 x 1000 lb G's
- | | fused | 1/2 | N | 1/200T |
|--|-------|-----|---|--------|
| | fused | | N | T |
| | fused | | N | T |
| | fused | | N | T |
3. Ammunition expended: 10 x .50 caliber

Ammunition lost on:
wrecked or missing a/c

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHUNKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

SECRET

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

PRIORITY

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

416BG F _____ E

CONFIDENTIAL

19 APRIL 1945

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BOTH PATHFINDER LEADS GOOD. GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS.

AYLESWORTH GOROMGR 416

I certify that this is official business:

RICHARD V. WHEELER,
Capt., Air Corps.

Mission # 277 --19 Apr '45.

After a morning mission was recalled before it could cross into enemy territory, 38 planes took off in the afternoon to attack the ULM marshalling yards. All 38 planes dropped their 1,000-pounders, and according to crew reports every bomb landed squarely on the target.

There was no flak.

Enemy fighters were reported in the area of the target. One single inline engine fighter closed in on the formation while it was circling the Rally Point. One gunner, Sgt. De Orio, fired at the approaching plane. He claimed probable damage with his two short bursts. *There was no fire from the approaching plane.* The approaching plane broke away and made no further attack. There were no other reports of any attacks.

A PPF plane accompanied the formation, but ideal weather conditions over Germany permitted visual bombing by flights.

The boxes were led by Capt Miller and Major Summers.

ITA JEA JKI JES V JJF NR 6/19 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV ILPOXWPPPB

TO : CG, IX BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

CG, 97TH COMBAT WING

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CG, 99TH COMBAT WING

CO'S 387, 394, 397, 322, 344, 416, 429, 386 BOMB GROUPS.

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1ST PPF SQ PROV P-191-D

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP
- B. ULM M/Y WX 655809
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S ON GROUP SECONDARY. DONAUWORTH WT 235178. GROUP TOOK OVER FOR VISUAL. GROUP LEADING
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 .; 5 3:9, 8-46.
- G. HITS OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA.
- H. & I. NONE
- J. DONAUWORTH WT 235178, MIHFF
WILDBERG WR 745049, MIHFF
GUNZBURG WX 881878, WIHFF
AUGSBURG WY 342778, MAHFF
- K. 0-0-1. 3 ME 262'S ATTACKED 2ND BOX FORMATION AT REUTLINGEN WX 095892. AT 1630. MADE TWO PASSES.
- L. 13,500-13,000 SECONDARY
- M. 1620-1621 SECONDARY
- REMARKS : 1ST BOX FORMATION FAIR AT TARGET, BUT UNDER ATTACK POOR
2ND BOX EXCELLENT. WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP.
- B. ULM M/Y WX 655809
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON NORDEN.
- E. NTN
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. HITS OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA.
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,500-13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1659 1/2 - 1701 PRIMARY
- REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT TO GOOD. NO WINDOW SHIPS SEEN.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ULM M/Y WX 655809
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON NORDEN. GROUP LEADING.
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. STRIKES OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA.
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,000 - 12,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1638 - 1648 PRIMARY
- REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT TO GOOD. NO WINDOW SHIPS SEEN.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 386TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ULM M/Y WX 655809
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 1 B-26 CASUAL, SCHELKLINGEN WX 481778, ON NORDEN. PFF BOMBED ALONE.
1 B-26 PRIMARY ON NORDEN. PFF BOMBED ALONE.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED ON PRIMARY.
HIT TARGET ON SECONDARY.
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,000 PRIMARY
13,000 CASUAL
- M. 1718 CASUAL

REMARKS : NO WINDOW SHIPS. GROUP FORMATION SUPERIOR TO GOOD.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP
- B. GUNZBURG M/Y WX 881878
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON NORDEN. ALONE.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. HITS OBSERVED IN CENTER OF M/Y.
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,500 PRIMARY
- M. 1739 1/2 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 397TH BOMB GROUP
- B. GUNZBURG M/Y WX 881878
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON NORDEN ALONE.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. STRIKES OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA.
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,300 PRIMARY
- M. 1758 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION GOOD. NO WINDOW SHIPS.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ULM M/Y WX 655809
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY ON NORDEN ALONE.
- E. NONE
- F. 6 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- 2 X 500 GP SALVOED. BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION. SALVOED SOUTH OF TARGET.
- G. HITS OBSERVED ON PRIMARY IN TARGET AREA. SALVOED BOMBS LANDED IN OPEN FIELDS.
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. 13,500-11,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1620-1621 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FLIGHTS SCATTERED ON RUN. WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 394TH BOMB GROUP
- B. ULM M/Y WX 655809
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 2 B-26'S PRIMARY. GROUP LEADING.
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. 1ST BOX OVER AND TO THE RIGHT OF DMPI.
- 2ND BOX IN TARGET AREA.
- H. THRU K. NONE.
- L. 13,500-13,000 PRIMARY
- M. 1820-1821 PRIMARY

REMARKS : GROUP FORMATION EXCELLENT TO GOOD. NO WINDOW SHIPS.

AMENDMENT TO ABOVE OPSFLASH:

CHANGE PARAGRAPH H. TO 322ND BOMB GROUP TO READ, 1 B-26 DAMAGED BY FLAK CAT "A" RECEIVED AT DONAUWORTH WT 235178.

- - - COMPILED BY : CAPT. WATSON - - -

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 19/2000B

WF AR K

ITA R.....19/22811VB HAS KK

JEA R.....19/2231B SS AR

JKI R.....19/2231B EW AR

UOVVJSS R.....19/2231B HO AR K

TNX AR ALL

CC F IN FIRST GROUP UNDER HEADING PLS

322ND F. 8 X 500 GP SECONDARY.

UK KK

JKI VIA JEA V JJF NR 9/19 OP - OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 19/2319B
TO : CG, IX BOMB DIV
CG 97 BOMB WING
CO 416 BOMB GROUP
SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV P-194-E

PFF PILOT : LT. GIBBS (2ND BOX) DATE : 19/APRIL TIME : P. M.

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

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

19/2319B/

SR BDB

RELAYED BY DJP BDB

JKI R.....20/0255B UFG KKKK

JKI VIA JEA V JJF NR 1,2/19 OP - OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 19/2315B
TO : CG. IX BOMB DIV
CBG 97 BOMB WING
CO 416 BOMB GROUP
SECRET BT

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV P-195-E

PFF PILOT : LT. BOND (1ST BOX) DATE : 19 APRIL TIME : P. M.

- A. FORMATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : EXCELLENT
 - 2. REMARKS :
- B. WINDOW SHIPS :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : NONE SEEN
 - 2. REMARKS :
- C. NAVIGATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : EXCELLENT
 - 2. RV GOOD
- E. BRIEFING : BRIEFED BY GR. OPERATIONS
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS :

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 19/2315B

SSR AM

RELAYED BY DJP AR

JKI R.....20/0300B WFG AR

IMI PART 2. OF C. PLS

- C. NAVIGATION :
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : EXCELLENT
 - 2. REMARKS :

OK

IS THAT REMARKS GOOD OR JUST REMAK REMARKS
OKI T B F R PLS

JUST REMARKS

COMBAT FORM (DAY)

th B.D. S-2 Report 108C

416 BG 671st 313 ULM M/Y 19 APRIL 1945
 (Group) (Sqn.) (A/C No) (Target) (Date of Mission)
 #4 FLIC Box I 32 MAG GOOD 1704 ZWIEFALTENDORF
 (Pos. in Fmtn.) (Holding) (Visibility) (Time) (Place)
 X330 590 12500 (Altitude)

Type of e/a: UNIDENTIFIED
 S/E IN LINE Story of the attack: FIRST OBSERVED.

Mark clock
 directions on
 appropriate line

E/A IN PURSUIT CURVE 1000 FT ABOVE FORMATION

APPROACH

AT 6 O'CLOCK E/A LEVELLED OUT BETWEEN NOSE

Above 6

POINTING FROM AT BETWEEN 6 AND 7 O'CLOCK. A-26

Level

GUNNER FIRED WHEN E/A HAD CLOSED TO AP-

Below

PROXIMATELY 800 YARDS OR 900 YARDS.

BREAKAWAY

TRACERS INDICATED ACCURATE FIRING BUT E/A

Above

SEEMED IN NO DIFFICULTY AS IT PULLED UP AND AWAY

Level 7

WITHOUT RETURNING FIRE.

Below

(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?

S/SGT FELIX DIORIO TURRET (A-26) 2 BURSTS - 25 ROUNDS 800 YDS. NONE OBSERVED

Effect of our fire on e/a: PULLED UP AND AWAY SHARPLY

If Marauder did not fire,
 was e/a out of field of fire?

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

E/A Fire:

(Bursts) (Yards) (Category Damage to Bomber, if any)

Number of other e/a attacking same time: NIL Attacking Whom?

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

MARKING OF E/A UNOBSERVED. COLOR OF E/A BLACK.
 (Special color, markings, characteristics; any other important information)

Witnesses of Combat:

Name Position and a/c no., Confirming what?

NONE. PILOT CONFIRMS AMMO EXPENDITURE BUT DID NOT SEE

E/A. ALTHOUGH RIT REPORTED BANDITS IN AREA
 ENCOUNTER IS NOT CONFIRMED BY OTHER A/C IN FORMATION.

Comment of Interrogator: NO CLAIM

Dest., Prob. Dest., Dam., No Claim CAPT. S.A. LURIA
 (Group Opinion; mark one) (Interrogator)

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

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Order 864

MISSION SUMMARY # 120
(afternoon Missions)Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
322 BG	Ulm (WX-655809) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Unsat. Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior (AMPI) Flight C - Superior (AMPI)
344 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent
394 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior
416 BG	Neu Ulm (WX-680798) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent
409 BG	" "	Box I - Excellent Box II - Flight A - N.A.O. Flight B - Excellent
386 BG	" "	Box I - Superior Box II - Undet.
387 BG	Gunzburg (WX-883879) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent
397 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent

A - 2
S E C R E T

S E C R E T

GROUP J. J. J. J. J.

Six full groups and two flights of another group attacked three marshalling yards recording Superior to Undetermined results. One group attacked secondary target.

Ulm (Marshalling Yard)

322 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 33 dropping 61 x 2000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on secondary target. 3 window a/c.

No losses; 8 a/c battle damaged - 2 (a/a), 6 (flak); 2 crewmen wounded.

Visual bombing by flights from 12,600 - 13,700 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. (Briefed Secondary). Bombed Donauwörth RR Bridge (J230185) when PFF a/c had equipment failure and group was briefed not to bomb primary visually. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, a tight concentration centered on the RR Bridge. No circle of error.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. (Briefed Secondary). Same as Flight A. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, a tight pattern falling on the RR bridge. No circle of error.

Flight C. DMPI - UNSUCCESSFUL. (Briefed Secondary). Same as Flight A. Bomber pilot seriously wounded by flak before bomb run; navigator also hit but he took over. Synchronization was poor. No bombs in 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs fell in excellent pattern in the river 3300 feet S of the RR bridge.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. (Briefed Secondary). Same as Flight A, Box I. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, a somewhat large pattern centered 240 feet E of the RR, in the river and on the E bank.

* Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. (Briefed Secondary). All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, an excellent pattern centered 60 feet to the E of the DMPI, cross-roads in the town of Donauwörth.

* Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. (Briefed Secondary). All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. No circle of error on main street intersections in Donauwörth.

* NOTE: No reason available at group as to why Flights B and C of Box II attacked town instead of RR bridge.

344 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 33 dropping 61 x 2000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 to 12,700 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 90% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 725 feet SE of DMPI hitting in built up area.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 235 feet SE of DMPI. Strikes cross sidings just south of station damaging rolling stock and a long shed.

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Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 350 foot NW of DMPI covering rail junction. Late photos show flyover severely damaged and one crater in lines leading to SE.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Bombs hit in smoke with no bursts visible. No visual observation.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Tight pattern 180 feet E of DMPI. Bombs cover passenger station with probable heavy damage.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 460 feet SE of DMPI, crossing converging sidings. Late photos show 7 craters cutting most of the through lines.

394 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), all dropping 64 x 2000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 to 14,000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in good concentration centered 500 feet W. Impacts fell in a group of goods wagons on the sorting sidings, damaging or destroying 15 to 20.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in good concentration centered 550 feet SSE. Bombs fell in unloading platforms causing a large fire.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 75% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in good concentration centered 900 feet N in residential area at edge of M/Y. Several houses damaged or destroyed.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Pattern fell into smoke of previous bombing making it impossible to determine the results. Later photos plus bombardier's report indicates excellent or superior results.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in good concentration centered 450 feet S. Damage should be heavy.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in the midst of several tracks loaded with goods wagons in good concentration centered 175 feet S. Large fire started and series of photos indicates recurrent explosions.

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416 BG: 40 a/c dispatched (including 38 A-26, 2 PFF), all dropping 152 x 1000 GP, 8 x 500 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 12,200 - 13,500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with center of pattern 170 feet NE of DMPI. Excellent pattern of bursts on RR cutting tracks in 7 places. One direct hit on RR overpass destroying it, blocking end of M/Y. Bombs from 1 a/c fell 2100 feet E, hitting highway overpass, probably damaging it.

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Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with center of pattern 660 feet NE. Good pattern of bursts on RR, cutting tracks and on buildings on edge of M/Y.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with center of bursts 135 feet NE. Tight pattern of bursts on edge of M/Y and on buildings. Several hits on tracks, cutting them. Blanket of bursts covering 100 to 150 freight cars, destroying and severely damaging many of them. Several buildings on edge of M/Y destroyed or damaged. Possible hits were scored on RR overpass probably damaging it.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with center of pattern 150 feet S. Excellent pattern of bombs covering M/Y destroying freight cars and cutting tracks.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with center of bursts on the DMPI. Bombs fell in long pattern across M/Y and adjacent buildings, destroying a number of goods wagons, buildings and cutting tracks.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI with center of bursts 600 feet W. Bombs fell in tight pattern on buildings and roads next to M/Y, causing severe damage to buildings and blocking roads.

409 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 32 A-26, 2 F4F), all dropping 128 x 1000, 8 x 500 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by box and flight from 11,500 - 12,800 feet.

Box I - DMPI - EXCELLENT. More than 75% of pattern fell within a 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered 660 feet SSE of DMPI. Photos from Box II, Flight B, show that bombs from Box I destroyed one semi-circular roundhouse, further damaged two buildings near roundhouse, damaged some trackage in the roundhouse vicinity of the yard and destroyed approximately 3 wagons and probably damaged others.

Box II - Flight A. N.A.O. Bombs did not release when the bombardier called "bombs away", at the time the indicators passed. Pilot hit the salvo switch several seconds later and they then released. Bomb pattern is approximately 2500 yards NE of the DMPI. Incomplete post over shows bombs fell in residential area of town of Offenhausen.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. More than 85% of bombs fell within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of pattern approximately 490 feet NE of DMPI. Elongated pattern falls across W portion of M/Y, with probable damage to 50 plus wagons, and a warehouse on the S side of M/Y and 30 plus wagons and one warehouse on N side of W portion of yard, with probably further damage to yard trackage, wagons and through tracks. Pattern also falls across a military area immediately S of SW choke point. In this area there is probable damage to at least one barracks type building and the highway which skirts S side of M/Y.

386 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 32 A-26, 2 F4F), 32 dropping 186 x 500 II, 4 x 500 GP on primary. 1 a/c (F4F) dropping 4 x 500 GP on Schalklingen (WX-481778).

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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Visual bombing by boxes from 12,400 - 13,400 feet.

Box I - DMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to type of bombs used it is difficult to interpret an actual pattern of bursts. However, no radial error exists, which should place over 90% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs completely cover M/Y at choke point, with hits on tracks and RA installations on both sides.

Box II - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Only 2 negatives available for interpretation showing first bombs of lead a/c, Box II, falling approximately 350 feet S of DMPI. Due to type of bombs used it is difficult to calculate bombardiers MFI. In relationship to a/c heading, pattern logically would have covered aiming point, and section of L/Y. Superior results reported observed.

Ganzburg (Marshalline Yard)

387 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 31 dropping 60 x 2000 GP, 4 x 500 GP on primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c (PFF) failed to bomb: other (crash-landed on take-off).

A/c mentioned above crash-landed on take-off due to engine failure; no further damage, no casualties.

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

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, centered on DMPI in split pattern. Blanketing sidings on both sides of main lines and damaging S approach to road overpass.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in excellent pattern centered 130 feet SSW of DMPI, blanketing central portion of siding area and scoring several hits to goods wagons.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI, centered on DMPI in superior pattern, straddling S choke point, blanketing S approach to road overpass and destroying goods stored along sidings in this area.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in excellent pattern 340 feet S of DMPI, scoring direct hits to goods wagons parked on sidings and also industrial buildings on S edge of M/Y.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in excellent pattern centered 195 feet N of DMPI, damaging goods wagons in central portion of target area.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI in excellent pattern centered 280 feet N of DMPI blanketing warehouses and stores piled along sidings.

397 BG: 13 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 11 dropping 20 x 2000 GP, 4 x 500 GP on primary.

2 a/c failed to bomb: 1, personnel; 1, other (crashed on take-off).

A/c mentioned above was lost when it crashed at end of runway on take-off. Cause undetermined as yet. A/c burned and 1 bomb exploded. 6 crewmen were killed and 2 injured. This accident prevented take-off of other a/c.

No further losses, damage, or casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

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Box I - Flight 1. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000-foot radius of DMPI in 700 pattern 375 feet N of DMPI. Bombs hitting shops, buildings, across tracks, roads and enemy fires previously started.

Flight 2. DMPI - EXCELLENT. (Boxed Box II's DMPI on instruction due to rest of formation not taking off). 100% of bombs within 1000-foot radius of DMPI in broken pattern 223 feet W of DMPI. Bombs hit buildings, roads, and stores W of target area.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		262
A/C Dombing	249	
A/C Failing to Bomb	4	
Other		
Window	9	
Total		262

Bombs on Enemy Territory	466.50
Total Bombs to Date	149,247.39

A/C Lost (397 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (FF)	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	8	3.08%
Killed	6	
Wounded	2	
Missing	0	
Injured	2	
Claims	0-0-2	

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
386	1	Mechanical	Bomb rack malfunction.
387	1 (FFF)	Other	Crash-landed on take-off.
397	1	Personnel	Failed to drop on leader.
	1	Other	Crashed on take-off.

OBSERVATIONSWEATHER: Ulm

322 BG: Nil to 2/10 cumulus at 4-5,000 feet. Visibility 10 to 20 miles.

344 BG: No report due to communication difficulties.

394 BG: Clear. Air to air visibility excellent. Visibility on bomb run 10 miles.

Neu Ulm

416 BG: 4-5/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility excellent.

409 BG: 4/10 cumulus top 5000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles.

386 BG: Clear. Visibility 6 miles up and 10 miles down sun in light haze.

Gunzburg

387 BG: 2-3/10 cumulus top 10,000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.

397 BG: Clear. Visibility 4 miles on down sun bomb run. Haze to 12,000 feet.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	277
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	7
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	2.52%
<u>Ulm M/Y</u>	<u>322, 344, 394 Gps</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	7
% A/C Battle Damaged	6.86%

There was no flak at the target. However, the 322 Group encountered moderate accurate heavy flak near Biberbach (Y-320950). 6 heavy guns plotted just north of this area and they are probably the guns in action.

<u>Neu Ulm M/Y</u>	<u>416, 409, 386 Gps</u>
<u>Gunzburg M/Y</u>	<u>387, 397 Gps</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not reported at the target or enroute.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.F.'s: 1616 to 1808

While the flights of the 322nd Group were split up after bombing, part of Box II was attacked by 6-10 Me 262's from 5-8 o'clock low and level. At approximately the same time (near 1620 hours), other elements of Box II were attacked by 3-5 Me 109's and FW 190's. Bomber combats continued to the vicinity of Ganzburg (X-830875). Tentative claims are 0-0-1 (Me 262) for the group, and 0-0-1 (Me 262) for Pathfinder. No bombers were lost, two were damaged.

At 1628 in the vicinity of Donauwerth (T-230185), 2 P-47s of bomber escort were seen to go down smoking, one crashing on the ground. Two Me 262's were seen shot down by P-47 fire.

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS</u> <u>PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
322	100%	0	0	0	0
344	100%	0	0	0	0
394	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
386	100%	0	0	0	0
387	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEAD QUARTERS, BELGIUM, APRIL 19.—The vital rail hub at Ulm, midway between Stuttgart and Augsburg, which seven lines radiate to all of Southwestern Germany, was attacked effectively this morning by a strong force of Ninth Bombardment Division B-26 Marauders.

With the Nazis striving to build up supplies for a last-ditch stand in this area, the bombers struck at a time when the two sections of the yards, one of which operates north and south and the other east and west, were crowded with freight trains laden with military supplies.

In addition to destroying great quantities of materials, the bombs from more than 100 mediums wrecked rails and other facilities in both sections with observed results reported as superior. Visibility was good and one bombardier reported seeing two trains which were moving through the yards disappear in a mass of flame and smoke as the bombs hit. Bombs also struck on the choke point of the yards.

An attack on the yards by medium and light bombers on April 15 had damaged sidings and adjacent storage buildings.

Anti-aircraft defenses were silent. One formation was challenged by two ME262 jet propelled enemy fighters near the target. One bomber was reported missing.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEAD QUARTERS, BELGIUM, APRIL 19.—Adjacent rail yards at Ulm and Neu Ulm, midway between Stuttgart and Augsburg, center of Southwestern Germany's transportation system, bore the brunt of attacks today by 350 Ninth Bombardment Division B-26 Marauders and A-26 Invaders. Smaller forces struck effectively at Gunzburg, 10 miles east of Ulm, and a railroad bridge at Donauworth.

The bomb blasts at Gunzburg set off a series of explosions, apparently from an ammunition train, which could be seen by the crewmen at a distance of 40 miles.

The attacks at Ulm were started in the forenoon and continued until late afternoon, while the other targets were hit during late afternoon.

One formation encountered enemy fighter planes estimated to number as many as 50 ME109s, FW190s and ME262s near Donauworth. The bombers claimed one enemy fighter shot down, while crewmen reported witnessing destruction of two ME262s by escorting U. S. fighters. All of the bombers returned.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 19 -
Following are the operational statistics for the day, including
preliminary damage assessment based on strike photo coverage of
the attacks. These figures include all attacks made during the day
by the medium and light bombers of the Ninth Bombardment Division:

Aircraft dispatched.....	458
Aircraft over enemy territory.....	379
Aircraft lost.....	1
Bomb tonnage.....	702.5
Railroad bridges damaged.....	1
Railroad cuts.....	101
Highway cuts.....	18
Roundhouses destroyed.....	1
Goods wagons damaged or destroyed.....	515
Buildings damaged.....	64
Railroad overpasses damaged.....	1
Railroad overpasses destroyed.....	2

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