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TARGET PLATTING ^{LANDING} ~~GROUND~~ DATE 26 APR 45 NO. A/C 47 MISS. # 283
 COORD. W4-764350 F.O. # 270-873 STATUS ATTACKED

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ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 23/25 OP - OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/2200B
TO IX BOMB DIV
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-219-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 270-873

- (1) TARGET: PLATTING LANDING GROUND AT WU-764350. TARGET NO. GU-5923. ON ILLUSTRATION 3/AIR/476/1, POSTHOLE THE AREA SURROUNDED BY 061087 TO 068087 TO 065099 TO 057098 FOR BOTH GROUPS. THE 416TH PRECEDES THE 409TH BY TWENTY MINUTES, AND ALSO TWO OTHER A-26 GROUPS WILL PRECEDE THE 416TH AT TWENTY MINUTE INTERVALS.
- (2) 3 A/C OF THE 416TH WILL ATTACK A SIXTEEN GUN HEAVY FLAK POSITION AT WU-77303480 WITH FRAGS 2 1/2 MINUTES BEFORE THE 416 ATTACKS. THIS POSITION, ON 3/AIR/476/1, IS AT APPROXIMATELY 076091.
- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE:
SEE GU-5923
3/AIR/476/1
MAP COVERAGE:
G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET V-7
- (4) FLAK - NO PLOTTED POSITIONS ON ROUTE BUT 16 HEAVY AT TARGET.
- (5) TARGET IS ABOUT THREE MILES SOUTH OF BOMBLINE. SEE SITREP FOR FRONTLINE OF TROOPS.
- (6) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS ARE PERMISSABLE.
- (7) NO P/W CAMPS ARE PLOTTED IN AREA.

COMCBTWING 97

BT 25/2200B

DJP BBB F;0

ITA R.....25/2259B

MD K

JES R.....25/2259B

JJH

TIC PAPER

JKI R.....25/2259B

DM

KKK

M, A1

ITA JES JKI V JEA JEA 22/25 (INFO-INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/2200B
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409, 416

BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

INFORMATION COPY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP: (764350)

(2) FISHLOCK

(3) BISHOP

(4) BABY ON "C"

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP: (764350)

(2) CIRCLE

(3) MEASURE

(4) BABY ON "C"

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 25/2200B

AR

SS

ITA R 25/2222B EH AR

SORRI BB

JES R.....25/2222B JJH BB

JKI R.....25/2222B DM AR

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 26/25 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/2220B
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
COBOMGP 416

BT
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

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

FIELD ORDER NO. 270-873

97CBW P-220-E

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMB LINE.
(2) 9 T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: 26/0800B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT WM-6642 AT 8,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 180 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
(10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/40 SEC. TAIL ONLY.

- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT WM-6642 AT 8,000 FT. AT ZERO PLUS 160 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
(10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/40 SEC. TAIL ONLY.
(12) 3 A/C WILL BOMB FLAK POSITION WU-77303480 2.5 MIN BEFORE GROUP ATTACKS PRIMARY TARGET.
BOMB LOAD: 22 X M1A1 FRAGS.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 100 FT.

- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.

(4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-34, Y-64, A-64.
(5) TARGET: PLATTING-LANDING GROUND (WU-764350)
(6) A/C REQUIRED: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO WM-6642 TO WU-7191 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO WU-9803 TO WM-6642 TO BASE.
(9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 13,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FT. ABOVE THE TERRAIN. DROP 1,000 AFTER BOMBING.
(10) I.P. WU-9456
(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GEN. NE TO SW
(12) M.P.I. ILL. 3/AIR/476/1 POST HOLE AREA BOUNDED BY REF. 061087, 068087, 065099 AND 057098.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
(13) R.P. WU-5444
(14) GROUP WILL BOMB PRIMARY TARGET VISUALLY ONLY OR RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
(15) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (764350)
(2) FISHLOCK
(3) BISHOP
(4) BABY ON "C"

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (764350)
(2) CIRCLE
(3) MEASURE
(4) BABY ON "C"

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BT 2220B
RL AR K
BB GPS

JES R.....25/2310B JJH KKK
JPO R.....25/2310B CEN AR
JKI R.....25/2310B DM AR
ITA R.....

From: 416th Bomb Group (L)

TO. ~~CG, 9th Bombardment Division~~ Att A-2
CG, 97th Bombard Bomb wing Att A-2

1. The following are the MPIS on Primary Target:

Ill. 3/Air/476/1
061096
061093
061090
065089 One flight on each
065090
065093
064097

2. 078090 - one element

3. No alternate.

T W Sampson,
1st Lt AC
S-2 duty officer

JEA V JKI JKI 4/26 OP OP

FROM: 416TH BOMB GP (L) 26/0945B
TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET P-468-D

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MPI'S ON PRIMARY TARGET:

ILL. 3/AIR/476/1

061096

061093

061090

065089 ONE FLIGHT ON EACH

065090

065093

064097

2. 078090 - ONE ELEMENT

3. NO ALTERNATE.

1ST LT. SAMPSON

BT 26/0945B

WJF AR

JEA R.....26/1029B LEG AR
M

SECRET

SECRET

311 st Bomb GRP (A)
AFSN 43, 62, 610-212
TOT, 434 th - 112
ALT. REPORT 1000
LOW FLIGHTING BOMBING
GROUND
14 AFFIRMED HIT
2 W-48 FLAK REPORTED
WEATHER CLEAR
NO LITTLE DAMAGE



MISSION NO. 283

LOADING LIST

26 APRIL 1945

BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 497 B
Lt C J Brown
Lt W E Brewer
Lt J E Kerns
S/S H E Sunderland

3. 249 F
Lt A Remiszewski
S/S F DiOrto

5. 328 D
Lt J E Cooke
Sgt R F Mowell
S/S W A Mac CARTNEY

2. 2352 J
Lt S Mooney
Sgt W C Buckley

4. 393 M
Lt J C Gary
Sgt R M Barry

6. 250 A
Lt A E Hlivko
Sgt R E Graub

FLIGHT II

1. 609 N
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
Lt B J Morely
S/S M R Reyes
Capt H W Wade

3. 354 S
Lt C S Weinert
Sgt R D Francis

5. 362 Y
Lt F G Dunn
Sgt J M Pikel
Lt J W Britt

2. 383 V
Capt J M Shapard
S/S W W Donnelly

4. 252 D
Lt J F Allen
S/S L R Getgen

6. 381 Q
F/O F W Smap
Sgt M Santandrea

FLIGHT III

1. 304 T
Lt C B Jordan
Lt R P Mulgrew
S/S K F Jensen

3. 319 A
Lt R E Harper
Sgt R M Black

5. 263 G
Lt L R Poundstone
Sgt W R Sumner

2. 229 B
Lt C H Housley
Sgt P J Block

4. 338 O
Lt M W BuBose
S/S C Gilbert

6. 314 H
Lt D E Smith
S/S A J Burland

SPARE

1.

9315 F
Lt J C Curtis
Sgt O R Mulzet

FLAK

1. 677 J
Lt J R Warren
Lt T M Forbes
S/S C C Stroup

2. 286 D
Lt J F Wallace
Sgt R Plant

3. 334 G
Lt W D Chitty
Sgt V B Raccio
S/S D B Richards

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LOADING LIST

26 APRIL 1945

BOX I
FLIGHT I

1. 499 G
Lt J A Buskirk
Lt R C Hanna
S/S C H Corbitt
F/O P L Sentanka

3. 265 V
Lt A J P Winn
S/S G G Stephenson

5. 300 K
Lt M Wallman
Sgt A Helt

2. 209 M
Lt J W Spires
S/S L E Davis

4. 326 W
Capt A O Sears
M/Sgt J J Wells

6. 239 N
~~Lt R L Simpson~~
~~Sgt V S Stypenski~~

FLIGHT II

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

3. 188 R
Lt J W Blevins
S/S F Gentry

5. 233 F
Lt G J Parkhurst
Sgt D W Hawk

2. 223 B
Lt J H Carver
S/S A B Stewart

4. 9352 J
Lt W H Roberts
S/S A R Hood

6. 325 L
Lt R H Long
S/S C J McCarthy

FLIGHT III

1. 501 W
Lt W R Heinke
Lt A E Rosenquist
S/S G R VanWert

3. 2315 L
Capt R O Greutzemacher
S/S H C S Candler
S/S F W Elliott

5. 205 M
Lt A R Turman
S/S M Licker

2. 212 K
Maj H F Conant
S/S S J Turpin

4. 416 O
Lt M Errotabere
S/S P R Lynch

6. 320 S
Lt S H Sheley
Sgt F E Corey

BOX III
FLIGHT IV

1. 640 N
Lt L J Frucha
Lt F A Reeves
S/S L C Ferguson

3. 259 H
Lt F R Tank
S/S D W VanGelder

5. 274 S
Lt A V Everts
Sgt C D Fagan

2. 385 D
Lt E B Drum
Sgt A J Musarra

4. 389 X
Lt L E Cannon
T/S G C Wilson

6. 305 U
Lt L R Zeimet
Sgt R K Ray

SPARE

224 E
Lt A G Henson
Sgt H T Wright

CAMERA

384 Q
Lt R S Bower
Sgt C B Rhoney
W/O C B Scheusman
Sgt S J Snider

F/O A.M.

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PILOT JORDAN A/C# 304 BOX 1 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</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 :

1 pass
Bomb bay doors would not open - had to use emergency system.
Bombs hit on east end of runway on edge - prob. effect results.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

TOT - 1135
Hd - 240
alt - 12500
RAS - 210
GS - 247

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PILOT BROWNA/C# 497BOX 1FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 22 X 100 ON P

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A""A-C""E"X

JETTISONED

Nil

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT - 1124:20

Alt 13000.

240

208 MPH. ind.

nil cloud at 40ft

covered from 1P - cumulus.

open at target.

A/F at 5641

5+2000 ft

planes in retreats

(7) - large planes.

A runway is clearly visible at 40ft.

E to W.

Ex to Sup results.

Baby called 30 min before 40ft (1103) "on fire"

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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Fighter contacted good com. 38's.

5.

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PILOT COCKE A/C# 328 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

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

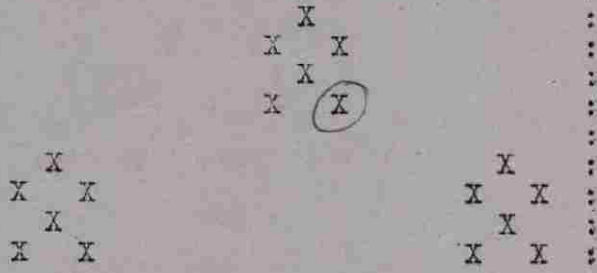
FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT CURTIS A/C# 9315 BOX -1 FLT.

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22 X 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>h/c</u>		:		:

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

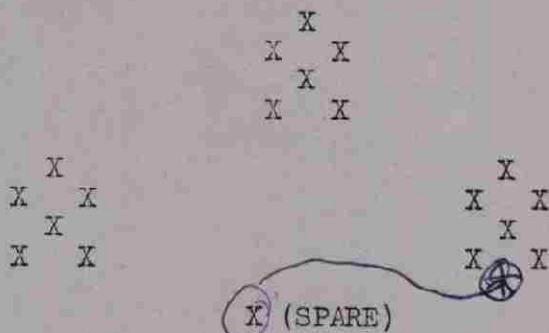
OBSERVATIONS:

Revettment or hangars (S of Daulau)
we circled edge of field
looked operational.

Runway was long
enough for fighters

Some trucks on road near airfield at target.
3 or 4 going away from airfield.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT GARY A/C# 393 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</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>h</u>	:	

FLAK : h

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : h

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

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 WEINERT A/C# 354 BOX 1 FLT. 2

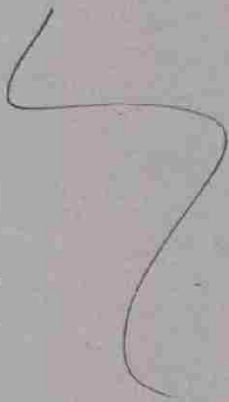
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22X100</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>hie</u>	:		:	

FLAK : hie

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : hie

OBSERVATIONS:



POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X (SPARE)

X

X X

X X

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PILOT REMISZEWSKI A/C# 349 BOX 1 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22 X 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>hi</u>	

FLAK :

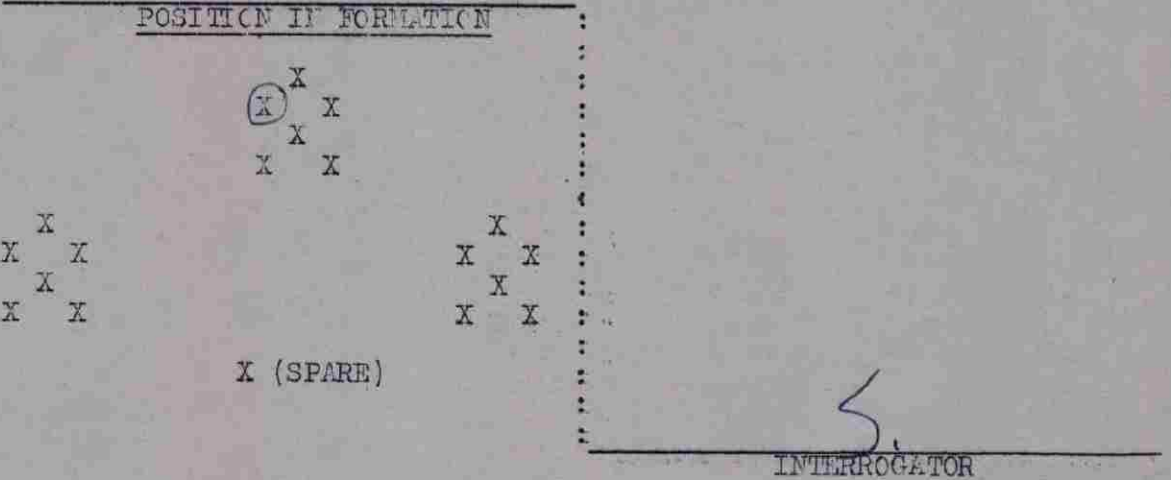
hi

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hi

OBSERVATIONS:

End of runway.
W/y South of target at town next to field.
1/3 full - had been bombed. - no engines



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PILOT DUNN A/C# 362 BOX 1 FLT. 2

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS: - Salvaged Bombs - went just over runway.
Bombs all went off.

POSITION INFORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BOWER A/C# 398 BOX FLT.

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> <u>X100</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>		

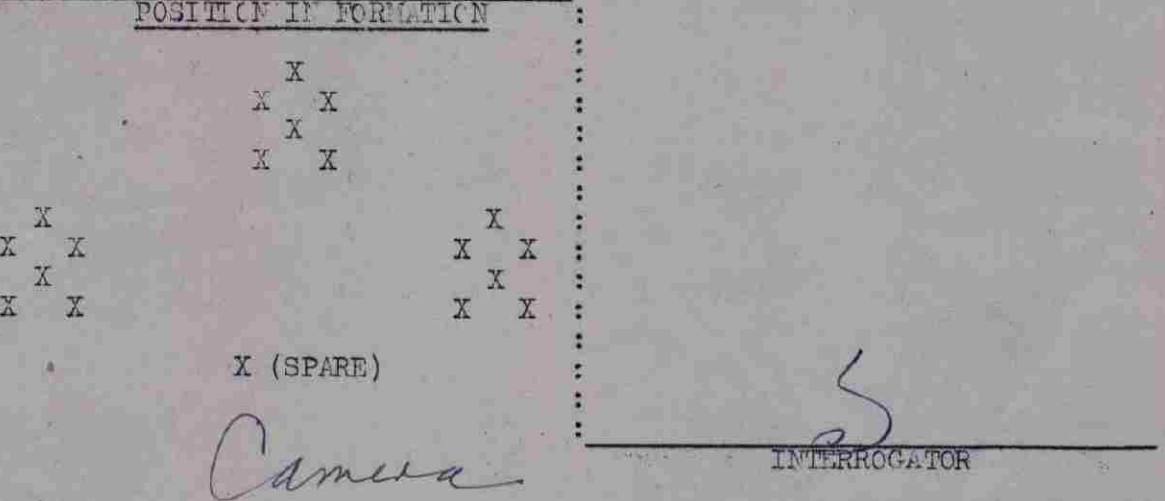
FLAK : Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

At Rendlesham over an A/F
2-109's
and 2 Tu 88's
and others all in clear.

Flak guns (4) at field above. none fired.



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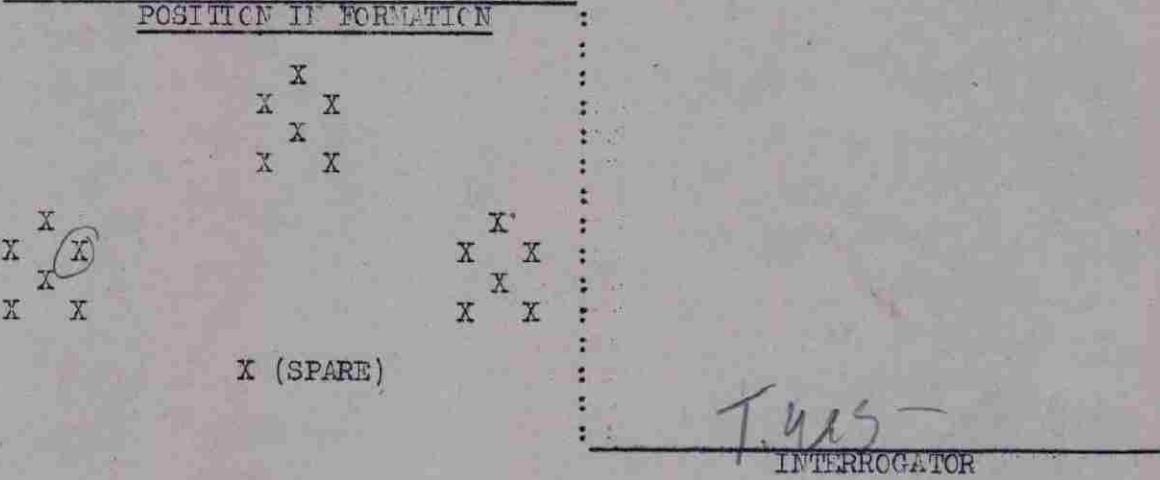
PILOT CONANT A/C# 212 BOX 2 FLT. 3

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

FLAK : X-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : X-

OBSERVATIONS: - Lead hit end of runway rest covered on out on both sides -



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PILOT GRUETZMACHER A/C# 7315 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</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 :

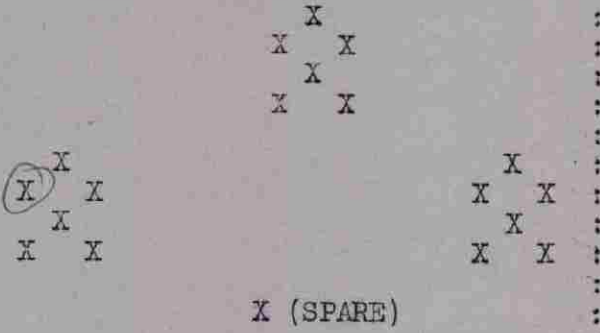
X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS: - Bombs went into smoke of other bombs.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT SEARS A/C# 326 BOX 2 FLT. 1

CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : X

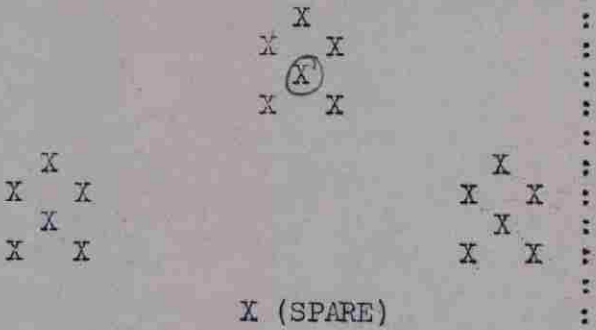
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs - hit, on end of runway on way in.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT BLEVINS A/C# 188 BOX 2 FLT. 2

BOMBS : 20 X 100 ON 10

X RETURNED

W A U

~~"A-C"~~

"E"

X JETTISONED

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

bombs on runway

Самец

POSITION INFORMATION

X X
X X
X X

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

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PILOT ROBERTS A/C# 9352 BOX 2 FLT. 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>22X 100</u> ON <u>9P</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: Bomb on NW edge of a/p on steps

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X (SPARE)

X X

X X

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PILOT LONG A/C# 325 BOX 2 FLT. 2

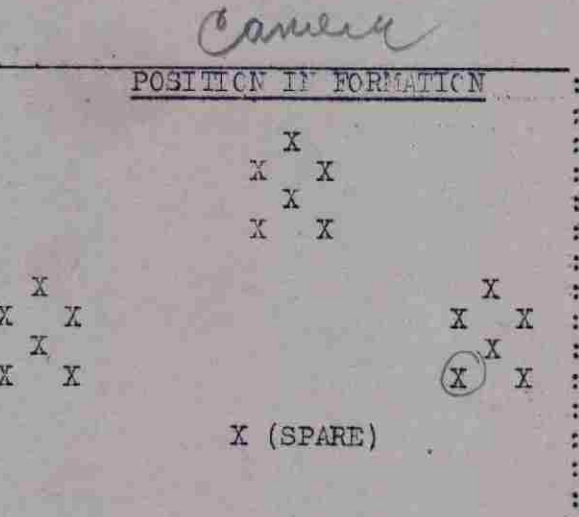
CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>22X 100 ON A</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 : before IP, controls observed at 20-30, 00

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs on NW edge of a/p on ship



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PILOT WINN A/C# 765 BOX 2 FLT. 1

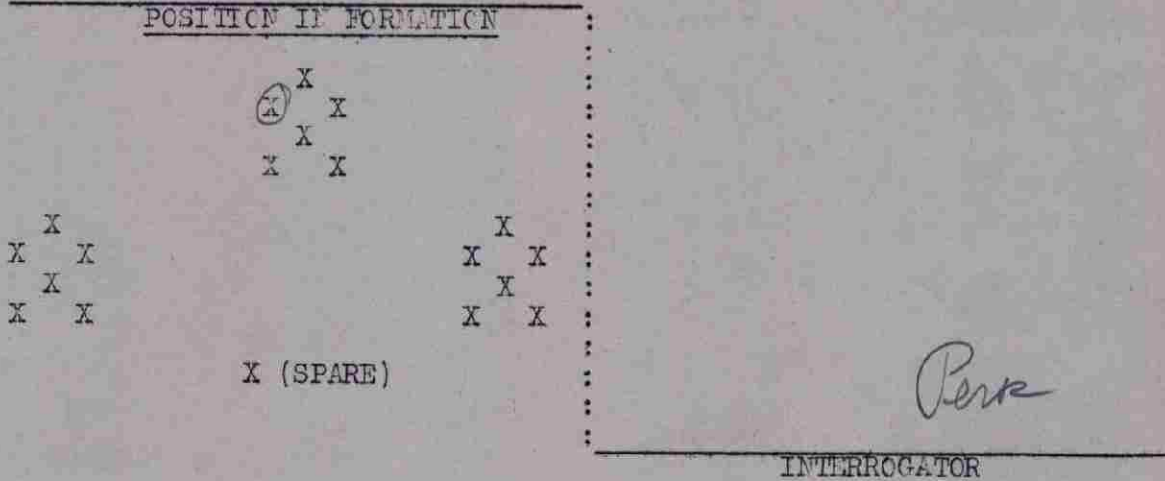
CASUALTIES									
BOMBS :		<u>22</u>	X	<u>100</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	
							:		
		<u> </u>	X	RETURNED		:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>
							:	:	<u>"E"</u>
		<u> </u>	X	JETTISONED		:			
							:	:	

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:
Bombs hit east end of run way



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PILOT TURMAN A/C# 205 BOX 2 FLT. 3

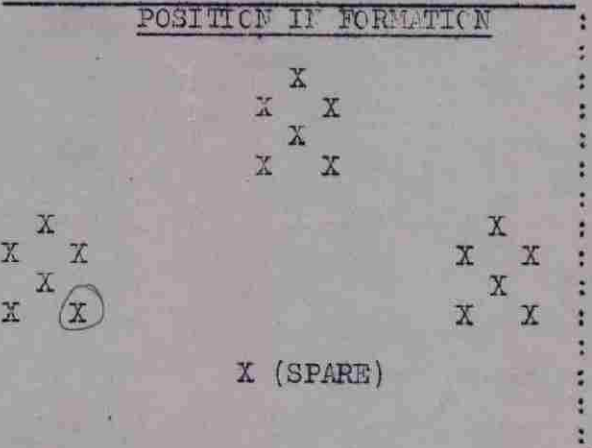
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</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:
Bomb hit ~~on east end~~ on center of target on runway



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PILOT HEINKE A/C# 501 BOX 2 FLT. 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>23</u> <u>X150</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>hi</u>		

FLAK : hi

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : hi

OBSERVATIONS:

1138
11,000
145°
210

Parked near end of
runway to him because aiming
point was obscured.
Results excellent.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

Good Je-filer cover
by P38's.

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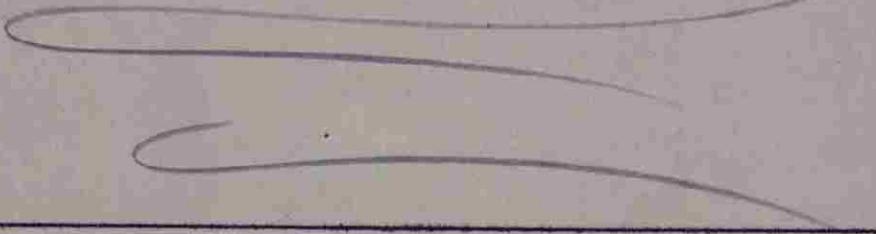
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PILOT CANNON A/C# 389 BOX 3 FLT. 1

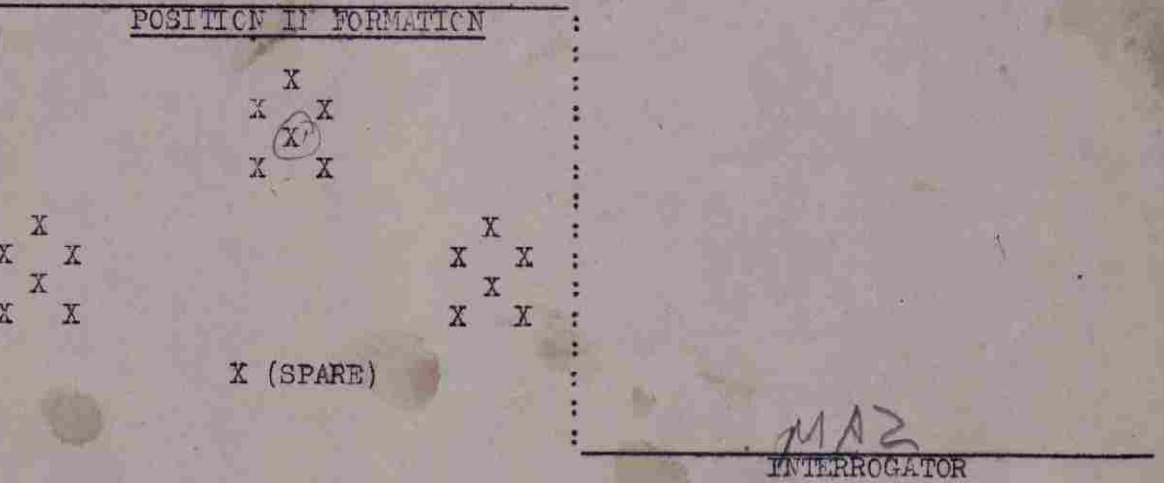
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>22</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	:	:	:	:	:

FLAK :


ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :


OBSERVATIONS: *contacts observed if fighters*
heard to sky the planes.
bombs across NW edge of field
& ship road traffic observed in TPT area.



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PILOT

HENSON

A/C#

224

BOX

3

FLT.

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

21

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X

JETTISONED

1 dropped - delayed - cocking lever on shackle was broken.

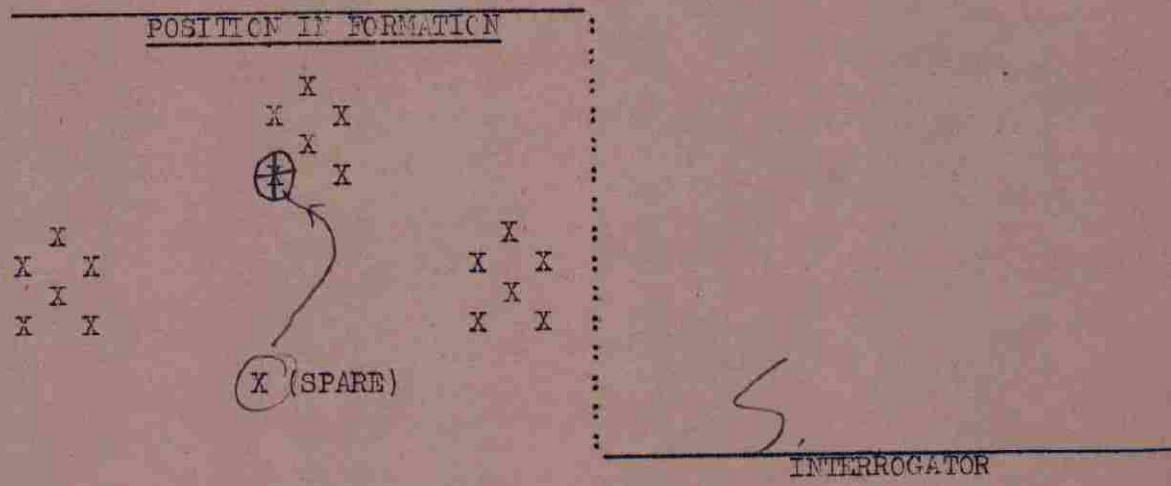
FLAK :

closed door & then fell on door & gunner salvaged.

his.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : his

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT WALLACE A/C# 286 BOX FLT.

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Flake portions
looked like bones
but design. portions

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

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PILOT WARREN A/C# 677 BOX FLT.

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bomb's his flask position probably
excl. result.

TOT 1134

alt 11500

14d 220

IAS 210

GS 247

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

X (SPARE)

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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH BD / SA 1401

- (A) TARGET: PLATTLING L/G 4416/V7 - WU/764350
 (B) SORTIE: US 416/45 THRU 51
 (C) DATE: 26 APR 45 TIME: 1134 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1137 $\frac{1}{2}$ B
 (D) ATTACKING A/C: 44 A-26's BY 6's
 (E) BOMBS: 968/100 GP 1/40 T. ONLY
 (F) COVER: TARGET IS SEEN ON PHOTOS OF GOOD QUALITY.
 (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: SEVEN FLTS BOMBED THE PRIMARY, SIX SELECTING MPI's ALONG WHAT APPEARS TO BE A RUNWAY TO THE E OF THE L/G. THREE FLTS' BOMB PATTERNS CROSSED THIS RUNWAY, & THREE FRINGED IT. THE SEVENTH FLT BOMBED ITS DESIRED MPI, THE PATTERN OF BURSTS BEING 450' ENE OF THIS POINT IN THE NE CORNER OF THE L/G.

(1) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5005SORTIE: US 416/45NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.DISTRIBUTION: S/ACONFIDENTIALDET "C" 20th FID
AT HQ. 9TH B.D.

22 X 100

A.M.

Box #	Opstl	Date	T/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
1		26/4/45				BROWN	TOT	
							L/D	

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb List	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.
497	Reason	T S O	T S J T R	M D A A C B E	D P D K V M	
2352			22			
249			22			
393			22			
328			22			
250			22			
609			22			
383			22			
354			22			
252			22			
362			22			
381			22			
304			22			
229			22			
319			22			
338			22			
263			22			
314			22			
9315			22			

418

497
BROWN

249 2352
BENISZEWSKI MOONEY

393
GARY

250 328
HIVKO COCKE

304
JORDAN

609
TURNER

319 229 354 383
HARPER HOUSELY WEINERT SHAPARD

338 252
DUBOSE ALLEN

314 263 381 362
SMITH FOUNDSTONE SWAR DUNN

9315
CURTIS
SPARE

A.M.

Box #	Opstl	Date	P/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		26/4/45				BUSKIRK	TOT	
							L/D	

A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Lisc	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.
499	Reason	P 30	P S J T R	W D A A C B E D P D K W M		
209						
265						
326						
300						
239	Not airborne					
484						
223						
188						
9352						
233						
325						
501						
212						
2315						
416						
205						
320						

499
BUSKIRK
265 209
WINN SPIRES
326
SEARS
239 300
SIMPSON WALLMAN

501
HEINKE
2315 212
GREER DONANT
416
ERROTABERE
320 205
SHELEY TURMAN

484
PARKER
188 223
BLEVINS CARVER
9352
ROBERTS
325 233
LONG PARKHURST

374
416
265
223

223
265
223
265

TOTALS FOR MISSION

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 _____
 F.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).

Spaul
Cameron

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

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

A-20G's _____

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

(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	_____	A	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	--	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)			Where _____

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TOTALS FOR MISSION

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

Misheard

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

Damaged

(cat. B/C)

(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)

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JKI 5/26

P - P

FROM COBOMGR 416 26/1500B

TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATT: SIGGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG P-467-J

A - YS - 110

B - 26 APRIL 1945 (0918-1336)

C - E-EASY AND G-GEORGE REPORTED OPS COMPLETE TO PARADE, COULD NOT
CONTACT PARADE UNTIL THIS SIDE OF RHINE.

D - E-EASY CONTACTED BABY UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.

E - THRU K - NONE

AYLESWORTH

BT 26/1500B

JF AR AR

ITA R 26/1536B

HAS AR

JE A R 26/1536B

JMB AR

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SECRET

TO: CG, 9th Bomb Division - ATT A₂
 CG 97th Combat Wing. ATTA₂

FROM: 416 Bomb. GP.

OPFLASH FOR 26 APRIL 45.

SECRET

A. 416 Bomb GP.

B. PLATTING LANDING GROUND (WU-764350)
 SPECIAL TARGET - 16 GUN FLAK POSITION (WU-77303480)

C. 47 A₂₆'s

D. 44 A₂₆'s ON PRIMARY

3 A₂₆'s ON SPECIAL TARGET (WU-77303480)

E. NIL

F. 968 X100 GP ON PRIMARY

66 X100 M, A, F, M, N FLAK POSITION (WU-77303480)

G. Box I - FLIGHT A - SUPER

B - EXC. TO SUPER

C - EXC. TO SUPER

Box II - FLIGHT A - EXC. TO SUPER

B. SUPER

C. EXC. TO SUPER

Box III - FLIGHT A - EXC. TO SUPER

SPECIAL FLIGHT ON FLAK POSITIONS - EXC.

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. Box I FLIGHT A - 13,000

B - 13,700

C - 12,500

Box II FLIGHT A - 11,400

B - 10,800

C - 11,000

Box III - A -

11,800

SPECIAL FLIGHT (ON FLAK POSITION) 11,500

M. Box I - FLIGHT A - 1134 $\frac{1}{4}$

B - 1134 $\frac{1}{2}$

C - 1135

Box II FLIGHT A - 1136

B - 1136 $\frac{1}{2}$

C - 1138

Box III - A

1136 $\frac{1}{2}$

SPECIAL FLIGHT (ON FLAK POSITION) 1134

(OVER)

LEADER INFORMED "NABY" HE WOULD BE ON TIME -- 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO GT.
 X. - OBSERVED 10 to 12 A/C IN REVENUE
 OF A/F AT WU-540390 - NEAR STAUBING. THREE A/C
 APPEAR DAMAGED. (THIS LOCATION NOW BEHIND BOMBLINE.)
 Y. - EXCELLENT FIGHTER COVER BY P38's.

A - 47

B - 44 ON PRIMARY
3 ON FLAK POS.

C. 527

D. SUPERIOR

E. NIL

F. NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. NIL

K. 1530

collected in 7/74

-OP-

TO : CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

ATTN:A-2
ATTN:A-2

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

SECRET (OPTFLASH FOR 26 APRIL 1945, MORNING)

A. 416 Bomb Group

B. PLATTING LANDING GROUND (WU-764350)
SPECIAL TARGET - 16 GUN FLAK POSITION (WU-77303480)

C. 47 A-26's

D. 44 A-26's on Primary
3 A-26's on Special target (WU-77303480)

E. Nil.

F. 968 x 100 GP on primary
66 x 100 M141 Frag on Flak Position (WU-77303480)

G. Box I
Flt. A - Superior
B - Excell. to super.
C - Excell. to Super.

Box II
Flt. A - Excell. to Super.
B - Superior
C - Excell. to Super.

Box III
Flt. A - Excell to Super.
Special flt. on Flak Positions - Excellent.

H. Nil.

I. Nil.

J. Nil.

K. Nil.

L. Box I
Flt. A - 13000
B - 12700
C - 12500

Box II
Flt. A - 11400
B - 10800
C - 11000

Box III
Flt. A - 11800

Special Flight (On Flak Position) - 11500

M. Box I
Flt. A - 1134½
B - 1134½
C - 1135

Box II
Flt. A - 1138
B - 1136½
C - 1138

Box III
Flt. A - 1136½

Special Flight (On Flak Position) - 1134

-1-

M. (Cont'd)

Leader informed "BABY" he would be on time -- 30 minutes prior to target.

X. Observed 8 to 12 a/c in revetments. of a/f at WU-540390, near Staubbing. Three (3) a/c appear damaged. (This location now behind bomblines.)

Y. Excellent Fighter cover by P-38's.

M.B.SHERIDAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.

ITA JEA V JKI

JKI 6/26

OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 26/1630B

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

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

BT

SECRET 416BG P-468-D (OPFLASH FOR 26 APRIL 1945, MORNING)

A. 416TH BOMB GROUP

B. PLATTING LANDING GROUND (WU-764358)

SPECIAL TARGET - 16 GUN FLAK POSITION (WU-77303488)

C. 47 A-26'S

D. 44 A-26'S ON PRIMARY

3 A-26'S ON SPECIAL TARGET (WU-77303488)

E. NIL

F. 968 X 100 GP ON PRIMARY

56 X 100 MIAI FRAG ON FLAK POSITION (WU-77303488)

G. BOX I

BOX II

FLT A - SUPERIOR

FLT A - EXCELL TO SUPER

B - EXCELL TO SUPER

B - SUPERIOR

C - EXCELL TO SUPER

C - EXCELL TO SUPER

BOX III

FLT A - EXCELL TO SUPER

SPECIAL FLT ON FLAK POSITIONS - EXCELLENT

H. NIL

I. NIL

J. NIL

K. NIL

L. BOX I

BOX II

BOX III

FLT A - 13000

FLT A - 11400

FLT A - 11800

B - 12700

B - 10800

C - 12500

C - 11000

SPECIAL FLIGHT (ON FLAK POSITION) - 11500

M. BOX I

BOX II

BOX III

FLT A - 1134 1/2

FLT A - 1136

FLT A - 1136 1/2

B - 1134 1/2

B - 1136 1/2

C - 1135

C - 1138

SPECIAL FLIGHT (ON FLAK POSITION) - 1134

LEADER INFORMED "BABY" HE WOULD BE ON TIME -- 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO TARGET.

X. OBSERVED 8 TP 12 A/C IN REVETMENTS, OF A/P AT WU-540390, NEAR STAUBING. THREE (3) A/C APPEAR DAMAGED. (THIS LOCATION NOW BEHIND BOMBLINE)

Y. EXCELLENT FIGHTER COVER BY P-38'S

1ST LT., SAMPSON

BT 26/1630B

JF B B

ITA R26/1924B RJS KK

JEA JEA R....26/1920B RL K

JES V JKI JKI 11/26 P P

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 26/1745B

TO 489TH BOMB GROUP (L) ATTN: PATHFINDER OPERATIONS

BT

CONFIDENTIAL 416BG P-477-E 26 APRIL 1945

PATHFINDER REPORT FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION 24 APRIL 1945

FIRST SHORAN LEAD EXCELLENT: SECOND SHORAN SPEEDS ERRATIC BUT LEAD
GOOD OTHERWISE. MISSION ABANDONED DUE TO SHORAN EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
GROUP EQUIPMENT ALSO FAILED DUE TO EXTREME RANGC.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

CCCC LAST WORD OF TEXT SHLD READ RANGE RPT RANGE.

BT 1745B

WFC AR

JES R.....26/1855B JMB AR

ITA JEA V JRI JRI 14/26 OP OP

FROM HQS, 416TH BOMB GP (L) 26/2100B

TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) ATTN: A-2 PI OFFICER.
 HQS, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.

BT

SECRET 416BG P-476-D

B. PLATTLING LANDING GROUND.

G. 1134 1/2 TO 1137 1/2

- J. BOX I FLT A - SMPI - EXCEL: BOMBARDIER UNABLE TO SEE DARK PLOT AS SHOWN ON TARGET PHOTO. BELIEVED AIR STRIP TO BE IN CENTER OF FIELD AND SELECTED POINTS IN RELATION TO STRIP AND BOMBED ACCORDING TO ESTIMATION OF BRIEFED DMPI. 95 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI IN LONG PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 300 FT N OF SMPI, PITTING STRIP IN A NUMBER OF PLACES.
- FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: 95 PERCENT OF EN BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI IN LONG PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 300 FT NE OF DMPI. BOMBS HIT ON EDGE OF TARGET AREA ACROSS SMALL ROADS AND REVENEMENTS, CAUSING DAMAGE. IMPULSE BOMBING.
- FLT C - SMPI - SUPER: SAME REASON FOR SMPI AS BOX I FLT A. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI IN LONG PATTERN CENTER OF BURSTS 250 FT NW OF SMPI WITH A NUMBER OF BURSTS ON AIR STRIP.
- BOX II FLT A - SMPI - EXCEL: SAME REASON FOR SMPI AS BOX I FLT A. INCOMPLETE PATTERN OF BOMBS AS BURSTS RUN OFF EDGE OF FILM. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI. IN LONG PATTERN. CENTER OF BURSTS 300 FT N OF SMPI ON EDGE OF AIR STRIP. IMPULSE BOMBING.
- FLT B - SMPI - SUPER: SAME REASON FOR SMPI AS BOX I FLT A. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI CENTER OF BURSTS 160 FT SW OF SMPI. BOMBS FELL ACROSS STRIP IN LOOSE PATTERN, PITTING IT IN MANY PLACES.
- FLT C - SMPI - EXCEL: SAME REASON FOR SMPI AS BOX I FLT A. 95 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI. CENTER OF LONG PATTERN 300 FT N OF SMPI. BOMBS FELL ACROSS EAST ENXX END OF STRIP, PITTING IT FURTHER. IMPULSE BOMBING.
- BOX III FLT A - SMPI - EXCEL: SAME REASON FOR SMPI AS BOX I FLT A. 95 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF SMPI. CENTER OF BURSTS 495 FT E OF SMPI IN LONG PATTERN. BOMBS FELL ACROSS EAST END OF STRIP AND SMALL ROADS, PITTING STRIP AND ROADS. IMPULSE BOMBING.
- K. BOX I FLT A - SMPI EXCEL: PHOTO COVERAGE OUTDATED AND INADEQUATE. BOMBARDIER UNABLE TO SEE DARK PLOT AS SHOWN ON PHOTO. SAW AIR STRIP AND BELIEVED IT TO BE IN CENTER OF FIELD. PICKED AIMING POINT IN RELATION TO STRIP AND BOMBED ACCORDING TO ESTIMATION OF BRIEFED DMPI.
- FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL.
- FLT C - SMPI - SUPER. SAME AS FLT A, BOX I.
- BOX II FLT A - SMPI - EXCEL. SAME AS FLT A, BOX I.
- FLT B - SMPI - SUPER. SAME AS FLT A, BOX I.
- FLT C - SMPI - EXCEL. SAME AS FLT A, BOX I.
- BOX III FLT A - SMPI - EXCEL. SAME AS FLT A, BOX I.

M. 14 - 100
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N. 170 TO 200 HITS ON AIRSTRIP. 5 TO 10 HITS ON SECONDARY ROAD.

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

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AUTH: CO Sta

A-69

DATE:

INIT: 28 Apr 1945

27 April 1945

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

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

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Mission No. 283, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 275-273

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0800 type mission T.O.T.
Targets (primary) (secondary)
Landing time 0900 Oper. hours (a) 0800-0900 Oper. hours (b)
Weather

2. Effort:

Dispatched 27 A-26's Sorties 27 Effective sorties 27
A/C expending bombs 27 Non-effective sorties

A/C returning early

3. Bombs carried into air:

940 x 100 lb GP 1/40 T only
Expended 940 x 100 lb GP fused N T Alt. 10000-10500
target results
Expended 940 x 100 lb GP fused N T Alt. 11500
target results
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results

4. Ammunition carried:

Ammunition expended:

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: 3 A/C on 16 gun Flak position

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1. Efforts:

Dispatched	Sorties	Effective Sorties
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Non-effective sorties	
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2. Bombs carried into air:

fused	N	T
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fused	N	T
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fused	N	T
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fused	N	T
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Depended on operations:

fused	N	T
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fused	N	T
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fused	N	T
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fused	N	T
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Jettisoned:

Lost on wrecked a/c

Returned:

3. Ammunition expended

Ammunition lost on
wrecked or missing a/c

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHUNKIN,

Captain, Air Corps.

Adjutant.

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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Order #873.

APO # 140
26 April 1945MISSION SUMMARY #126Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
391 BG:	Flattling (WU-764350) Airfield	Box I - N.A.O. Box II - Superior (SMPI) Box III - Superior (SMPI)
416 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) B - Excellent C - Superior (SMPI) Box II - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI) B - Superior (SMPI) C - Excellent (SMPI) Box III - Flt. A - Excellent (SMPI)
409 BG:	" "	Box I - Flt. A - Superior (SMPI) B - N.A.O. C - N.A.O. Box II - Flt. A - N.A.O. B - N.A.O.
344 BG:	" "	No attack
323 BG:	Schrobenhausen (WT-571022) POL Depot	No attack
387 BG:	" "	No attack
394 BG:	" "	No attack

Three groups were recalled by Parade from friendly territory at the direction of Ninth Air Force, due to anticipated activity by ground forces in target vicinity. XII T.O. Fighter Control recalled a fourth group from fighter rendezvous, believing that its mission had also been cancelled. When the error was discovered the formation was too low on gas to turn around and continue to target.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Three groups attacked an airfield, recording
SUPERIOR to EXCELLENT results.

Flatlinz (Airfield)

391 BG: 42 A-26 a/c dispatched, 47 dropping 916 x 100 GP on Primary. 8 x 100 GP which hung up at target, were jettisoned by 2 of the above a/c at VK-580665, WU-080920, and WN-280341 (all in friendly territory) after bombs fell onto bomb bay doors.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by boxes from 11,500 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - N.A.O. Bombardier synchronized on wrong DMPI, and was trying to get indices on correct DMPI when bombs went away. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Split concentration centered 1900' and 2700' NW of DMPI, hitting along two main roadways, seven barracks type buildings, and twenty-two residential type buildings.

Box II - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Poor target photo made it impossible for bombardier to pick up DMPI. Chose point 1800' ENE of DMPI as SMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Zero feet radial error. All bombs on A/T, and 3 secondary roads also were hit.

Box III - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Poor target photo made it impossible for bombardier to pick up DMPI. Chose a point 1800' ENE of DMPI as SMPI. Over 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI. Zero radial error on SMPI, with several hits on W end of runway, and remainder of bombs on A/T.

416 BG: 47 A-26 a/c dispatched, 44 dropping 968 x 100 GP on Primary. 3 a/c dropped 66 x 100 Frag on a flak position at WU-773348 (target area). There were no cameras in the a/c which bombed the flak position, but crews report excellent results by visual observation.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,800 - 13,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier unable to see dark plot as shown on target photo. Believed air strip to be in center of field. Selected points in relation to strip and bombed according to estimate of briefed DMPI. 98% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, which is 2500' E of DMPI. Long pattern, with center of bursts 300' N of SMPI, pitting strip in a number of places.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Long pattern, with center of bursts 380' NE of DMPI. Bombs hit on edge of target area, across small roads and revetments, causing damage. Impulse bombing.

Flt. C - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Same reason for SMPI as Box I Flt. A. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, which is 1700' E of DMPI. Long pattern, with center of bursts 250' NW of SMPI, and a number of bursts on air strip.

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Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Same reason for SMPI as Box I Flt. A. Incomplete pattern of bombs, as bursts run off edge of film. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, which is 3400' E of DMPI. Long pattern, with center of bursts 360' N of SMPI, on edge of air strip. Impulse bombing.

Flt. B - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Same reason for SMPI as Box I Flt. A. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, which is 2300' E of DMPI. Center of bursts 160' SW of SMPI. Bombs fell across strip in loose pattern, pitting it in many places.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Same reason for SMPI as Box I Flt. A. 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, which is 3500' E of DMPI. Center of long pattern 390' N of SMPI. Bombs fell across east end of strip, pitting it further. Impulse bombing.

Box III - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Same reason for SMPI as Box I Flt. A. 93% of bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI, which is 2600' E of DMPI. Center of bursts 495' E of SMPI in long pattern. Bombs fell across E end of strip and small roads, pitting strip and roads. Impulse bombing.

409 BG: 32 A-26 a/c dispatched, 31 dropping 682 x 100 GP on Primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: personnel failure..

No losses, damage, casualties.

Bombing by flights from 12,900 - 13,200 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to difficulty in picking up DMPI bombardier selected a point in NE corner of assigned T/A for SMPI and bombed. 98% of bombs are within 1000' radius of SMPI. Excellent concentration, approximately centered on SMPI. This pattern cratered the A/F from NE corner to approximate center of T/A.

Flt. B - N.A.O. Due to difficulty in picking up T/A, bombardier estimated DMPI and bombed. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 4950' ENE of nearest edge of T/A. Bombs in open fields and on minor roads.

Flt. C - N.A.O. Due to difficulty in picking up T/A, bombardier estimated T/A and bombed. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 2960' E of nearest edge of T/A. Bombs in open fields and on minor roads.

Box II - Flt. A - N.A.O. Due to difficulty in picking up T/A, bombardier estimated T/A and bombed. Center of long pattern is approximately 5500' NE of nearest edge of T/A. Bombs in open fields and minor roads, with some bursts on or amongst buildings in the town of Mainkofen, WU-787362, approximately 2-1/2 miles NE of T/A.

Flt. B - N.A.O. Due to difficulty in picking up T/A, bombardier estimated T/A and bombed. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 5700' NE of nearest edge of T/A. Bombs fell in open fields and on a minor road.

NOTE: Target illustration used for briefing bombardiers does not show runway as it appears at present. This accounts for difficulty bombardiers had in identifying exact T/A.

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344 BG: 45 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: XII TAC Fighter Control recalled formation from fighter rendezvous (Darmstadt, WM-661429), believing that its mission had been cancelled. When the error was discovered, the formation was too low on gas to turn around and continue to target.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Schrobenhausen (FOL Depot)

323 BG: 48 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: Formation was recalled by Parade from friendly territory at the direction of Ninth Air Force, due to anticipated activity by ground forces in target vicinity.

No losses, damage, casualties.

387 BG: 42 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

Formation was recalled by Parade from friendly territory for same reason as 323 BG.

No losses, damage, casualties.

394 BG: 32 a/c dispatched; none bombed.

Formation was recalled by Parade from friendly territory for same reason as 323 and 387 BG's.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		294
A/C Bombing	125	
A/C Failing to Bomb	2	
A/C Recalled (Ground Forces Activity in Target Area)	167	
TOTAL		294

Bombs on Enemy Territory	131.60
Total Bombs to Date	151,468.54

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

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FAILURES TO NORM

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
391	1	Mechanical	One bomb came loose from shackles just after take-off.
409	1	Personnel	Gunner forgot parachute.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Plattling 391 BG: 3-5/10 medium cloud in two layers 11,000/16,000. Broken high cloud. Visibility 6-8 miles.

416 BG: 5/10 altocumulus 15,000 feet. Visibility 10-15 miles.

409 BG: 7-8/10 altocumulus 14,000/5-7000. Visibility 6-10 miles.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	125
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
<u>Plattling Landing Ground</u>	<u>391, 416, 409 B-29.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not experienced enroute or at the target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1113 to 1200

No e/a encountered during this mission.

S/A PHOTO REPORTS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
391	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 26 — Bombs cratered a landing strip and destroyed equipment in an attack by 125 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division on an airfield near Plattling, 40 miles southeast of Regensburg, in clear weather today.

The airfield was used for tactical opposition to Allied forces by single and twin-engined fighters, including jet propelled Me 262s. The nearby village of Michaelbusch, damaged in the attack, was reported used for a dispersal area. The field, located 75 miles north of the Redoubt area, was left unserviceable after the attack.

No enemy aircraft or flak were encountered. All bombers returned.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, BELGIUM, April 26 — Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for all operations of Ninth Bombardment Division medium and light bombers Thursday:

Aircraft dispatched	294
Aircraft over enemy territory	125
Bomber losses	0
Bomb tonnage	132
Highway cuts	13
Buildings destroyed or damaged	31
Airfields attacked	1

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