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

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TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.  
Attn: 26th Statistical Control.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 249 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 8 December 1944  
Mission or Operation No. 167 97th GBW F.O. #84-661

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Sinzig Railroad Bridge  
Place of take-off Station A-55  
Place of landing Station A-55  
Take-off time 1216 Landing time 1615  
Time over target 1354 1/2 - 1359 1/2 Bombing Altitude 13500 - 14200  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather Clear over target. 9/10's up to and after leaving target area.  
Results Unobserved  
Enemy opposition Two Bursts Heavy inaccurate flak in turn off target. moderate light flak at about P-7048.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched A-20 K's & J's - 10  
A-26 B's - 25

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
A-20 K's & J's - 3 Window  
A-20 K's - 6 Sinzig Railroad Bridge  
A-26 B's - 21 Sinzig Railroad Bridge

3. Abortive due to:  
(1) Weather: None  
(2) Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Mechanical: 1 - A-26 - Bomb release circuit, 1 - A-20 - Bomb rack selector switch.  
(4) Other: 1 - A-26 - Undetermined, 2 - A-26's Leader failed to drop.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None  
giving cause where known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None  
target giving cause where known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 1 - A-26 category AC

8. Sorties A-20 K's & J's - 10  
A-26 B's - 25

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20 K's & J's 36:25  
A-26 B's 93:40

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20's & J's 15000 x .50 calibre  
A-26's 55000 x .50 calibre

b. Expended on operations None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20K's 28 x 500 GP's Fused 1/1GN Non-delay T  
A-26B's 100 x 1000 GP's Fused 1/1GN non-delay T

b. Expended on operations: A-20K's 23 x 500 GP's  
 (List targets separately) A-26B's 80 x 1000 GP's

c. Jettisoned A-26B - 1 x 1000 GP

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned A-20K's 5 x 500 GP's  
A-26B's 19 x 1000 GP's

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

a. Destroyed None

b. Prob. Des None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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