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TARGET Maxweiler DATE 23-12-44 NO a/c <sup>37</sup>~~73~~ MISSION # 174 F.O.#101-686

STATUS Attacked BRIEFING OFFICER Lt Rogers

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1340A D-175-E  
TO COMBONDIV NINE  
409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)  
410TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 140  
23 DEC. 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 101-680

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE  
WL THE XIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY

ZERO HOUR 23/1530A

A. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) LUNEBACH (DEFENDED VILLAGE) L-008720
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET T-1. GRID COORD, 00857205.
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) WAXWEILER (DEFENDED TOWN) RXXX L-019669.
- (9) M.P.I. G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET NO. 5904. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH GRID. COORD. 01886683, 02106672. INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (10) 14 X 250 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN.

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

- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 36 BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (6) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (7) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO BASE. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER RELEASING BOMBS.
- (8) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.
- (9) I.P. - 5007N 0600E.
- (10) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY W TO E.
- (11) R.P. - 5007N 0600E.
- (12) IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED, THE GROUPS ARE AUTHORIZED TO BOMB A SUITABLE ALTERNATE TARGET THAT IS AT LEAST 10 MILES FROM THE NEAREST POINT OF THE BOMBLINE. IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, ALTERNATE TARGETS MAY BE BOMBED ON "GEE." AREAS KNOWN TO BE HEAVILY DEFENDED BY FLAK WILL BE AVOIDED.

X. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS TO FOLLOW.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 23/1340A

LEG/WCB AR

OIITA / OIJE A R.....23/1420A  
OIJES / OIJE A R.....23/1420A N

DILL

AR

NB0

-29

OIJKI / OIJE A R.....

OIJKI / OIJE A R.....23/1420A

EJ

K

OIJPO / OIJE A R..... 23/1420A DB AR

-), 5 -4 IMI [REDACTED] AR ROGER AR AR  
 ITA HERE CAN I HAVE JDI PLS  
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 (8 :9.3 8,0)

JKI ERE K

OLITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO V OIJEA OIJEA 08/23 OP-OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1526A D-176-E  
 TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
 409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)  
 410TH BOMB GROUP  
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 APO 140  
 23 DEC. 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 101-679

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 410TH BOMB GROUP (008720)  
 (2) REDCOW  
 (3) CABMAN  
 (4) RIPSAW

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (019669)  
 (2) JAYWALK  
 (3) CABMAN  
 (4) RIPSAW

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) IF AREA COVER CANNOT BE CONTACTED CALL FIGHTER PATROL  
 C/S BULLSEYE ON CHANNEL B/B

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 23/1526A

WCB AR

JKI R.....23/1600A

RS

AR

*Rec'd 1/30/45  
 23 Dec 44*

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 23/1700A

SIGNAL SEV.

TO : COMBOMDIV NINE

409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)

410TH BOMB GROUP

416TH BOMB GROUP

BT

CHANGE FIELD ORDER NO. ON ANNEX NO. 1 TO READ 101-680 RPT 101-680.

BT 23/1700A

WCB AR

JKI R.....23/1700S

RSS

AR

JPO R.....23/1700A

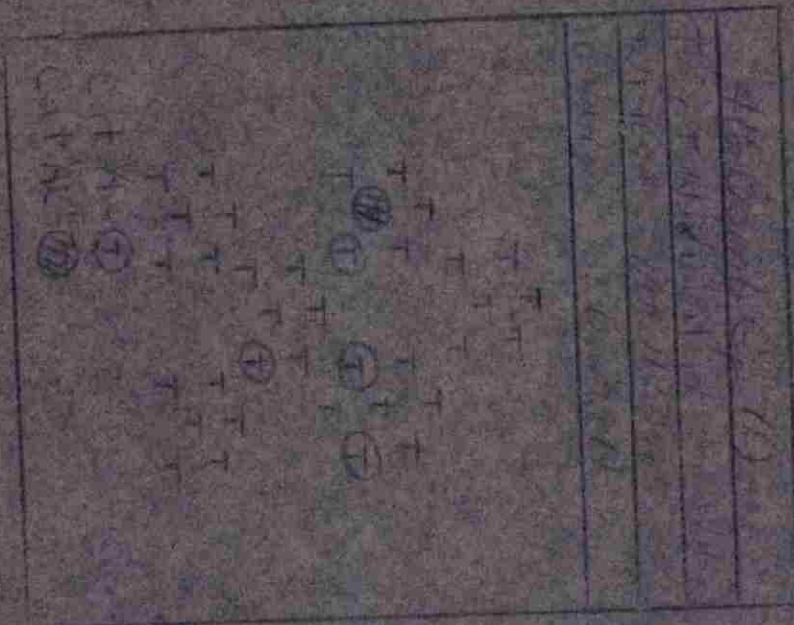
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**SECRET**



MISSION NO. 174

LOADING LIST  
BOX 1  
FLIGHT 1

23 December 1944

- |                                                                               |                                              |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1. 085 T<br>CAPT R J MORTON<br>LT D L MOORE<br>S/S A J BURLAND<br>S/S K HEATH | 2. 301 T<br>LT W F THIPP<br>S/S D F MALLORN  | 3. 229 S<br>LT G S BUTLER<br>S/S H B MCCRAIN |
| 4. 252 D<br>LT W J GREENE<br>S/S J J MC GUIRE                                 | 5. 300 P<br>LT G C VAN METER<br>CPL S J KIRK | 6. 244 I<br>LT R H HACKLEY<br>CPL H A KOONS  |

FLIGHT 11

- |                                                                                    |                                                             |                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. 186 G<br>LT R E GREENLEY<br>LT R J BASHNETT<br>LT D E LINDSAY<br>S/S R G SCHROM | 2. 239 N<br>LT C L ESTES<br>LT A E HLIVKO<br>S/S C R ORVOLD | 3. 250 A<br>LT J C GARY<br>PVT A E SCHOEN     |
| 4. 284 C<br>LT J J LACKOVICH<br>LT R C MUIR<br>S/S T CONNERY                       | 5. 237 D<br>LT G L MILHORN<br>SGT D CHEST                   | 6. 209 M<br>LT T J MURRAY<br>S/S D H DE BOWER |

FLIGHT 111

- |                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1. 089 R<br>LT G J BROWN<br>LT J E KERNS<br>S/SHLD SUNDERLAND<br><del>S/SHLD GUNNING</del><br>S/S A E DIMARTINO | 2. 211 K<br>LT D A FERO<br>S/S T W SKELTON      | 3. 249 F<br>LT F W HENDERSON<br>S/S P E COULOMBE |
| 4. 291 Z<br>LT A E HERMAN<br>S/S J O YOUNG                                                                      | 5. 234 P<br>LT W H JOKINEN<br>CPL D E MCNEILLIS | 6. 313 B<br>LT A REMISZEWSKI<br>S/S J H MIGUEL   |

SPARE

271 R  
LT W A MERCHANT  
SGT C W JURKIN

MISSION NO. 174  
23 December 1944

MISSION NO. 174

LOADING LIST  
BOX 11  
FLIGHT 1

23 December 1944

1. 178 L  
CAPT D A HULSE  
LT R COOTE  
S/S D M STEPHENS  
S/S W S MC GAUGHY

2. 238 H  
LT R W VAN ROPE  
CPL R F GRAMAM

3. 344 O  
LT J W KEMOL  
CPL L L RICHARDSON \*

4. 232 A  
CAPT W A BLACK  
LT J W BRITT  
S/S R W BARSTENS

5. 302 D  
LT M S STREET \*  
S/S R P SHART \*

6. 290 L  
LT L C MARTIN  
CPL L S DRAFT

## FLIGHT 11

1. 076 G  
CAPT F J HARROLD  
LT W E BREWER  
SGT S R CADELL  
CPL R J KAMISCHKE

2. 337 O  
LT T S MERRITT  
S/S R J GATTI

3. 315 L  
MAJOR H S CORANT  
S/S S J MAJEWSKI

4. 212 K  
LT W R BEINKS  
S/S R S BLACKFORD

5. 223 B  
LT N G BROWN  
S/S J C OTTAVIANO

6. 217 I  
LT LT H POPPENBY  
SGT H C CAMPBELL

## FLIGHT 111

1. 108 H  
CAPT R V MIRACLE  
LT J J BURG \*  
S/S A F CULLOWAY  
S/S J R SIMMONDS

2. 218 O  
LT T D MC CREADY  
SGT W E LEMMONS

3. 214 H  
LT J W WRIGHT  
S/S P J PROFFA

4. 317 O  
LT S F JACOBSEN  
SGT H I COOK

5. 215 A  
LT L J PRUGHA  
SGT L C FERGUSON

6. 255 V  
LT J W SLEVINS  
S/S G R PFERING

## SPARE

227 F  
LT P P BARBUSKY  
SGT M HALL

MISSION NO. 174  
23 December 1944

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PILOT

*Prucha*

A/C# \_\_\_\_\_

BOX

*2*

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :

*7**X 2 10*

ON

MATERIAL DAMAGE

WAS

A-C

E

*Bomb  
Rack  
malfunction**1**X 2 10*

RETURNED

JETTISONED

*nil*

FLAK:

*XXHA**- couple minutes after leaving 2nd turn. before bomb run*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*Dropped 2nd run**Possible vehicle convoy parked near trees just before went in on target.**Puffs of brown smoke from in open spaces 3-4 minutes after bombs away*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X   X
      X
    X   X
  
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    X
  X   X
    X
  X   (X)
  
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      X
    X   X
      X
    X   X
  
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*Prucha*

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PILOT

*Morton*

A/C#

*085*

BOX

*1*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

*4* *X* *250*

ON *primary*

BATTLE DAMAGE

*X*

RETURNED

*X*

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: *See memo for additional info.*  
*both getting off so lost extra time allowed*

*Nav. on course - overran 1P slightly & corrected to*  
*bring ship back in line with 1P & target.*  
*strong pilotage on way up - 6 force on way back.*

*Took one 5 for which put him close to 1P. (not a formal for)*

*See log sheet - check other leaders*  
*of 2 flights for*  
*possible 6 force*  
*at 1P.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

*(X)*  
*X X*  
*X*  
*X X*

*X*  
*X X*  
*X X*  
*X X*

*X*  
*X X*  
*X X*  
*X X*

*H. W. R.*  
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PILOT Ester A/C# 239 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 8 X 250 ON ENGINE DAMAGE

X RETURNED no

X JETTISONED Engines hit by flak

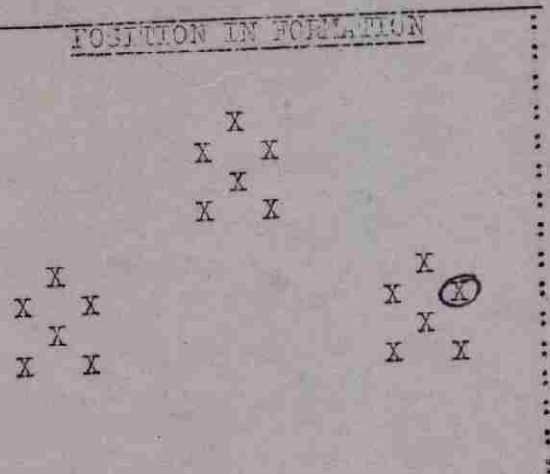
FLAK: XH 1 - after turn off target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

2 firms headed west 1543-



Luna  
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PILOT

*Milham*

A/C#

*237*

BOX

*1*

CASUALTIES

*nil*

BOMBS :

*8 250*

ON

EXACT DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

*1 hole*

X

DETROINED

FLAK:

*XXHA - on turn off target*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*nil*

POSITION IN FORMATION

X  
X X  
X  
X X  
X X

X  
X X  
X X  
X (X)

*Kerr*  
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PILOT

*Henderson* A/C# *249* BOX *1*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

X

ON

BATTLE DAMAGE

W-60

W-60

*8*

X

RETURNED

*kill*

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

*XHA - at 1548 hrs.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*Flt leader didn't drop.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

X  
X X  
X  
X X

X X  
X X  
X X

X X  
X X  
X X

*Luria*

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PILOT

*Sary*

A/C#

*250*

BOX

*1*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

*8 X 250 ON Dec.*

CRATER DAMAGE

"A-C"

"E"

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

*lost 1 HA - X-XXH1  
at I P on way in. X HA*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*P-51's striking (S)*

OBSERVATIONS:

*on far side of river. in center of town.*

*X position on way out to sea  
flashes along line out.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

X  
X X  
X  
X X

*I*

X  
X X  
X  
X X

X  
X X  
X X

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PILOT

Ramezowski

$$A/C_{II}^n$$

313

BOX

## CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

~~8-250~~

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P.T

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

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1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 26

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8 x 250

RETURNED

Y

JEPHSONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

None

Didn't bomb because leader didn't,

POSITION IN POPULATION

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

X X  
X X  
X X

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

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT \_\_\_\_\_

*Fero*

A/C# \_\_\_\_\_

*211*

BOX \_\_\_\_\_

*1*

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :

*8* *A 250* ON *P.T.*

BATTLE DAMAGE

*8* *A 250* RETURNED

RETURNED

*X*

JETTISONED

FLAK: -

*4 Bursts on bomb run*

*XHI-*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*X*

OBSERVATIONS:

*Didn't bomb - on acct. of frustrated sight in lead ship*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X  X  X  X
X  X  X  X
X  X  X  X
    
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PILOT Jokinen A/C# 234 BOX 1

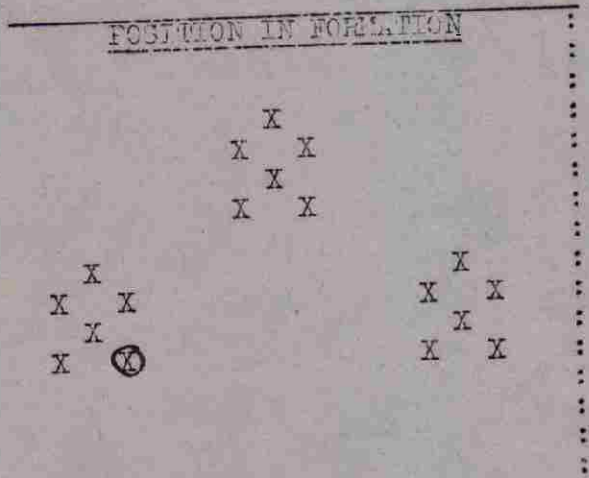
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

| BOMBS : | <del>8</del> <u>250</u> ON     | BATTLE DAMAGE |      |       |        |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|------|-------|--------|
|         |                                | WING          | TAIL | WHEEL | ENGINE |
|         | <u>8</u> X <u>250</u> RETURNED | ✓             |      |       |        |
|         | <u>1</u> X JETTISONED          |               |      |       |        |

FLAK: XXH emanated on second pass.  
position unknown.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVATIONS: flr. leader did not drop.



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PILOT Murray A/C# 209 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 8 X 150 ON pin BATTLE DAMAGE  
 X RETURNED V  
 Y JETTISONED off wing

FLAK:

X - XX 4 flak on turn off target.  
 Some very inaccurate.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Long tailed plane low on dish. at target  
 Three red flashes seen at 1627 on  
 route from S side of little valley.

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X  X  X
X  X
X  X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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PILOT Greenley A/C# 185 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | X 250 ON   | BATTLE DAMAGE | WAB | WAB |
|---------|------------|---------------|-----|-----|
| X       | RETURNED   |               |     |     |
| X       | JETTISONED |               |     |     |

FLAK: XXH flak in target area.  
Pink flak seen. Believed it meant cease firing because flak stopped.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: A20 seen below formation when bombs dropped. Was flying straight & level. P38's made head on pass from left. Vapor trails numerous in area. 3 planes unidentified from 7-8 o'clock made gun bearing pass. Dark colored.

Heavy air traffic.

Tracer fire as left target area. Flying 270°. Tracer fire for about 3 minutes.

POSITION IN FORMATION

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X  
X X  
X  
X X

OUR AIRCRAFT:

X X  
X X  
X X

(X)  
X X  
X X  
X X

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### CASUALTIES.

BOMBS : 10 X 250 - ON

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RETURNED 

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JETTISONED

FLAK:- XXHI- after turn off target-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: ✓

OBSERVATIONS:- Bombs unboarded - ✓

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X X  
X X  
X X

X X  
X X  
X X

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PILOT Lackovich A/C# 284 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | 8 X 950 ON | BATTERY DAMAGE | MAX | SEA-ON | WET |
|---------|------------|----------------|-----|--------|-----|
| X       | RETURNED   | <i>Nil</i>     |     |        |     |
| X       | JETTISONED |                |     |        |     |

FLAK: Meagre - scattered

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: Dark A/c seen above - believed to be ME 109 - also possibly jets -

OBSERVATIONS: Large R.R. junction & small junction - took small junction -

POSITION IN FORMATION

*[Hand-drawn formation diagram with 'X' marks and a central circle]*

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PILOT Greene A/C# 252 BOX 1

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

|         |           |              |                   |               |  |  |  |
|---------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| BOMBS : | <u>10</u> | <u>X 250</u> | ON <u>primary</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |  |  |  |
|         |           | <u>X</u>     | RETURNED          |               |  |  |  |
|         |           | <u>X</u>     | JETTISONED        |               |  |  |  |

FLAK: 5. lead on heading of 63° just before  
IP.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil.

OBSERVATIONS:

C47's seen escorted by fighters.  
large fire in target area after bombing.

POSITION IN FORMATION

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | X |   |   |
|   | X |   | X |   |
|   |   | ⊗ |   |   |
|   | X |   | X |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| X | X |   |   | X |
| X |   |   | X | X |
| X | X |   | X |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |

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PILOT Van Meter A/C# 300 BOX 1

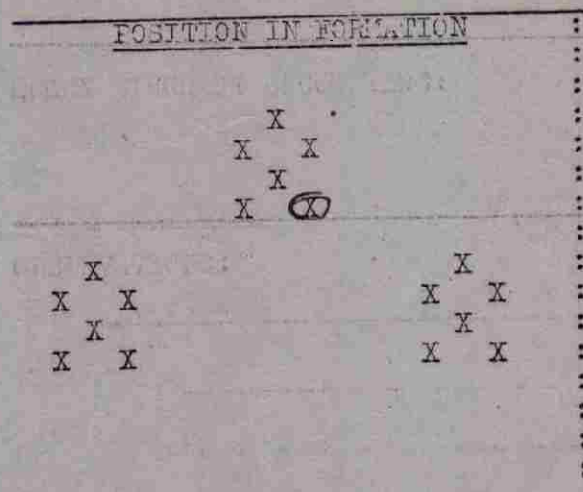
CASUALTIES nil

| BOMBS :     | ON | RETURNED | JETTISONED | BATTLE DAMAGE | W-ON | W-EN |
|-------------|----|----------|------------|---------------|------|------|
| <u>10</u> X |    |          |            |               |      |      |
| X           |    |          |            |               |      |      |
| X           |    |          |            | <u>nil</u>    |      |      |

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Dropped on second run



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PILOT Hackley A/C# 244 BOX 1

CASUALTIES: nil

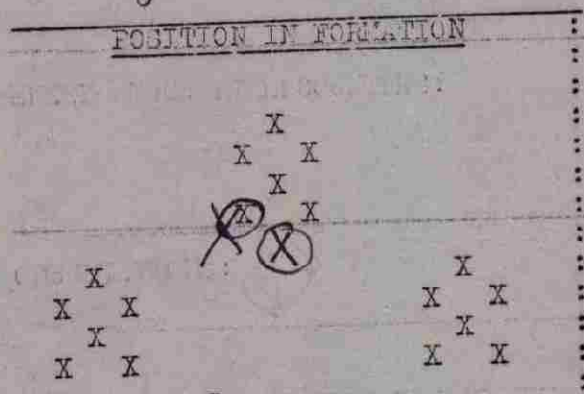
| BOMBS : |            | BATTLE DAMAGE |       |     |
|---------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
|         |            | "A"           | "A-C" | "E" |
| X       | RETURNED   | :             | :     | :   |
| X       | JETTISONED | :             | :     | :   |

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs fell in town and small m/y  
fires in the m/y. ~~for~~

Took pictures Dropped on 1st run  
Large beacon flashing from ~~the~~ target town as we turned off target.



Flew #7 position  
to Street flew #6

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PILOT Butler A/C# 229 BOX 1

CASUALTIES nil

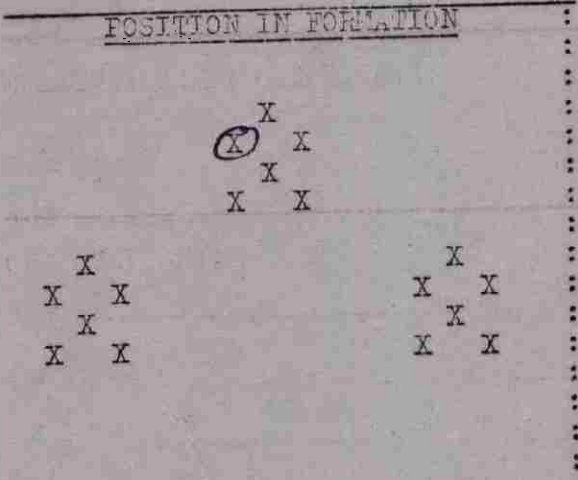
BOMBS : 10 X 250 ON REPORT DAMAGE

|   | RETURNED | REPAIRS | REPAIRS | REPAIRS |
|---|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| X |          |         |         |         |
| X |          |         |         |         |

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Good pattern on town bombed. Believe it was briefed primary  
Two runs - Dropped on [ ]  
Column of brown smoke from target



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PILOT Tripp A/C# 301 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS :                   | ON         | BATTLE DAMAGE | W/C | A-C | W/E |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <del>4</del> X <u>250</u> | RETURNED   | <del>1</del>  | :   | :   | :   |
| X                         | JETTISONED | <del>1</del>  | :   | :   | :   |

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

P 47's X

OBSERVATIONS:

Sen. did not think howling night target and cut switches on Pilot.

POSITION IN FORMATION

|   |   |     |   |   |
|---|---|-----|---|---|
|   |   | X   |   |   |
|   | X | (X) |   |   |
|   |   | X   |   |   |
|   | X | X   |   |   |
|   |   |     |   |   |
|   |   |     |   |   |
| X |   |     | X |   |
| X | X |     | X | X |
|   | X |     | X |   |
| X | X |     | X | X |

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PILOT Norman A/C# 265 BOX 1

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : | X | ON  | RETURNED   | JETTISONED | BAITING DAMAGE | CA-119 | PER |
|---------|---|-----|------------|------------|----------------|--------|-----|
| 8       | X | 250 | RETURNED   |            |                | X      |     |
|         | X |     | JETTISONED |            |                |        |     |

FLAK: -XX HZ - on bomb run-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: - Flight didn't bomb - -

None -

Most of Flack - had white smoke

POSITION IN FORMATION

|   |     |   |   |   |
|---|-----|---|---|---|
|   |     | X |   |   |
|   | X   |   | X |   |
|   |     | X |   |   |
|   | X   |   | X |   |
| X | X   |   |   | X |
| X | (X) |   |   | X |
| X | X   |   |   | X |

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PILOT Brown A/C# 228 BOX 2

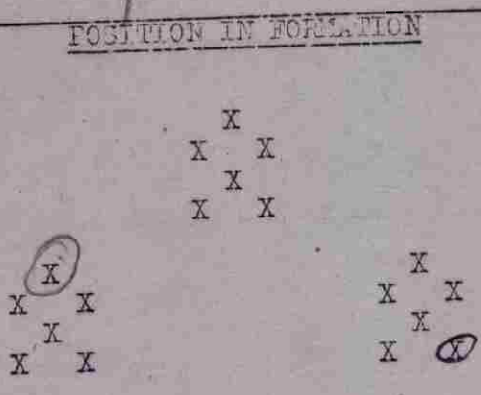
CASUALTIES  
BOMBS : X ON 4 X 250 RETURNED  
Y JETTISONED

FLAK: at 5009N-355E-XXHI-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: ☒

OBSERVATIONS:  
large explosion at 5007N-552°E-  
Did not bomb due to frosted sight,  
Bombs of 1st Flight hit M/Y in SW.

Part of Town -  
Attempted to Made two runs, after 1st run, returned  
to IP to pick up another flight that  
was going in but couldn't make contact  
with any -



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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

*4 X 2500 ON Pri*

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

*1. P. (3 times)**XX H1 - 2nd at flt. 26's**Lab ahead going back to 1. P. & traces going into T.A from 1. P 2 & 3 - all colors.**none at T.A.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*in center / town.**lot of flashes - after 2nd time - S.E. of T.P. no flak - but flashes.**roads burning - vehicles.**11,500 1610*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

  (X)
X   X
  X
X   X

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  X
X   X
  X
X   X

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```

  X
X   X
  X
X   X

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75 returned

119  
298  
217 X 250 dropped

111  
524  
517

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## CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

$12 \times 250$

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RETURNED

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FLAK:

few birds at I.P.  
intermittent flake  
one large harp - near I.P. (?)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: *did not see leader drop  
or anyone else drop.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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X X  
X X  
X X

X  
X  
X

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## CASUALTIES

BOLBS :

10

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RETURNED

Y.

JETTISONED

FLAK:

### ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

x

OBSERVATIONS:

OBSERVATIONS: Smoke from other ~~at~~ flight in air  
bombs falling into that —

### POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X  
X X  
X X

X X  
X X  
X X

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PILOT Mc Gready A/C# 218 BOX 2

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

| BOMBS : | 10 | X 250 | ON         | P.T. | BATTLE DAMAGE | WAGON | WEN |
|---------|----|-------|------------|------|---------------|-------|-----|
|         | X  |       | RETURNED   | :    | :             | :     | :   |
|         | X  |       | JETTISONED | :    | :             | :     | :   |

FLAK: → Bang fired at another flight -  
after leaving target stuck to right and rear -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: — Bombs fell in center of ~~the~~ town, —  
~~Since 3/2~~ No movement - on ground -

POSITION IN FORMATION

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | X |   |   |
|   | X |   | X |   |
|   |   | X |   |   |
|   | X |   | X |   |
| X | X |   |   | X |
| X |   |   | X | X |
| X | X |   | X | X |

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PILOT Pick A/C# 232 BOX 2

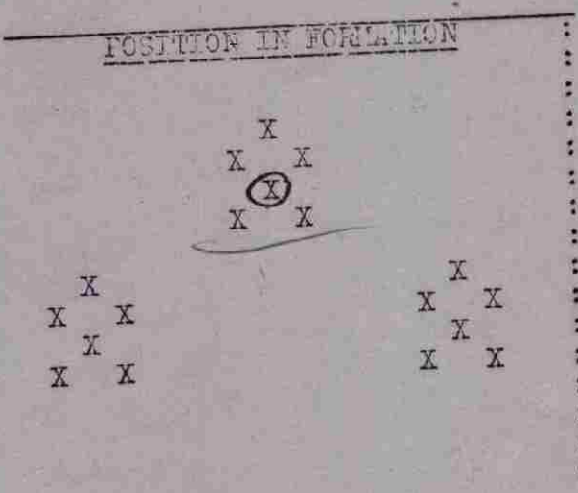
CASUALTIES

|         |           |   |            |           |                |   |  |  |
|---------|-----------|---|------------|-----------|----------------|---|--|--|
| BOMBS : | <u>10</u> | X | <u>250</u> | ON        | SHATTERED BOMB | ✓ |  |  |
|         |           | X |            | RETURNED  |                |   |  |  |
|         |           | X |            | DETROINED |                |   |  |  |

FLAK: At I.P. - XXHA -  
Flock at different spots - all around target -  
going in & coming out -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:  
X

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs fell short and to right  
of town - ✓



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PILOT Miracle A/C# 108 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 4 X 250 ON primary BATTLE DAMAGE

|   | RETURNED | WRECKED | WRECKED | WRECKED |
|---|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| X |          |         |         |         |
| X |          |         |         |         |

FLAK: XXX on route to target. See Berg.

believed 5 minutes before dropping.  
VH below at 1410 on way out from target.  
# gun position on course on bank line.  
Train coming out on course.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit to right of target.

Some bombs hit in town.

1553 three fires seen believe caused  
by hits of P47 dive bombers.

POSITION IN FORMATION

|   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
|   |  | X |   |
| X |  | X | X |
|   |  | X |   |
| X |  | X | X |

|     |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|
| (X) |   |   |   |
| X   |   | X | X |
|     | X |   |   |
| X   |   | X | X |

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PILOT Jacobson A/C# 317 BOX 2

CASUALTIES nil

| BOMBS :                | X | ON         | BATTLE DAMAGE | "A" | "B" | "C" |
|------------------------|---|------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <u>10</u> X <u>250</u> |   | RETURNED   |               |     |     |     |
| <u>7</u>               |   | JETTISONED | <u>nil</u>    |     |     |     |

FLAK: ~~XXXX~~ XH1

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bomb doors light not on. Doors open. Believes intercommed out.

POSITION IN FORMATION

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
|  |   | X |   |
|  | X |   | X |
|  |   | X |   |
|  | X |   | X |

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|---|---|---|---|
| X | X |   | X |
| X | ⊗ | X |   |
| X |   | X |   |

|   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
|   |  | X |   |
| X |  | X | X |
|   |  | X |   |
| X |  | X |   |

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PILOT Van Roke A/C# 238 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 8 X SD ON nil  
X RETURNED nil  
X JETTISONED nil

FLAK: XXHI target area  
also XL1.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Ground flashes not flak  
firing in direction whence we'd come.  
Dropped on 2nd run.  
Light flak

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X (X)
      X
     X  X
    X   X

X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X
    
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PILOT *Barransky* A/C# *227* BOX *02*

CASUALTIES *nil*

| BOMBS : | X | 250 | ON         | SAFETY DAMAGE   | W | Y | Z |
|---------|---|-----|------------|-----------------|---|---|---|
|         | X |     | RETURNED   | <i>1 hole</i>   |   |   |   |
|         | X |     | JETTISONED | <i>in right</i> |   |   |   |

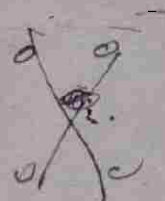
FLAK: *XHA - coming off target (Right Turn)*  
*Flak only on 2nd run.*  
*(B-26's in target area)*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*Towns in target area on fire.*



POSITION IN FORMATION

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|---|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | X |   |  |  |  |
| X |   | X |  |  |  |
|   | X |   |  |  |  |
| X |   | X |  |  |  |
|   | X |   |  |  |  |
| X |   | X |  |  |  |

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PILOT Hinke L/C# 212 BOX 2

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

| BOMBS : | 10 | X 250 | ON         | dec. | CRATCHE DAMAGE | RE-USE | WE |
|---------|----|-------|------------|------|----------------|--------|----|
| X       |    |       | RETURNED   |      |                |        |    |
| X       |    |       | JETTISONED |      |                |        |    |

FLAK:

*Just before original 1.P. - at  
B-26 Group. as left sec. target (2 min. after) - behind  
& catching up - good alt. - 18 gun - per  
XXX*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*P-47's  
P-38's*

OBSERVATIONS:

*sec. Target bombed  
NW of orig TA.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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PILOT Papeney A/C# 217 BOX 2

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : |   | RETURNED     | JETTISONED | OTHER DAMAGE | OTHER | REMARKS |
|---------|---|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| 4       | X | 1000 ON Sec. |            |              |       |         |
|         | X | RETURNED     |            |              |       |         |
|         | X | JETTISONED   |            |              |       |         |

FLAK: about 4 RT - 2 minutes B.L. - XXX #1 -  
18 gun position  
after T. - off to rt. wall of flak - 15 guns  
3 barrels in between

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

|   |   |     |   |  |
|---|---|-----|---|--|
|   |   | X   |   |  |
|   | X |     | X |  |
|   |   | X   |   |  |
|   | X |     | X |  |
| X |   | X   |   |  |
| X | X |     |   |  |
| X |   | X   |   |  |
|   |   | X   |   |  |
|   |   | X   | X |  |
|   |   | X   |   |  |
|   |   | (X) | X |  |

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PILOT Kelso A/C# 344 BOX 2

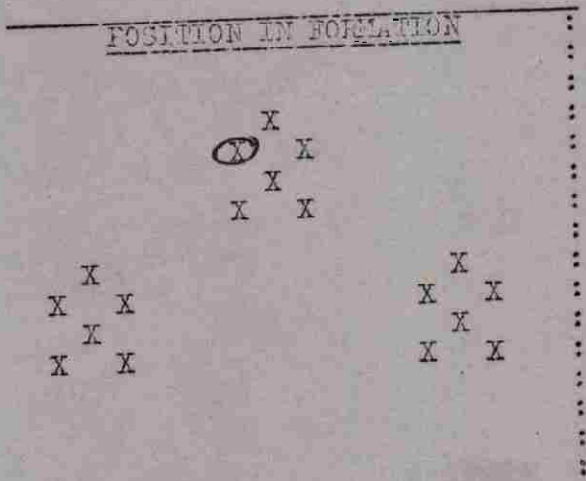
CASUALTIES

| BOMBS :    | X               | ON         | RETURNED | REPAIRS | REMARKS |
|------------|-----------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|
| <i>not</i> | <i>airborne</i> |            |          |         |         |
|            |                 | RETURNED   |          |         |         |
|            |                 | JETTISONED |          |         |         |

FLAK: \_\_\_\_\_

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Harrold A/C# 076 BOX 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 4 X 250 GN BATTLE DAMAGE

| RETURNED | REPAIRS  | REMARKS                     |
|----------|----------|-----------------------------|
| <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>in care of Primaries</u> |
| <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>JETTISONED</u>           |

FLAK: at I.P. - magre was -  
Leaving to go to R.P. 4 gun position

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X  X  X
X  X  X
X  X  X

      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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PILOT Street A/C# 302 BOX 2

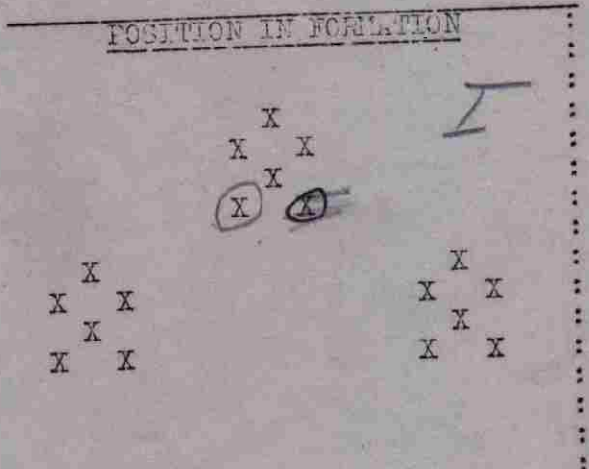
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

|         |          |          |            |           |            |               |  |  |  |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| BOMBS : | <u>8</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>250</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>Pr.</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |  |  |  |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |            |           | RETURNED   |               |  |  |  |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |            |           | JETTISONED |               |  |  |  |

FLAK: 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: lot of hi on deck.

OBSERVATIONS:



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Chesh garden  
Kathleen Wright

F/O \_\_\_\_\_

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PILOT

*Blevins*

A/C#

*26<sup>5</sup>*

BOX

*2*

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS : *#8 X 250*ON *Runway*

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK: *20-30 bursts VXH at 8555*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*no obs.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

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      X
     X X
      X
    (X) X

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

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*Don A.*  
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PILOT

CASUALTIES.

BCLIBS :

X 200

DIN

RETURNED

DEPTH COMING

WATSON D. MACE

— 100 —

mil

7-10

7255

FLAK:

$$X \times H \mathbb{I}$$

2 minutes before target  
after turn off target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

mil

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped on 2<sup>nd</sup> run

POSITION IN FORMATION

X X  
X X  
X X

X  
X X  
X X  
X (X)

Russia

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|                     |                        |                |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 416 TP              | 9th B.D. (M) WING 9781 | B              |
| GROUP               | DATE 23 DECEMBER 1944  | WAXWEILER      |
| OTHER UNITS: TARGET |                        | PRUM (CASUAL)  |
|                     |                        | ARLON (CASUAL) |
|                     | FIRST PHASE            |                |
|                     | INTERPRETATION         | TARGET HIT     |

A. TARGET BRIEFED WAXWEILER PRIMARY  
SECONDARY

M.P.I. TWO POINTS IN TOWN

A.P. GAME

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 6 A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 28  
31 A-26's

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

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 4 x 1000 GP  
217 x 250 GP FUELING 1/10 -- 1/40

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 95° M. Box I Flt A  
10° M. Box II Flt C

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1604

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I - FLT A - PNB : BOMBARDIER MISTOOK TARGET AND BOMBED TOWN OF  
(visual) ARLON, 36 MILES SW OF PRIMARY. BOMBS FELL ON  
MARSHALLING YARDS ON EDGE OF CITY.

FLT B - UNDET : BOMBARDIER COULD NOT LOCATE PRIMARY AND BOMBED  
CASUAL TARGET. FLEW OUT TIME TO TARGET AND  
BOMBED VILLAGE NEAR BITBURG. NO STRIKE PHOTOS  
AS CAMERA SHIP ABORTED.

FLT C - UNDET : DID NOT BOMB. BOMB SIGHT FOGGED.

BOX II - FLT A - UNDET : BOMBED PRIMARY. NO STRIKE PHOTOS TAKEN OF  
(visual) TARGET ON HAND CAMERA.

FLT B - UNDET : BOMBARDIER COULDN'T LOCATE PRIMARY AND BOMBED  
CASUAL IN AREA OF PRIMARY. NO STRIKE PHOTOS  
DUE TO TARGET RUN BEING OFF NEGATIVE.

FLT C - PNB : BOMBARDIER COULD NOT LOCATE TARGET. SELECTED  
TOWN OF PRUM, 8.25 MILES NNE AND RAILROAD AND  
TOWN. BOMBS HIT ON RAILROAD AND BUILDINGS.

NOTE : Due to the fact that there was only 20 minutes time for instal-  
lation of cameras between missions, only seven could be instal-  
led. Of these seven, two failed to take off and one did not  
drop bombs. Two others had no photos of bomb bursts. This  
accounts for the poor photo coverage on this mission.

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

IX B.O.S-2-Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

|                    |                             |            |       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------|
| OTHER DATA: TARGET | IX BC 97TH                  | WING       | 416TH |
|                    | DATE                        |            | GROUP |
|                    | ATTACKING UNIT              |            |       |
|                    | FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION: | TARGET HIT |       |

A. TARGET BRIEFED \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY  
\_\_\_\_\_ SECONDARY  
\_\_\_\_\_ CASUAL

M.P.I. \_\_\_\_\_

A.P. \_\_\_\_\_

B. TARGET ATTACKED \_\_\_\_\_ MILES FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

C. COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED \_\_\_\_\_ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING \_\_\_\_\_

E. BOMBING BY \_\_\_\_\_ IN FOLLOWING ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

|                                  |        |      |      |
|----------------------------------|--------|------|------|
| F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED | FUSING | NOSE | TAIL |
|                                  | FUSING | NOSE | TAIL |

G. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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|                | <u>Name</u>                   | <u>Results</u>          | <u>Reasons for Cross Bombing or Failure to attack Primary</u>                                                                                                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BOX I - Fit A  | <u>Capt. R.J. [illegible]</u> | (P) <u>WNB</u>          | <u>Planning: Navigation - Insufficient time for thorough briefing of mission. No target pictures available. Bombardier became lost and bombed wrong target.</u> |
|                | <u>Lt. R.L. [illegible]</u>   | (B/N)                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fit B          | <u>Lt. R.E. [illegible]</u>   | (P) <u>UNDET</u>        | <u>No strike photos. Could not locate primary target. Bombed casual target (Town) after flying out time from I.P. to target.</u>                                |
|                | <u>Lt. R.V. [illegible]</u>   | (B/N)                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fit C          | <u>Lt. R.J. [illegible]</u>   | (P) <u>DID NOT BOMB</u> | <u>Bomb sight frosted. Unable to perform sighting operation.</u>                                                                                                |
|                | <u>Lt. J.L. [illegible]</u>   | (B/N)                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| BOX II - Fit A | <u>Capt. R.J. [illegible]</u> | (P) <u>UNDET</u>        | <u>No strike photos. Unable to locate primary target on first run. Bombed briefed primary on second run with excellent results reported visually.</u>           |
|                | <u>Lt. R. [illegible]</u>     | (B/N)                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fit B          | <u>Capt. R.J. [illegible]</u> | (P) <u>UNDET</u>        | <u>Unable to locate primary target. Bombed casual target (Town) after flying out time from I.P. to target. No strike photos.</u>                                |
|                | <u>Lt. R.E. [illegible]</u>   | (B/N)                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fit C          | <u>Capt. R.V. [illegible]</u> | (P) <u>WNB</u>          | <u>Unable to locate primary target. Bombed casual target north of primary target.</u>                                                                           |
|                | <u>Lt. J.L. [illegible]</u>   | (B/N)                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |

All flights made only one bomb run except the 1st flight, Box I and 1st flight, Box II.

WILLIAM M. LYLE,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Group Bombardier.

|                       | 5        | GROUP 416th Bomb Bp. (T) |                        |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| CAMERAS INSTALLED     | <u>5</u> |                          |                        |
| CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING | <u>2</u> | <u>100</u>               | % WING 97th. C.B. Wing |
| CAMERA FAILURES       | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u>                 | % DATE 23 Dec. 44      |
| PERSONNEL FAILURES    | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u>                 | %                      |
| OTHERS                | <u>3</u> |                          |                        |

TARGET WAXWEILER  
ALTITUDE 12000 FEET  
TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MP  
GROUND SPEED 220 MP

TARGET WAXWEILER  
ALTITUDE 11500 FEET  
TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH  
GROUND SPEED 220 MPH

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_  
ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_ FEET  
TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ MPH  
GROUND SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ MPH

[illegible]

| Sortie No.     | Position  | Observer             | Reason                      |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sortie No. 246 | Cameraman | S/Sgt. R. J. Simmons | Failure                     |
| Sortie No. 247 | Cameraman | S/Sgt. W.S. Mc Baugh | Took no pictures<br>Target. |

|                       |       |        |       |          |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------|
| CAMERAS INSTALLED     | _____ | _____% | GROUP | 416TH    |
| CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING | _____ | _____% | WING  | 97TH CEW |
| CAMERA FAILURES       | _____ | _____% | DATE  | _____    |
| PERSONNEL FAILURES    | _____ | _____% |       |          |
| OTHERS                | _____ | _____% |       |          |

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

ALT. \_\_\_\_\_ ft

TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph

GROUND SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

ALT. \_\_\_\_\_ ft

TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph

GROUND SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

ALT. \_\_\_\_\_ ft

TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph

GROUND SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph

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(A) TARGET: WAXWEILER (PNB) 4416/T1 - WL/019669  
 PRUM (CASUAL) 4416/T1 - WL/061790  
 ARLOH (CASUAL) P/620230

(B) SORTIE: US 416/736-246

(C) DATE: 23 DEC 44

(D) ATTACKING A/C: 28 A-20's AND A-26's BY 6's

(E) BOMBS: 4/1000 GP  
 217/250 GP

(F) COVER: CASUAL TARGETS ARE COVERED ON GOOD QUALITY PRINTS.

(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: BOX I FLIGHT A BOMBED ARLOH, N/Y  
 BEHIND TROOP LINE AND 38 MILES SW OF PRIMARY TARGET,  
 FLIGHT B NO PHOTO COVERAGE, FLIGHT C DID NOT BOMB.  
 BOX II FLIGHT A NO PHOTO COVERAGE, FLIGHT B NO PHOTO  
 COVERAGE. FLIGHT C BOMBED PRUM AS CASUAL TARGET 8.25  
 MILES NNE OF PRIMARY, PROBABLY DAMAGED RR AND BUILDINGS  
 ON E SIDE OF TOWN.

(H) ACTIVITY: NONE

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 0004  
 5036

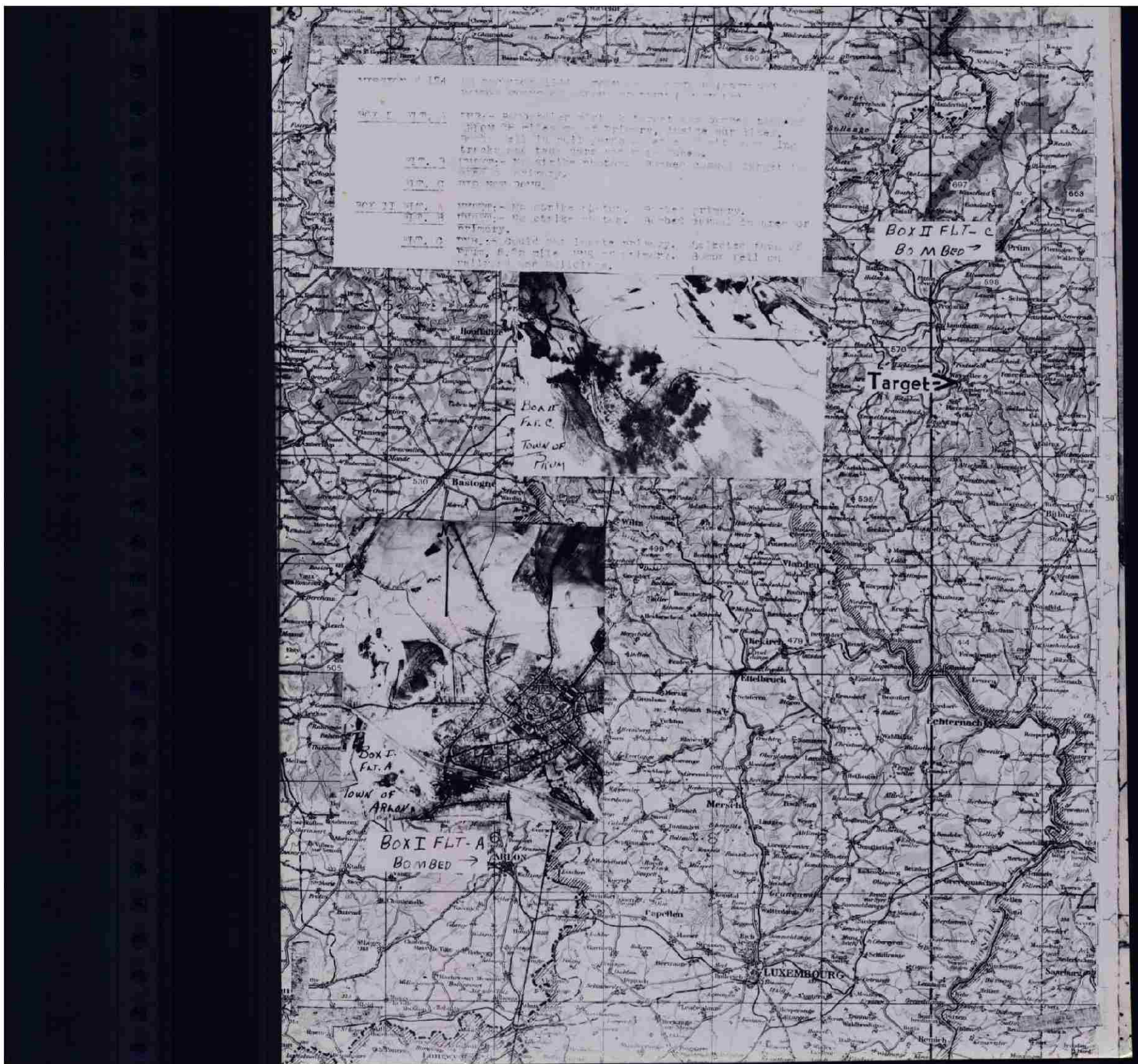
SORTIE: US 416/246  
 US 416/736

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB  
 PATTERN AREA.

DISTRIBUTION: S/A

CONFIDENTIAL:  
 DET "3" 20th MID  
 AT HQ. IX 3.D.





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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT IX BD/SA 717

(A) TARGET: SAARBURG (RD/BR) 4416/U1 - L/146128

(B) SORTIE: US 416/244-245-733-734-735

(C) DATE: 23 DEC 44

(D) ATTACKING A/C: 37 (A-26's AND A-20's) BY 6's

(E) BOMBS: 119/1000 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.

(F) COVER: TARGET IS SEEN ON GOOD QUALITY PRINTS.

(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: OF FIVE PATTERNS SEEN, ONE BLANKETS THE W PORTION OF THE BRIDGE, ONE COMBINED PATTERN IS ACROSS E BRIDGE APPROACH, BUILT-UP AREA AND RAIL YARD TO THE SE, ONE IS 1300 FEET NW OF TARGET ACROSS BUILDINGS AND A ROADWAY, ONE FLIGHT BOMBED ON RIVER BANKS 400 FEET TO THE SE, AND ONE BOMBED ALONG W BANK OF RIVER ON BUILDINGS AND ROADWAYS.

(H) ACTIVITY: THE BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED BY THIS GROUP AS SHOWN ON PHOTOS US 409/614.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 0033  
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0009

SORTIE: US 416/733  
US 416/735

NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.

DISTRIBUTION: S/A

CONFIDENTIAL:

DET "C" 20th PID  
AT HQ. IX B.D.



STEREO



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| Box #    | OpsFL        | Date     | F/O            | Target                                 | Alt.      | Box Leader | T/O | 15 min.                                            |
|----------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------|
| I        |              | 23/12    |                |                                        |           |            | TOT |                                                    |
|          |              |          |                |                                        |           |            | L/D |                                                    |
| A/C      | Fail to Bomb | ATF      | Bomb Disp      | A/G Dem                                | E/A       | Pers.      |     |                                                    |
| Pos. No. | Reason       | F. S. O. | T. S. T. F. R. | M. D. A. A. C. B. E. D. P. D. K. W. M. |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 085      | X 250        |          | 4              |                                        |           |            |     | 085<br>Morton                                      |
| 301      |              |          |                | 8                                      | No Damage |            |     | 209 301<br>Guthrie Griffith                        |
| 229      |              |          | 10             |                                        |           |            |     | 252<br>Bueue                                       |
| 252      |              |          | 10             |                                        |           |            |     | 244 300<br>Steeley Nam miter                       |
| 300      |              |          | 10             |                                        |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 244      |              |          | 10             |                                        |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 185      |              |          | 4              |                                        |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 239      |              |          | 8              |                                        |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 250      |              |          | 8              |                                        |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 284      |              |          | 8              |                                        |           |            |     | 089 185<br>Brown Brunley                           |
| 231      |              |          | 8              |                                        |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 209      |              |          | 8              |                                        |           |            |     | 249 211 250 239<br>Menderson Perry Abby Colton     |
| 089      |              |          |                | 4                                      |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 211      |              |          |                | 8                                      |           |            |     | 245 284<br>Gorman Jacobson                         |
| 249      |              |          |                | 8                                      |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 264      |              |          |                | 8                                      |           |            |     | 313 234 209 239<br>Benjamin Johnson Murray Mullham |
| 234      |              |          |                | 8                                      |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 313      |              |          |                | 8                                      |           |            |     |                                                    |
| 271      |              |          | 10             | 4                                      |           |            |     |                                                    |

37 Aircraft

4x1000 119 52 4 1

761-1-2 17x250 75x150

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

(2) No. a/c off by type: \_\_\_\_\_  
A-20G's \_\_\_\_\_ A-20J's (obtained from Opns)

(3) No. of a/c failing to bomb \_\_\_\_\_ explain each failure.

Recall due to weather \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

Mechanical \_\_\_\_\_

Other Reasons \_\_\_\_\_

(4) No. a/c bombing. \_\_\_\_\_

Primary. \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary. \_\_\_\_\_

Other. \_\_\_\_\_

(Obtained from recaps.)

C.

(1) Time up \_\_\_\_\_  
T.O.T. \_\_\_\_\_ (Obtained from Tower).  
Time Down \_\_\_\_\_

D.

(1) No. a/c \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_  
Damaged \_\_\_\_\_ (cat. B/C)  
Damaged \_\_\_\_\_ (cat. A)(3) No. Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
(Obtained from Recaps).

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

|                        | No. | Type              |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| I. Bombs on Primary    | X   | _____             |
| Bombs on Secondary     | X   | _____             |
| Bombs on Other         | X   | _____             |
| Bombs Returned         | X   | _____             |
| Bombs Jettisoned       | X   | _____ Where _____ |
| (Obtained from Recaps) |     |                   |

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

| Box #    | CpsFL        | Date  | F/O       | Target                    | Alt. | Box Leader | T/O | 15 min. |
|----------|--------------|-------|-----------|---------------------------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| 11       |              | 23/12 |           |                           |      |            | TOT |         |
|          |              |       |           |                           |      |            | L/D |         |
| A/C      | Fall to Bomb | ATP   | Bomb list | A/C Dam                   | E/A  | Pers.      |     |         |
| Pos. No. | Reason       | P S O | T S J F R | M D A A C B E D P D K W M |      |            |     |         |
| 178      |              |       | 4         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 238      |              |       | 4         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 344      | not Anderson |       |           |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 232      |              |       | 10        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 302      |              |       | 8         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 290      |              |       | 10        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 076      |              |       | 4         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 337      |              |       | 8         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 315      | no attempt   |       | 12        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 212      |              |       | 10        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 223      |              |       | 10        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 217      |              |       | 4         | X (100%)                  |      |            |     |         |
| 108      |              |       | 4         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 218      |              |       | 10        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 214      |              |       | 10        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 317      | Anderson     |       | 10        |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 255      |              |       | 7         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 227      |              |       | 8         |                           |      |            |     |         |
| 4-5      | Spade        |       | 4         |                           |      |            |     |         |

4-5  
Spade

Frueha

1050

103

23

X

178  
Walter  
344  
Kilac  
238  
Blair  
232  
Roch  
302  
Strut  
290  
Strut  
108  
Miracle  
076  
Arnold  
214  
218  
315  
337  
Wright  
217  
317  
212  
218  
214  
217  
223  
Blair  
Frueha  
Roch  
Brown

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) |       |      |                   |

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TO: CG, 9<sup>th</sup> Bomb. Division  
CG, 97<sup>th</sup> Bombard Wing

Att: A-2  
Att: A-2

A. 416 BLS

B. WAXWEILER

C. 6 A-20's and 31 A-26's

D. FLIGHT ONE - 1 A-20 and 5 A-26's

2 A attached ~~SECRET~~ BONNERT (P625)  
Flight Two ~~target in vicinity of~~ 1 A-20 and 6 A-26's  
attached, SEFFERN (L 1264) ~~attached~~

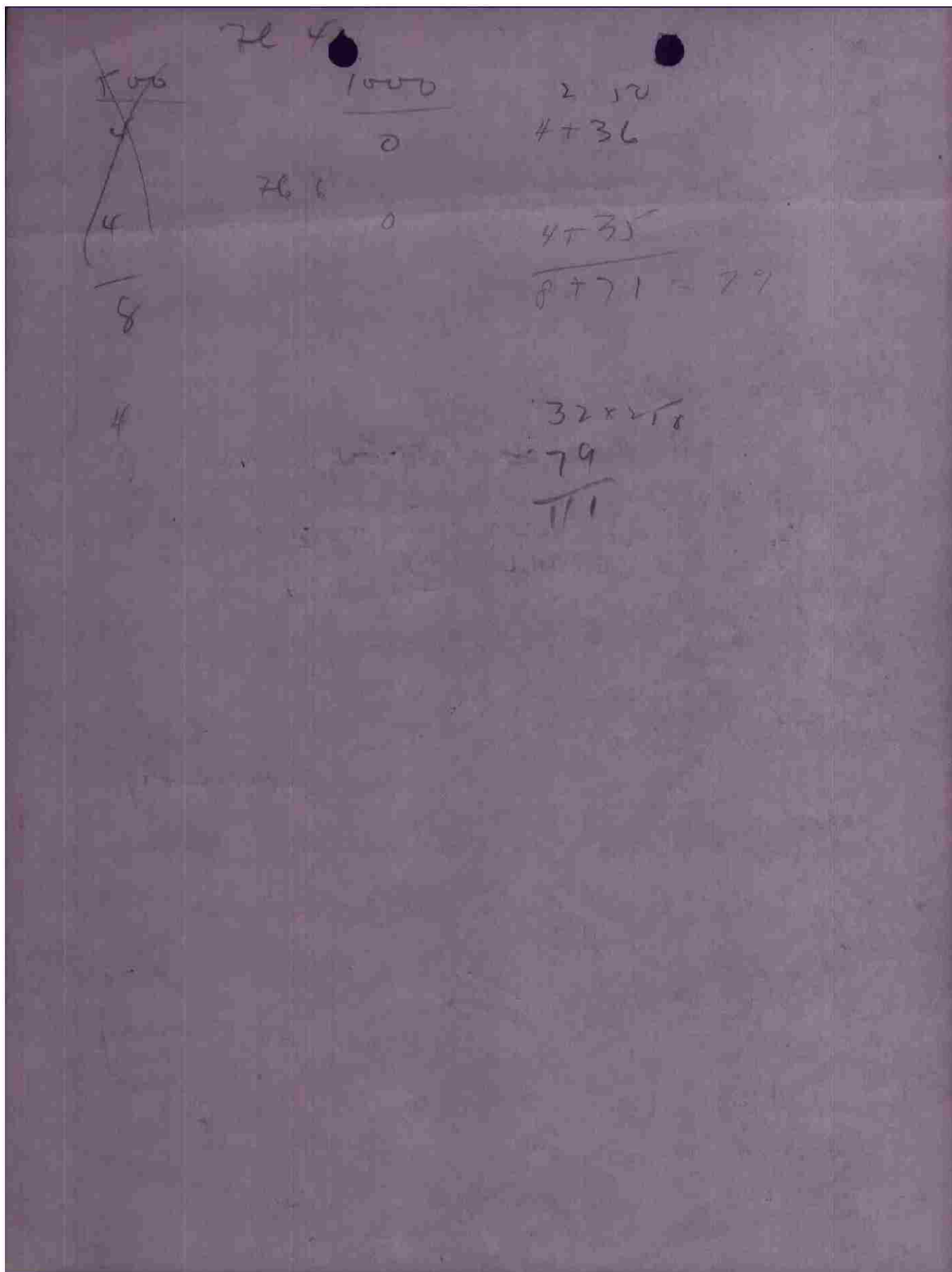
Flight Three - NO ATTACK

Flight Four - 1 A-20 and 4 A-26's  
attached primary

Flight Five 1 A-20 and 4 A-26's  
attached primary

Flight Six 1 A-20 and 4 A-26's  
attached primary

E. 1 A-20 and 8 A-26's did not bomb  
for following reasons:  
Leader of Flight 3 did not drop due to  
frosted sight. Other 5 A/C in flight  
did not bomb because leader did not.



~~A-26~~ ~~Flight one~~ In first flight

An A-26 did not drop because ~~not~~ ~~observer~~ ~~(General Backus)~~ Acting Command Pilot ordered Pilot to hold bombs. ~~not~~ ~~under impression that flight leader was attacking~~ ~~primary~~.

An A-26 did not drop because pilot did not see leader drop.

An A-26 did not drop due to intervalometer malfunction

F. ~~8 X~~ GP ON PRIMARY

111 ~~X~~ 250 GP on primary

4 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY

52 X 250 GP IN BONNERT AREA

54 X 250 GP IN SEFFERN AREA

75 X 250 GP RETURNED

G. ~~Not Primary~~

Excellent results on primary  
other results unobserved in haze

H. ~~2~~

4 A/C DAM CAT "A"  
1 A/C DAM CAT "AC"

I. NI

J. Moderate accurate HFF from  
BITBURG

Weak inaccurate HFF from vicinity  
of HEINERSCHIED

K. NIL

L. 11,500 (PRIMARY)

M. ~~1610~~ over primary  
1604  
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TO : CG, 9th Bomb Division  
CG, 97th Combat Wing

Attn: A-2  
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- A. 416 BG
- B. WAXWEILER
- C. 6 A-20's and 31 A-26's
- D. Flight One ; 1 A-20 and 5 A-26's attacked target believed by others' information to be BONNERT (P6125)  
Flight Two ; 1 A-20 and 6 A-26's attacked target in vicinity of SEFFERN (11264)  
Flight Three; No Attack  
Flight Four; 1 A-20 and 4 A-26's attacked primary.  
Flight Five; 1 A-20 and 4 A-26's attacked primary.  
Flight Six ; 1 A-20 and 4 A-26's attacked primary.
- E. 1 A-20 and 8 A-26's did not bomb for following reasons:  
Leader of Flight Three did not drop due to frosted sight.  
Other 5 A/C in flight did not bomb because leader did not.  
An A-26 in First Flight did not drop because observer, Acting Command Pilot, ordered Pilot to hold bombs.  
An A-26 did not drop because pilot did not see leader drop.  
An A-26 did not drop due to intervalometer malfunction.
- F. 111 x 250 GP on primary  
4 x 1000 GP on primary *ARLON*  
52 x 250 GP in BONNERT area.  
54 x 250 GP in SEFFERN area.  
75 x 250 GP returned.
- G. Excellent results on primary.  
Other results unobserved in haze.
- H. 4 A/C dam. Cat. "A"  
1 A/C dam. Cat. "AC"
- I. Nil.
- J. Moderate accurate HFF from BITEBURG.  
Weak inaccurate HFF from vicinity of HEINERSCHIED.
- K. Nil.
- L. 11,500 (Primary)
- M. 1604 over primary.

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 23/2155A

TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2  
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

D-357-D

- A. 416 BG  
B. WAXWEILER  
C. 6 A-20'S AND 31 A-26'S  
D. FLIGHT ONE ; 1 A-20 AND 5 A-26'S ATTACKED TARGET BELIEVED BY OTHERS'  
INFORMATION TO BE ARLOH (P6125)  
FLIGHT TWO ; 1 A-20 AND 6 A-26'S ATTACKED TARGET IN VICINITY OF  
SEFFERN (L1264)  
FLIGHT THREE: NO ATTACK  
FLIGHT FOUR; 1 A-20 AND 4 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY.  
FLIGHT FIVE; 1 A-20 AND 4 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY.  
FLIGHT SIX ; 1 A-20 AND 4 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY.
- E. 1 A-20 AND 8 A-26'S DID NOT BOMB FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:  
LEADER OF FLIGHT THREE DID NOT DROP DUE TO FROSTED SIGHT.  
OTHER 5 A/C IN FLIGHT DID NOT BOMB BECAUSE LEADER DID NOT.  
AN A-26 IN FIRST FLIGHT DID NOT DROP BECAUSE OBSERVER,  
ACTING COMMAND PILOT, ORDERED PILOT TO HOLD BOMBS.  
AN A-26 DID NOT DROP BECAUSE PILOT DID NOT SEE LEADER DROP.  
AN A-26 DID NOT DROP DUE TO INTERVALOMETER MALFUNCTION.
- F. 111 X 250 GP ON PRIMARY  
4 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY  
52 X 250 GP IN ARLOH AREA.  
54 X 250 GP IN XXX SEFFERN AREA.  
75 X 250 GP RETURNED.
- G. EXCELLENT RESULTS ON PRIMARY.  
OTHER RESULTS UNOBSERVED IN HAZE.
- H. 4 A/C DAM. CAT. "A"  
1 A/C DAM. CAT. "AC"
- I. NIL.
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE HFF FROM BITBURG.  
WEAK INACCURATE HFF FROM VICINITY OF HEINERSCHIED.
- K. NIL.
- L. 11,500 (PRIMARY)
- M. 1604 OVER PRIMARY.

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BEA R.....23/2205A RL AR

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FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 23/0005A D360D

TO HQ, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) ATTN: A-2 P/ I  
HQ, 97TH COBAT WING (L) " A-2 DUTY OFF.

SECRET BT

B. WAXWEILER.

G. 1604

J. BOX I - FLT A - PNB : BOMBARDIER MISTOOK TARGET AND BOMBED TOWN OF ARLON, 38 MILES SW OF PRIMARY. BOMBS FELL ON MARSHALLING YARDS ON EDGE OF TOWN.

FLT B- UNDET : BOMBARDIER COULD NOT LOCATE PRIMARY AND BOMBED CASUAL TARGET. FLEW OUT TIME TO TARGET AND BOMBED VILLAGE NEAR BITBURG. NO STRIKE PHOTOS AS CAMERA SHIP ABORTED.

FLT C - UNDET : DID NOT BOMB . BOMB SIGHT FOGGED.

BOX II (VISUAL) - FLT A - UNDET : BOMBED PRIMARY. NO STRIKE PHOTOS TAKEN OF TARGET ON HAND CAMERA.

FLT B - INDET : BOMBARDIER COULDN'T LOCATE PRIMARY AND BOMBED CASUAL IN AREA OF PRIMARY, NO STRIKE PHOTOS DUE TO TARGET RUN BEING OFF NEGATIVE.

FLT C - PNB : BOMBARDIER COULD NOT LOCATE TARGET. SELECTED TOWN OF PRUM, 8.25 MILES NNE AND RR AND TOWN. BOMBS HIT ON RR AND BUILDINGS.

NOTE: DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS ON 20 MINUTES TIME FOR INSTALLATION OF CMERAS BETWEEN MISSIONS, ONLY SEVEN COULD BE INSTALLED. OF THESE SEVEN, TWO FAILED TO TAKE OFF AND ONE DID NOT DROP BOMBS. TWO OTHERS HAD NO PHOTOS OF BOMB BURSTS. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE POOR PHOTO COVERAGE ON THIS MISSION.

K. BOX I - FLT A- PNB : PLANNING: NAVIGATION -- INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR THOROUGH BRIEFING OF MISSION. NO TARGET PICTURES AVAILABLE. BOMBARDIER BECAME LOST AND BOMBED WRONG TARGET.

BOX II- FLT C - PNB : UNABLE TO LOCATE PRIMARY TARGET. BOMBED CASUAL TARGET NORTH OF PRIMARY, PRIMARY.

M. 1. 2 -- 100 PERCENT  
2. 0 -- 0 PERCENT  
3. 0 -- 0 PERCENT

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AUTH: CO STA 1-55  
DATE: 24 Dec. 1944  
INIT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

TO:

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

Ref : Cprep 4 No. 261-A for 24 hrs. ending midnight 23 Dec. 1944  
Mission or Operation No. 173 - 97th CGP FO 6101-680

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Gasweiler defended town  
Place of take-off Station 1-35  
Place of landing Station 1-35  
Take-off time 1427 Landing time 1702  
Time over target 1624 Bombing Altitude 11000  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather No cloud cover. None and fog in area. Visibility limited  
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## D. Total operational flying hours

## a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's - 18.15  
A-26's - 21.15

## b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

## E. Ammunition by calibres:

## a. Total carried into air

A-20's - 9,000 x .50 calibre

## b. Expended on operations

A-26's - 60,000 x .50 calibre

## c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

None

## F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

## a. Total carried into air:

A-20's - 20 x 250 GP - Flared 1/100 1/100

A-26's - 200 x 250 GP - Flared 1/100 1/100

A-26's - 4 x 1000 GP - Flared 1/100 1/100

A-26's - 4 x 250 GP - Incendiary

## b. Expended on operations:

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Incendiary

(List targets separately)

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Soften up

(Assessment on bottom of page)

A-26's - 30 x 250 GP - Incendiary

A-26's - 40 x 250 GP - Incendiary

## c. Jettisoned

None

## d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

## e. Total Returned

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP's

A-26's - 71 x 250 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:

A-20's - 50 x 250 GP - Soften up  
 A-26's - 4 x 1000 - Incendiary  
 A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Vicinity of Incendiary  
 A-26's - 30 x 250 GP - Vicinity of Incendiary  
 A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Fuel  
 A-26's - 35 x 250 GP - Fuel

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,  
 Capt in, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 01-680BOX 1 Flt 1 GROUP 418 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Arion

1. Method of Sighting:

~~Pre-set with corrections.~~

2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~xxxxx~~(flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

~~Pre-set with corrections. O-1 Auto-pilot not used.~~~~Bombardier misidentified target as a. Used river, railroad and town as check points. Thought he bombed primary. Bombed town of Arion southwest of briefed target area.~~5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. E. L. Moore6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. R. J. Horton7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 310 Ground Speed: 310 Altitude: 180009. Length of bomb run: 60 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-20 4 x 250 lb. GP FUSED 1/10 N  
A-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb. GP 1/10 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 52

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing: ~~No target pictures available for mission. Bombardier picked up town on 1 - 100,000 map which he thought was briefed target. Check points worked out and 2/3 bombed wrong target. Poor navigation.~~(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

~~Misidentification of target. Bombed wrong target.~~

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO XResults claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS PNE X

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## BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 101-680BOX I F12 2 GROUP 415 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED 8 affirm

## 1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

## 2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X4. Did entire ~~(box)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. C-1 Auto-pilot not used.Bombardier unable to locate briefed primary target. Flew out time from I.P. to target and then bombed canal target past the briefed target area.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. R. J. Paenett6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. R. E. Greenley7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 215 Altitude: 122009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec: \_\_\_\_\_10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-20 4 x 250 lb. G. FUSED 1/10 NA-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb G. 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 54

## 12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

None strike photos.

## (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Results claimed: EXCEL \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS \_\_\_\_\_

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B. C. FIELD ORDER NO. 101-680BOX IX 212 1 GROUP 416 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Maxweiler

## 1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

## 2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES        NO X4. Did entire ~~(box)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO       

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. C-1 Auto-pilot not used.Aimed at briefed aiming point.5. Name of lead Bombardier:       Lt. R. Gante      6. Name of lead Pilot:       Capt. R. A. Fulas      7. Intervalometer setting:       Minimum      8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 210 Altitude: 115009. Length of bomb run: 30 Sec:       10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-20 4 x 500 lb GP FUSED 1/10 NA-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb GP 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36

## 12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES        NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES        NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES        NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

No strike photos.

## (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO       Results claimed: EXCEL        GOOD        FAIR        POOR        GROSS       None. X        No strike photos.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 101-380BOX II 212 2 GROUP 418 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Casual in  
Vicinity of Waxweiler

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES        NO X4. Did entire ~~(box)~~ (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO       

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. G-1 Auto-pilot not used.Unable to locate briefed primary target. Flew out time from I.P. to target and bombed casual target beyond briefed target area.5. Name of lead Bombardier:       Lt. W. E. Braver      6. Name of lead Pilot:       Capt. P. J. Harrold      7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 214 Altitude: 117009. Length of bomb run: 25 Sec:10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-20 4 x 250 lb. GP FUSED 1/10 NA-20 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb. GP 1/40 T11. Total Bombs Dropped: 38-250 & 4-1000 A-20 4 x 1000 GP

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES         
NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES         
NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES        NO X. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?

None

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

No strike photos.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES        NO XResults claimed: EXCEL        GOOD        FAIR        POOR        GROSS       NO X UNAT. No strike photos.

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 101-380BOX II Flt 3 GROUP 418 DATE 23 Dec 1944 TARGET ATTACKED run

## 1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

## 2. Bombing approach:

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES        NO x4. Did entire (box) (flight) drop on lead bombardier? YES        NO       

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

Pre-set with corrections. C-1 Auto-pilot not used.Unable to locate briefed primary target. flew out time from I.P. to target and bombed casual target North of briefed primary.5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. J. Burg6. Name of lead Pilot: Capt. R. V. Winkels7. Intervalometer setting: Minimum8. Indicated Air Speed: 230 Ground Speed: 212 Altitude: 113009. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:       10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: A-26 8, 10, 12 x 250 lb. GP FUSED 1/10 N11. Total Bombs Dropped: 30 x 250 lb. GP 1/40 T

## 12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES        NO x. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
- (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES        NO x. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:
- (c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES        NO x. If answer is "YES" state to what extent did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:
- (d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
- (e) State any difficulties on bombing run:
- (f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:
- (g) Bombing results as reported by crews:
- Aimed at right Target: YES        NO x
- Results claimed: EXCEL        GOOD        FAIR        POOR        GROSS

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