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

AUTH: CO STA A-55
DATE: 3 Jan. 1945
INIT: *[Signature]*

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. 274 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 2 Jan. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 181 97th CBW FO 115-695

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Simmern Railroad Bridge
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55 (16 A/C landed at A-48)
Take-off time 0824 Landing time 1319
Time over target 1106-1121 1/2 Bombing Altitude 11600-12000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Slight ground haze. Visibility 5 miles. No clouds.
Results Excel. Excel. Excel. Superior. Superior
Enemy opposition Weak heavy inaccurate

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 9 A-20's
22 A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
9 A-20's Simmern Railroad Bridge
18 A-26's Simmern Railroad Bridge
3. Abortive due to: Other
 - (1) Weather: 2 A-26's crashed and exploded, and 1 A-26 belly landed due to frosting on wings in taxiing and on take-off.
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (4) Other: 1 A-26 reason undetermined.
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) None 3 cat 8 other
8. Sorties 9 A-20's
19 A-26's

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0-5614

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's 30:50

A-26's 40:35

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air

A-20's 13500 x .50 calibre

A-26's 48400 x .50 calibre

b. Expended on operations

None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

A-26's 4400 x .50 calibre

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air:

A-20's 36 x 500 GP's Fused 1/10M 1/100T

A-26's 88 x 1000 GP's Fused 1/10M 1/100T

b. Expended on operations:

A-20's 36 x 500 GP's

(List targets separately)

A-26's 72 x 1000 GP's

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

A-26's 8 x 1000 GP

e. Total Returned

A-26's 8 x 1000 GP

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
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
Injured	2					1	

One pilot and one T Gunner injured in belly landing of aircraft on take-off. One pilot injured by shrapnel of bombs from aircraft when it exploded after crash landing on take-off.

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

a. Destroyed

None

b. Prob. Des

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

George Schenkman,
Capt in, Air Corps,
Adjutant.