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HEADQUARTERS
116TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 294 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 22 January 1945
Mission or Operation No. 189 97th CBW F.O.# 135-715

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Simmern Railroad Bridge.
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55 (1-A-26 Landed A-58)
Take-off time 1121 Landing time 1452
Time over target 1314 - 1327 Bombing Altitude 13-15,000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 7/8 - 10's clouds in target area.
Results Unobserved.
Enemy opposition Nil meager inaccurate HFF at bombline on way out.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 9 - A-20's
28 - A-26's

*A-20-9-9-9-1
A-26-34-34-37 / 1 person - ill
6 other - mine*

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

6 - A-20's Simmern R/R Junction
27 - A-26's Simmern R/R Junction
3 - A-20's Window

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None

(2) Personnel: 1 A-26 pilot suffered vertigo (personnel)

(3) Mechanical: None

(4) Other: None

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 "A" Flak

8. Sorties 28 A-26's
9 A-20's

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(over)

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's - 91:55

A-26's - 100:55

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

A-20's 13,500 x .50 Calibre

a. Total carried into air

A-26's 61,600 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-20's 24 x 500 GP's Fused 1/10N 1/100T

A-26's 112 x 1000 GP's Fused 1/10N 1/100T

b. Expended on operations:

A-20's 24 x 500 GP's

(List targets separately) A-26's 106 x 1000 GP's

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

A-26's - 6 x 1000 GP's

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	B.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. Destroyed None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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