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

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

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

Ref: Cprep A No. 304 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 1 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 196 97th CBW FO# 147-728

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Schleiden
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55
Take-off time 1401 Landing time 1648
Time over target 1519 1/2 Bombing Altitude 12500
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 10/10's cloud cover over target area.
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 7 A-20's
14 A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

<u>3 A-20's</u>	<u>Window</u>
<u>3 A-20's</u>	<u>Schleiden</u>
<u>12 A-26's</u>	<u>Schleiden</u>
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: 1 A-20 - Pilot turned on wrong switches.
 - (3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 engine trouble
 - (4) Other: 1 A-26 - No irregularities found in investigation. Possible safety switch malfunction due to excessive humidity.
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
8. Sorties 7 A-20's
13 A-26's

(A-26) - 14-13-12-2 1 Mach (Eng)
1 Per (Err)

(A-20) 17-7-6-1 1 other (Mac)

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20's 19:50
A-26's 39:50

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20's 10500 x .50 calibre
A-26's 30800 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 16 x 250 GP's Fused 1/10W 1/40T
A-26's 196 x 250 GP's Fused 1/10W 1/40T

b. Expended on operations: A-20's 12 x 250 GP's
 (List targets separately) A-26's 168 x 250 GP's

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 28 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. Dcs None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

Amendment to Opreps 297: (Par F (b) delete bombs on FNB and Add to par F (c).

Delete 1 A-20 and 2 A-26's from par. 2.

Add 1 A-20 to par 3 (h) premature release-Pilot's release button from causing bombs to release prematurely.

Add - 2 A-26's to par 3 (h) leader released prematurely.

Amendment to Opreps 295 and 295A:

Par D (a) Opreps 295 - Operational Hours 17:25

Par D (a) Opreps 295A - Operational Hours 17:50

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