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GENERAL INDEX

TARGET UNNA ORD. DEPOT DATE 28/2/45 NO./A/C 41 MISS.# 217  
COORD. A-966299 F.O.# 769 STATUS ATTACKED  
BRIEFING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

**P.R.C.**

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 17/27 OP OF

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2246A  
TO : COMBOMDIV IX  
409TH BOMB GROUP.  
410TH BOMB GROUP.  
416TH BOMB GROUP.

FX 682

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/ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER.

ADVANCED INFORMATION OF PARA. 5 (COMMUNICATIONS) OF F.O. TO FOLLOW:

- 5. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
    - (2) WAYSIDE
    - (3) SHUTDOWN
    - (4) RIPSAW
  - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
    - (2) PEDLAR
    - (3) POKER
    - (4) RIPSAW
  - C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
    - (2) SKINDEEP
    - (3) JUDITH
    - (4) RIPSAW

COMBATWIC 97  
BT 27/2246A

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| UCD | AR |          |          |
| ITA | R  | 27/2236A | EG AROTF |
| JES | R  | 27/2236A | JW AR    |
| JKI | R  | 27/2236A | UFG AR   |
| JPO | R  | 27/2236A | DD AR    |



ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 18/27 OP-OP  
T-ITA PASS TO JJF

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 27/2330A  
TO : COMBOMDIV IX  
409TH BOMB GROUP.  
410TH BOMB GROUP.  
416TH BOMB GROUP.  
1ST PROV, PATHFINDER SQDN.

*FX684*  
*0050*  
*28 Feb*  
*SAL*

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

F-247-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769.

- (1) TARGET: UNNA ORDNARCE DEPOT AT A-966298. TAGET GN-5809 OR 5107E/4412/F/1. FOR DESCRIPTION OF TARGET, SEE INFORMATION SHEET IN THESE FILES.
- (2) WITH THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE AND THE TARGET BEING THE KEY DEPOT SUPPLYING ADVANCE DEPOTS OR THE WESTERN FRONT, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ATTACK IS EVIDENT. ALL THREE GROUPS OF THE 97TH WING ARE TO ATTACK THIS TARGET UNDER PLAN "A" OR "B", AND NO OTHER GROUPS WILL ATTACK. A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK MIGHT WELL HAVE FOR REACHING CONSEQUENCES.

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(3) PHOTO COVERAGE

----- BB 73 PRINT 8093 AND 8094  
BB 72 PRINT 9070  
5107E/4412 AND 4412/1  
3(K) 34/2 AND 34/1

THE 409TH OGROUP HAS ITS OWN STRIKE ATTACK PHOTOS OF FEB, 16.

(4) FLAK. ON FEBRUARY 16TH THIS TARGET WAS ATTACKED UNDER TWO TO FIVE TENTHS CLOUD. BY THE 409TH -416TH AND 386 GROUPS THE 409TH REPORTED INTERSE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET AND LOST THREE SHIPS. THE 416TH REPORTED CONTIOUS MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK FROM COESFELD (A-610700) TO TARGET AND BACK, WITH THREE SHIPS MISSING (INCLUDING ONE PPF) THE 386TH REPORTED MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET, AT HALTERN (A-623508), HAMM (B-060433), MUNSTER (A-925740), AND ~~XXXXXX~~ BETWEEN HAMM AND SOEST, LOSING ONE HIP NEAR MUNSTER.

COMCBTWIG 97  
BT 27/2330A

WCB AS AR

ITA R.....28/0021A CLEV AR K

JES R.....

JKI R.....28/0021A RSS AR K

JPO R.....&28/0021A JHS AR KK

HVTO

GROUPS COME IN PLS ITA ARE YOU THERE PL

GIVE ME THE FIRST LINE OF AFTER PHOTO COVER AGE

HERE IT IS

PHOTO COVERAGE

----- BB 73 PRINT 8093A



ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 01/28 (INFO)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0005A  
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416

*FX 683*  
*0050*  
*28 Jul SAC*

BT

ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICERS

SUPPLEMENT TO ADVANCED INFO COPY OF PAR. 5. OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

ADD:

5. X. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(11) LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORTS USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE YOUR MISSION". IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT IS NOT MADE, THREE GREEN FLARES WILL BE FIRED.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0005A

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|-----------------|-------------|-----|----|--|
| ITA R . . . . . | 28/0025A    | JP  | AR |  |
| JES R . . . . . | 3//28/0025A | EJK | AR |  |
| JKI R . . . . . | 28/0025A    | RSS | AR |  |
| JPO R . . . . . | 28/0025A    | JHS | AR |  |

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ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA J 02/28 OP OP  
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0055A  
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

*FX 686*

*Paul*

*28/0210*

BT

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

F-248-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

1. PHOTO COVERAGE:

----- SEE US 10/D749 WHICH GIVES PRESENT STATUS OF TARGET,  
AS A RESULT OF ATTACK ON FEBRUARY 16. VERY LITTLE DAMAGE APPEARS.

2. THE FLAK INFORMATION GIVEN FROM THE LAST ATTACK WAS BASED ON A ROUTE COMING IN FROM THE NORTH. THE ROUTE FROM THIS MISSION SEEMS CONSIDERABLY BETTER, AND HAS BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY FOR ATTACKS ON BERG GLADBACH (JUST EAST OF KOLN). ACCURATE NAVIGATION IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID TRIER AND TO KEEP MIDWAY BETWEEN COBLENZ AND LIMBURG. IN THE TARGET AREA, DORTMUND AND HAMM MUST BE AVOIDED. THE RIGHT TURN OFF TARGET IS PREFERRED AS IT IS TURNING AWAY FROM THE STRONGER AREA, BUT THIS TURN MUST AVOID HAMM TO BE COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL. THE ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB THE FLAK POSITIONS AT UNNA IN THE IMMEDIATE TARGET AREA, AND THIS SHOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0055A

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| ITA R . . . . . |          |          |     |    |  |
| JES R . . . . . | 28/1XX   | 28/0130A | JAB | AR |  |
| JKI R . . . . . | 28/0130A | RSS      | AR  |    |  |
| JPO R . . . . . | 28/0130A | JHS      | AR  |    |  |

ITA JJF JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 04/28 OP OP  
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0235A  
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE  
COBOMGPS 409, 410, 416  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

*FX 689*

*0305  
28 Feb  
SAC*

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 140  
28 FEBRUARY 1945

F-250-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 184-769

AMMEND PAR. 5. X. (11) TO READ:

FIGHTER ESCORT WILL DIVE BOMB ENEMY FLAK BATTERIES IN TARGET AREA.  
LEADERS OF EACH GROUP WILL CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE ESCORT AT THE I P  
USING C/S AS ABOVE ON CHANNEL C/C AND TRANSMIT "COMPLETE YOUR MISSION".  
IN THE EVENT R/T CONTACT CANNOT BE MADE WITH FIGHTER ESCORT, GROUP  
LEADERS WILL FIRE THREE GREEN FLARES AT THE I P AS A SIGNAL FOR  
FIGHTER ESCORT TO BEGIN THEIR ATTACKS.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0235A

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| ITA R . . . . . | 28/0244A | HCB | AR |
| JES R . . . . . | 28/0244A | JAB | AR |
| JKI R . . . . . | 28/0244A | RSS | AR |
| JPO R . . . . . | 28/0244A | JHS | AR |



ITA JPO JES JKI JJF V JEA 06/2E OP - OP  
T (ITA PASS JJF)

*FX 675 Dist*  
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*3*  
*317*

FROM 97 COMBAT BOMB WING 28/0910A  
TO COMBOM DIV IX  
410 COBOMGP  
409 COBOMGP  
416 COBOMGP  
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQD.

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

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 140  
28 FEBRUARY 1945

ANNEX NO 2. TO F.O. 184- 769 F-251-E

ADD TO PAR 1. B (2)  
2ND T.AF. SPITFIRES WILL FURNISH AREA COVER IN TARGET AREA.

CANCEL PLAN "A" PLAN "B" IN EFFECT.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 28/0910A  
AR SH  
ITA R.....28/0937A LBC AR  
JES R.....28/0937A JMB AR  
JPO R.....28/0937A SK AR  
JKI R.....28/0937A WJF BB TO ITA

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1/3

FLIGHT PLAN & RECORD

ACT. BOARD IN DATA

| FROM     | TO   | CH   | ETA | T.C. | DR. | TH. | VAR. | M.H.  | ALT. | TAS | C.S. | DIST. | TIME | ETA | PIREMARKS | BOMBING IN |          |        | ALTIMETER READING |             |      |      |       |
|----------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|-----|------|-------|------|-----|-----------|------------|----------|--------|-------------------|-------------|------|------|-------|
|          |      |      |     |      |     |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |      |     |           | START TIME | END TIME | TARGET | RAILY POINT       | POBLINE OUT | I.P. | BASE | REMD. |
| 185      | 1644 | 1644 | 172 | +6   | 178 | +7  | 185  | 115-4 | 210  | 286 | 255  | 6     | 1629 |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |
| 276      | 1650 | 1648 | 270 | -1   | 269 | +7  | 276  | ↑     | 230  | 286 | 375  | 10    | 1639 |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |
| 276      | 1715 | 1715 | 270 | -2   | 268 | +8  | 276  | ↑     | 230  | 286 | 108  | 27    | 1706 |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |
| 304      |      |      |     |      |     |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |      |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |
| 158      |      |      |     |      |     |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |      |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |
| 261      |      |      |     |      |     |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |      |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |
| 3407-449 |      |      |     |      |     |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |      |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |
| 3405 465 |      |      |     |      |     |     |      |       |      |     |      |       |      |     |           |            |          |        |                   |             |      |      |       |

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| FROM               | POSITION TO  | OH          | T.M.        | ATA  | T.C.        | DR. | TH.         | VAR. | M.H.        | ALT. T. | TWS         | G.S. | DIST.       | TO RUN TIME | ETA         | ACT. BOB P.N/D/TA               |         |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|-----|-------------|------|-------------|---------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|
|                    |              |             |             |      |             |     |             |      |             |         |             |      |             |             |             | BASE F.D.                       | HEADING |
| PILOT J. J. J.     |              | START IN.   | BOBLINE IN  |      | BOBLINE IN  |     | BOBLINE IN  |      | BOBLINE IN  |         | BOBLINE IN  |      | BOBLINE IN  |             | BOBLINE IN  |                                 |         |
| NAV CAPTOR HARVEST |              | PLAT OFF    | T.P.        |      | T.P.        |     | T.P.        |      | T.P.        |         | T.P.        |      | T.P.        |             | T.P.        |                                 |         |
| PLANE              |              | TYPE OF     | TARGET      |      | TARGET      |     | TARGET      |      | TARGET      |         | TARGET      |      | TARGET      |             | TARGET      |                                 |         |
| DISSTON            |              | FROM COURSE | PLATY POINT |      | PLATY POINT |     | PLATY POINT |      | PLATY POINT |         | PLATY POINT |      | PLATY POINT |             | PLATY POINT |                                 |         |
| DATE               |              | READ ZWINGS | BOBLINE OUT |      | BOBLINE OUT |     | BOBLINE OUT |      | BOBLINE OUT |         | BOBLINE OUT |      | BOBLINE OUT |             | BOBLINE OUT |                                 |         |
| Base               | Luxemburg    | 101         | 1420        | 1445 | 090         | +3  | 93          | +8   | 101         | 10      | 190         | 239  | 108         | 27          | 1455        | 5000 m. change at Refuel - 1510 |         |
|                    | 49°37'06.57" | 96          | 1505        | 1506 | 090         | -1  | 89          | +7   | 96          | 135     | 200         | 276  | 375         | 8.5         | 1504        | change course 1710-090          |         |
|                    | WITTLICK     | 951         | 1510        | 1510 | 352         | -7  | 845         | +7   | 352         |         |             | 248  | 255         | 6           | 1510        | OK check over                   |         |
|                    | WIE BREMAN   | 57          | 1518        | 1515 | 054         | +3  | 51          | +6   | 57          |         |             | 274  | 15          | 3.5         | 1518        | is almost out of range          |         |
|                    | MAUSTATTEN   | 85          | 1524        | 1525 | 079         | 0   | 79          | +6   | 85          |         |             | 277  | 32.5        | 7           | 1520.5      | Snowfall glare                  |         |
|                    | 50°26'09.55" | 08          | 1534        | 1539 | 008         | -6  | 002         | +6   | 008         |         |             | 256  | 17          | 4           | 1545        | Door open -                     |         |
|                    | WIE OUNSEN   | 011         | 1541        | 1538 | 011         | -6  | 005         | +6   | 011         |         |             | 257  | 52          | 12          | 1546.5      | <del>SNOWBALL</del>             |         |
|                    | TARGET       | 933         | 1550        | 1550 | 323         | -6  | 917         | +6   | 328         | 135     | 264         | 234  | 33          | 8.5         | 1548        |                                 |         |
|                    | AENSBERE     | 145         | 1550        | 1550 | 134         | +5  | 139         | +6   | 145         | 115     | 210         | 229  | 20          | 4.5         | 1549.5      |                                 |         |
|                    | SIEGELNS     | 198         | 1610        | 1610 | 186         | +6  | 192         | +6   | 198         |         |             | 244  | 67          | 16.5        | 1606        |                                 |         |
|                    | MAUSTATTEN   | 200         | 1619        | 1623 | 188         | +6  | 194         | +6   | 200         |         |             | 242  | 17          | 4.5         | 1605        |                                 |         |
|                    | WIE BREMAN   | 905         | 1628        | 1629 | 259         | 0   | 259         | +6   | 265         |         |             | 225  | 32.5        | 8.5         | 1619        |                                 |         |
|                    | WITTLICK     | 244         | 1638        | 1634 | 234         | +3  | 237         | +7   | 244         |         |             | 228  | 15          | 4           | 1623        |                                 |         |
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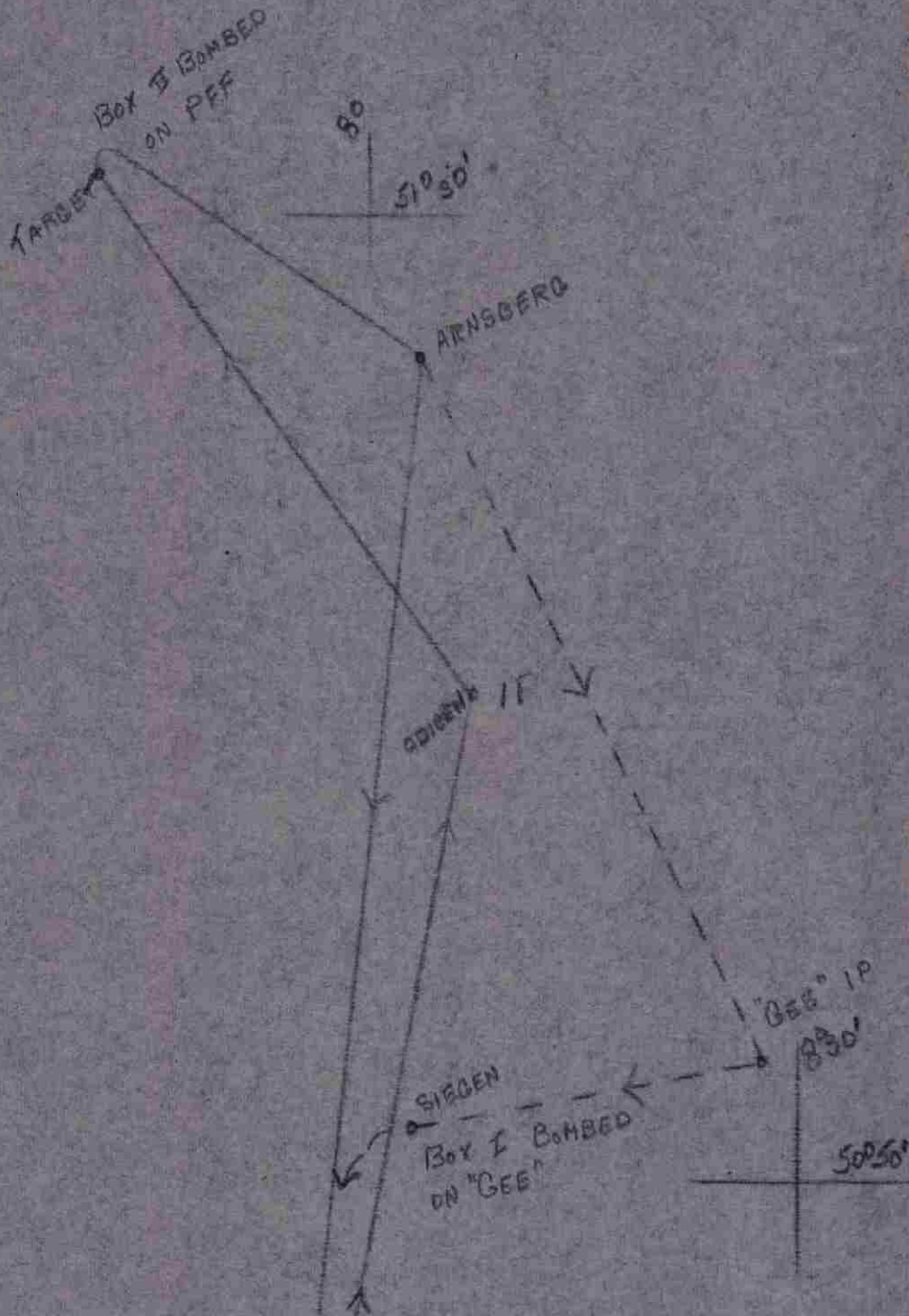
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# GEE FIXES

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|---------------------------------|
| 415' PFF (L)                    |
| 28 FEB 1945 FD 184-769          |
| TARGET UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT      |
| KOT L x I - 1610                |
| KOT L x II - 1548 1/2           |
| Alt: Box I 12,300 Box II 12,500 |
| 3 WINDOW A/C Flow               |
| WEATHER 10% CLOUDS              |
| 2 BOXES OF 18 AC                |

SECRET



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Description & Date Signal Corps U.S. Army

Chart ML-167, Atmospheric Cross Section

Target / 28 Feb 1945

ISA/Oct 2003/Edition 4 (Test)

Zero 1200  
Target 2A 966298

From ops at 2400  
SAZ  
Transposed from Linder  
Checked w/ FO at 0215

PLAN A

FR 29TAC at 0-20

Base to <sup>LUXEMBOURG</sup> P 8413 (FR) to <sup>RJ South of BIERFELD</sup> L 4313 - <sup>WITTLICH</sup> L 3954  
to <sup>EDIGER</sup> L 5767 to <sup>NASTATTEN</sup> M 0978 to <sup>HOLBACH</sup> G 1205  
to <sup>ARNSBERG</sup> B 2311 (IP) to target - Right turn  
to <sup>ARNSBERG</sup> B 2311 (RP) and retrace.

MPI Illus (K) (34) / 2

409 & 410 20 minutes ahead.

In case no fighter rendezvous - alternate target -

PLAN B

Zero 1300

FR 29TAC 0+14

TOT Zero +65

Base to <sup>LUXEMBOURG</sup> P 8413 to <sup>RJ. South of BIERFELD</sup> L 4313 to <sup>WITTLICH</sup> L 3954  
to <sup>EDIGER</sup> L 5767 to <sup>NASTATTEN</sup> M 0978 to <sup>HOLBACH</sup> G 1205  
to <sup>ODINGEN</sup> G 2887 to target - Right turn  
to <sup>ARNSBERG</sup> B 2311 to G 1205 and retrace.

PPF Ref. GSGS

96472970

1. MPI'S UNDER PLAN 'A'

Illustration 3(K) 34/2 one flight on each of the following references

00 98 0155

01 60 20

03 05 0270

040 032

Two flights on each of the following references

024 024

041 025

2. Alternate target in the event fighter rendezvous is not made

BIRKENFELD L 5917

MPI's



MISSION NO. 217

LOADING LIST

28 FEBRUARY 1945

BOX I  
FLIGHT I

1. 501 W  
Major L.F. Dunn  
Lt. W.E. Brewer  
Lt. A.H. Malthy  
Col. T.R. Aylesworth  
S/S S.J. Majewski

4. 330 P  
Lt. W. Mingsrove  
S/S M. Kicker

2. 492 E  
Lt. J.R. Blomgren  
Lt. G.G. Johnson  
S/S L.R. Fleming

5. 307 H  
Lt. R. Ford  
Cpl D.J. Murro

3. 416 O  
Lt. E.G. Bishop  
Sgt M.C. Harriss

6. 286 B  
Lt. A.R. Turman  
S/S L.L. Leahigh

FLIGHT II

1. 505 Y  
Capt. G.B. Stanley  
F/O J.H. Blount  
Sgt J.G. Esburn

4. 209 H  
Lt. F.H. Parker  
S/S S. Kochen  
Lt. L.R. Zimet

2. 508 Z  
Lt. O.F. Jacobsen  
F/O L.M. Harvest  
Sgt A. Pettinocchi

5. 305 V  
Lt. J.C. Blavins  
Pvt D. Hawk

3. 325 L  
Lt. W.L. Hale  
S/S J.F. Geyer

6. 361 H  
Lt. W.H. Laster  
Sgt R.M. Cross

FLIGHT III

1. 481 P-1  
Capt. G.J. Andersen  
Lt. W. Babbage  
S/S P.G. Egan

4. 274 S  
Lt. L.J. Frucha  
E/S G.G. Wilson

2. 495 G  
Lt. R.G. Buchanan  
S/S G.L. Galbreath

5. 385 D-1  
F/O H.G. Quibel  
Sgt L.J. Gracco

3. 321 T  
Lt. J.H. Carver  
Sgt A.B. Stewart

6. 378 C-1  
Lt. W.L. Annin  
Sgt J.L. Pauker

SPARE

394 G-1  
Lt. J.C. Sewell  
Sgt D.B. Richards

MISSION

1. 498 R  
Lt. W.R. Heike  
Lt. M.C. McHatt  
Sgt G.R. Van Wert  
S/S A. Toran

2. 213 A  
Lt. W.A. Merchant  
Sgt J.J. Ruskiewich  
Sgt V.S. Stypenski

3. 229 B  
Lt. E.R. Hayter  
S/S F.P. Bedford  
S/Mgt. A.A. Dalton

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LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

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- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. 509 I<br>Lt. R.J. Rooney<br>Lt. R.L. Kirk<br>Lt. O.R. Koch<br>Sgt R.J. Kamischko | 4. 215 B<br>Lt. J.R. Warren<br>Sgt O.C. Stroup      |
| 2. 499 G<br>Lt. J.J. Lackovich<br>Lt. R.C. Muir<br>S/Sgt T. Connery                 | 5. 224 E<br>Lt. J.F. Stankowski<br>Lt. A.R. Kimball |
| 3. 2315 L<br>Capt. R.O. Grustzowacher<br>S/S W.L. Kidd<br>S/S J.J. Ricketsen        | 6. 320 S<br>Lt. J.F. Wallace<br>Sgt R. Plant        |

## FLIGHT II

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. 497 E-1<br>Capt. R.J. Futt<br>Lt. J.T. Beck<br>Sgt W. Wood | 4. 249 F<br>Capt. L.J. Sutton<br>Sgt C.K. Garkin |
| 2. 300 K<br>Lt. W.R. Jenkins<br>Sgt E.J. Croeden              | 5. 297 I<br>Lt. G.L. Milhorn<br>Sgt D. Ghast     |
| 3. 239 N<br>Lt. F.W. Henderson<br>S/S R.G. Schren             | 6. 332 F<br>Lt. D.A. Fero<br>S/S T. A. Skelton   |

## FLIGHT III

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. 521 N-1<br>Capt. B.D. Stebbins<br>Lt. A.S. Calleyway<br>S/S W.J. Brown | 4. 914 H<br>Lt. M.W. DuBose<br>S/S D.L. Griffin     |
| 2. 344 G<br>Lt. S.C. Martin<br>Sgt L.B. Draft                             | 5. 354 S<br>Lt. R.H. Mackley<br>Sgt H.A. Koens      |
| 3. 252 D<br>Lt. C.M. Anderson<br>Sgt J.H. Deatherage                      | 6. 271 N-1<br>Lt. A.W. Doyner<br>Sgt R.W. Gillespie |

## SPARE

9315 F-1  
F/O J.A. Green  
Sgt A. Subjalke

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PILOT *Brucha* A/C# *274* BOX *I*

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : |                 | ON SECOND                | BATTLE DAMAGE           |                     |                   |
|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|         | <u><i>6</i></u> | <u><i>X 500</i></u>      | <u><i>ON SECOND</i></u> | <u><i>"A-C"</i></u> | <u><i>"E"</i></u> |
|         | <u><i>X</i></u> | <u><i>RETURNED</i></u>   |                         |                     |                   |
|         | <u><i>X</i></u> | <u><i>JETTISONED</i></u> |                         |                     |                   |

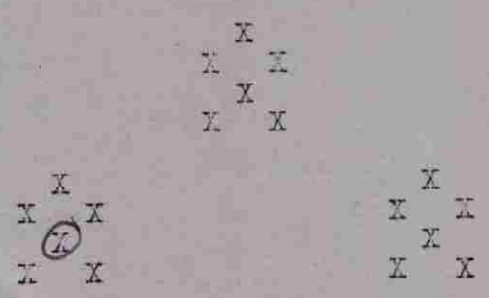
FLK: *1 burst near trees*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*10,000 clouds*  
*WOK*

POSITION BY FORMATION



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PILOT Bishop A/C# 416 BOX F

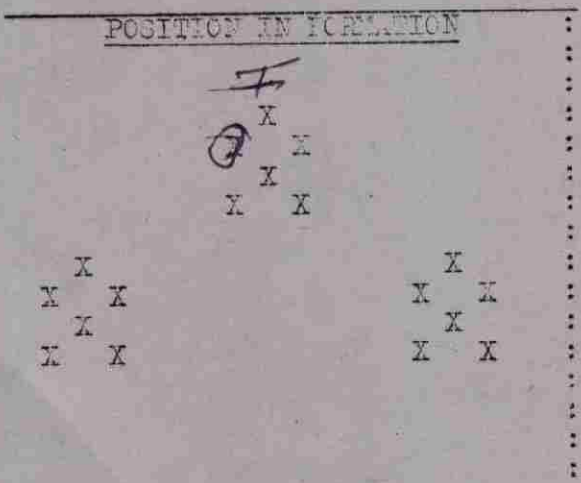
CASUALTIES nil

|         |                |                  |               |       |     |
|---------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| BOBBS : | <u>6-7-500</u> | ON <u>Seigen</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |       |     |
|         | <u>X</u>       | RETURNED         | " "           | "A-C" | "E" |
|         | <u>X</u>       | JETTISONED       |               |       |     |

FLAK: one burst at bomb line - 3 mile off to left -  
 German observe flak at other formations 3 mile  
 to each side of course 1 minute after making  
 1st turn in Germany -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: ~~was believed to be a jet smoke~~  
~~cloud~~

OBSERVATIONS: 5 minutes from field - 1701 - lots of  
 black smoke + something burning in open  
 field.  
 white trail of smoke in left area.



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CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

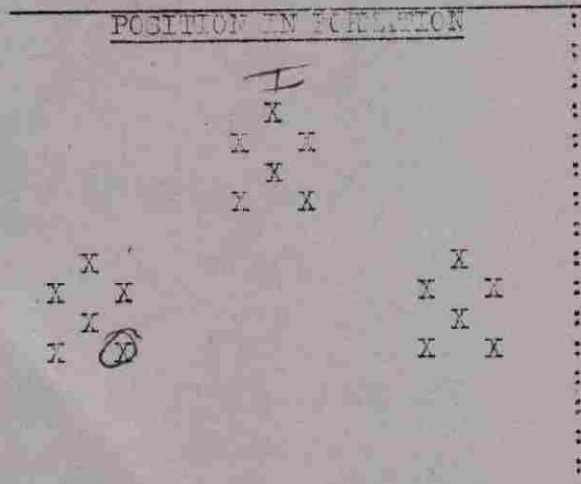
| BOMBS :        | ON                | BATTLE DAMAGE | "L-C" | "E" |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>6 X 500</u> | <u>ON Serjien</u> | :""           | :""   | :"" |
| <u>X</u>       | RETURNED          | :             | :     | :   |
| <u>X</u>       | JETTISONED        | :             | :     | :   |

FLAK: nil -

saw some of another formation  
Saw something like white ball pass up by nose of plane -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil -

OBSERVATIONS:



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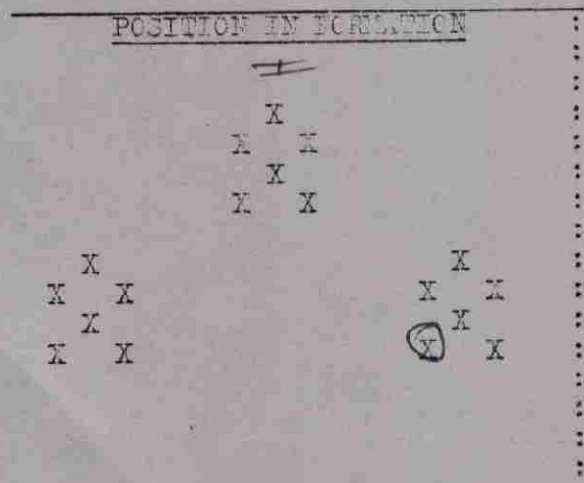
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

|         |          |             |                  |               |  |       |     |
|---------|----------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>1500</u> | ON <u>Seigen</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |  |       |     |
|         | X        |             | RETURNED         |               |  | "A-C" | "E" |
|         | X        |             | JETTISONED       |               |  |       |     |

FLY: in at another formation -  
now at the formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Lord

A/C# 307

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BOMBS :

6 1500 <sup>inc.</sup> ON Seigen

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

"A-C"

"E"

FLAK:

observed flak at 1530 - at another formation N.W.  
25 miles -  
Phosphorus flak -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      F
      X
     X X
      X X
     X (X)

    X   X
   X X
  X   X

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PILOT Buchanan A/C# 495 BOX I

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

|         |          |                 |            |   |               |   |       |   |     |
|---------|----------|-----------------|------------|---|---------------|---|-------|---|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X 500 lb</u> | <u>Sec</u> | : | BATTLE DAMAGE | : | "I-C" | : | "E" |
|         | X        |                 | RETURNED   | : |               | : |       | : |     |
|         | X        |                 | JETTISONED | : |               | : |       | : |     |

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Ammin A/C# 348 BOX I

CASUALTIES

|         |                              |               |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------|
| BOMBS : | <u>4 1500 INCH Secondary</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |
|         | X RETURNED                   | "A-C" : "E"   |
|         | X JETTISONED                 |               |

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION BY COORDINATE

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | X |   |   |
|   | X |   | X |   |
|   |   | X |   |   |
|   | X |   | X |   |
| X | X |   | X | X |
|   | X |   | X |   |
| ⊙ | X |   | X | X |

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PILOT *Lester* A/C# *361* BOX *I*

CASUALTIES

|         |  |               |   |       |     |
|---------|--|---------------|---|-------|-----|
| BOBBS : | <u><i>6</i></u> <u><i>500<sup>sec</sup></i></u> <u><i>ON</i></u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |   |       |     |
|         | X  | RETURNED      | : | "A-C" | "E" |
|         | X  | JETTISONED    | : | _____ |     |

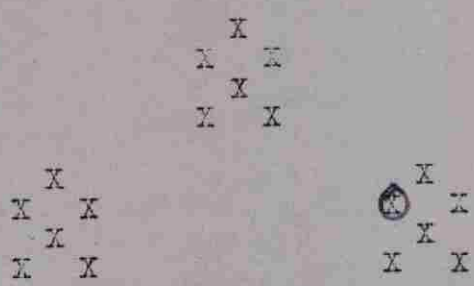
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

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POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Blevins A/C# 305 BOX I

CASUALTIES

|         |          |          |             |           |             |               |            |  |     |
|---------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|--|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>und.</u> | <u>ON</u> | <u>Sec.</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | <u>nil</u> |  |     |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |             |           | RETURNED    |               | "I-C"      |  | "E" |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |             |           | JETTISONED  |               |            |  |     |

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil.

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN CORRELATION

```

      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 Tarman A/C# 286 BOX I

CASUALTIES

|         |            |                  |               |            |     |  |
|---------|------------|------------------|---------------|------------|-----|--|
| BOEBS : | <u>6</u> X | ON <u>Search</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | <u>nil</u> |     |  |
|         | X          | RETURNED         | " "           | "A-C"      | "E" |  |
|         | X          | JETTISONED       |               |            |     |  |

FLAK:

nil

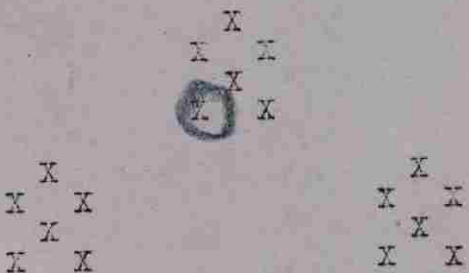
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Sold account

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PILOT Lawell A/C# 334 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 x 500 lb incend : BATTLE DAMAGE  
 " " : " " : "A-C" : "E"  
Fl : X : RETURNED : nil  
Leaves : X : STEEL-EN :  
 : X : JETTISONED :

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

Two runs  
PT  
AT

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 Steady A/C# 505 BOX I

CASUALTIES nil

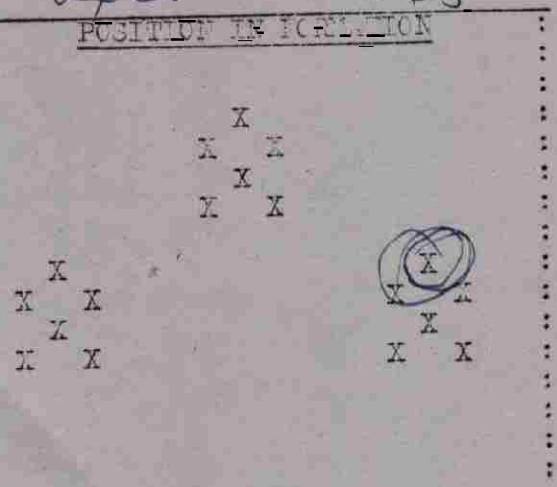
|         |          |          |            |                   |            |               |       |     |  |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|--|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>Incendiary</u> | ON         | BATTLE DAMAGE |       |     |  |
|         |          | <u>X</u> | <u>on</u>  | <u>Siegen</u>     | RETURNED   |               | "A-C" | "E" |  |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |            |                   | JETTISONED |               |       |     |  |

FLAK: 1 burst over bombline en route to target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: Did not bomb primary - apparent PPF failure on P.T. run. So bombed secondary on GEE - 15 secs after bombs went away at 1610 - GEE fix was 4.7 - 34.0 - so apparently hit town of SIEGEN  
GEE jam over P.T.

TOT 1610  
 alt 12,300  
 afis 2650 mag



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PILOT Parker A/C# 209 BOX F

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : |          |          | BATTLE DAMAGE |            |                       |
|---------|----------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|
|         | <u>6</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>500</u>    | ON         | <u>2<sup>nd</sup></u> |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |               | RETURNED   |                       |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |               | JETTISONED |                       |

FLAK:

*20 bursts inacc. probably of bomb line (1520 hrs)*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Saw buildings burning (1644 hrs) on route out*

*10/10*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X

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(X)

*Park*

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PILOT Cover A/C# 331 BOX I

CASUALTIES

|         |          |              |               |               |              |            |
|---------|----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X 500</u> | ON <u>2nd</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |              |            |
|         |          | <u>X</u>     | RETURNED      |               | <u>"I-C"</u> | <u>"E"</u> |
|         |          | <u>X</u>     | JETTISONED    |               |              |            |

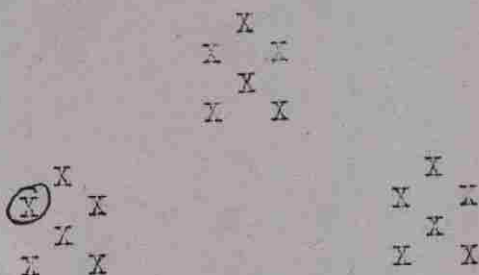
FLAK: burst on way back probably of bomb line.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

1 run dropped on sea  
solid overcast

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Capt. [Signature] A/C# 481 BOX F

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS :  |             | BATTLE DAMAGE    | "A-C" | "E" |
|----------|-------------|------------------|-------|-----|
| <u>6</u> | <u>1500</u> | <u>ON second</u> |       |     |
| X        |             | RETURNED         |       |     |
| X        |             | JETTISONED       |       |     |

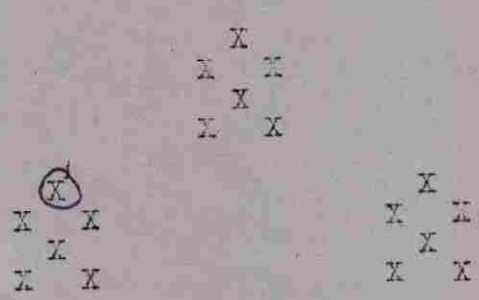
FLYK: 1 burst near trees

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Bombed on box leader on secondary. Good pattern of bombs 14/10 clouds. no obs on ground.

f.o.t. - 1610 at Siegen  
alt. 12500 - 210145 -  
2640 heading.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Sumner

W/C# 501

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CASUALTIES

| BOMBS :  |                        | BATTLE DAMAGE |       |     |
|----------|------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|
|          |                        | "A"           | "I-C" | "E" |
| <u>6</u> | <u>X 500 ON second</u> |               |       |     |
| <u>X</u> | RETURNED               |               |       |     |
| <u>X</u> | JETTISONED             |               |       |     |

FLAK: 2 burst & tracer

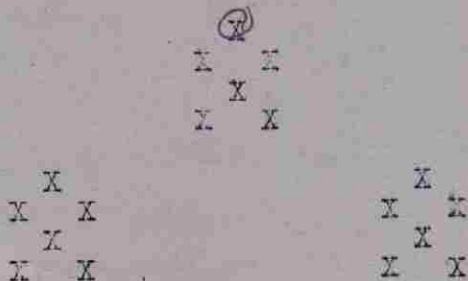
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: cloud break near target  
1410 clouds most all the way  
D rapped on Bee by ropes.  
2nd bat PFF worked.  
PFF did contact bat leaders when he turned off  
before target at release point. Did not have  
time to make Bee run on primary.

t.o.t. - 1610  
alt. - 12300 - 265° heading 200!AS.

Could not obs. bomb bursts.

POSITION IN CORRELATION



PFF briefed to make contact with G.S.S.

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PILOT Jackson A/C# 508 BOX I

CASUALTIES

|         |          |          |            |                  |               |  |       |     |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|------------------|---------------|--|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>500</u> | ON <u>Second</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |  |       |     |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |            | RETURNED         |               |  | "A-C" | "E" |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |            | JETTISONED       |               |  |       |     |

FLK: X-

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

2 Cheveuges - O-935-230

OBSERVATIONS:

So of Chermery - & So  
Sedan A-76 Crashed + Burning

49°40' N- 090°54' E  
1520 - White snow balls  
TOT 1610 - Banded on Geo  
Alt 17500 260° heading

10/10 - cover

POSITION IN TERRITORY

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

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PILOT Musgrave A/C# 330 BOX I

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS :  |          | ON SECONDARY | BATTLE DAMAGE | "A-C" | "E" |
|----------|----------|--------------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <u>6</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>500</u>   |               |       |     |
|          | <u>X</u> | RETURNED     |               |       |     |
|          | <u>X</u> | JETTISONED   |               |       |     |

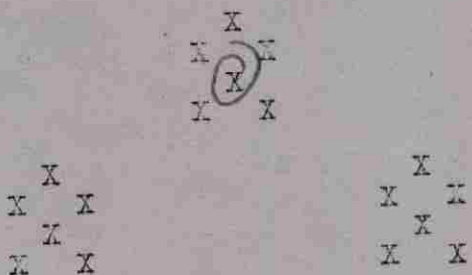
FLAK: 2 bursts - white, between Coblenz, on turn to ~~the~~ left - on way in.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 - Cover

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Blomgren

A/C# 492

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CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

|         |          |   |            |                     |               |   |       |     |
|---------|----------|---|------------|---------------------|---------------|---|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | X | <u>500</u> | ON <u>Secondary</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | X |       |     |
|         |          | X |            | RETURNED            |               |   | "A-C" | "E" |
|         |          | X |            | JETTISONED          |               |   |       |     |

FLK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 - cover

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

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PILOT Milham A/C# 299 BOX II

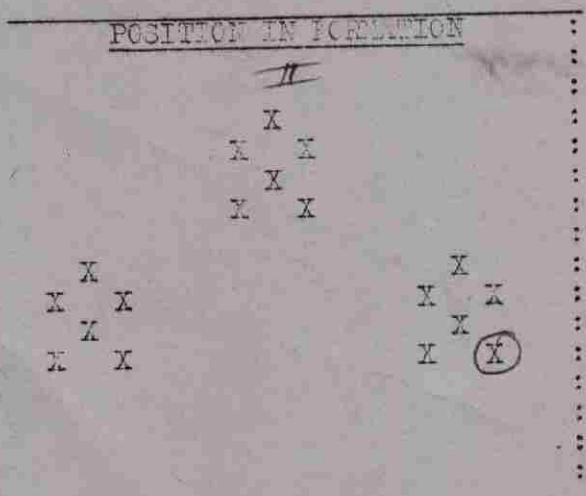
CASUALTIES nil

| BOMBS :              | ON Primary        | BATTLE DAMAGE | "A" | "I-C" | "E" |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----|-------|-----|
| <u>6</u> <u>2500</u> | <u>ON Primary</u> |               |     |       |     |
| <u>X</u>             | RETURNED          |               |     |       |     |
| <u>X</u>             | JETTISONED        |               |     |       |     |

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil



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PILOT Johnson s/c# 300 BOX II

CASUALTIES

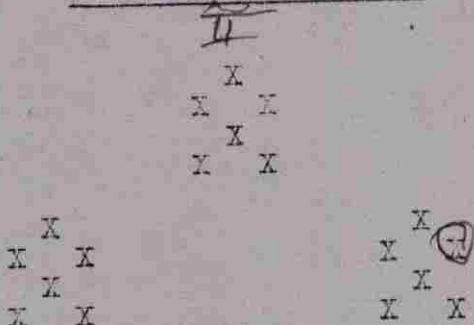
| BOMBS : | 6 500 | ON Primary | BATTLE DAMAGE | "A-C" | "E" |
|---------|-------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
|         | X     | RETURNED   | :             | :     | :   |
|         | X     | JETTISONED | :             | :     | :   |

FLAK: out at lgt - saw some off to left 10 miles at  
time.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: observed trail from jet in  
- lgt area -

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Laskovich W/C# 499 BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |          |          |              |   |               |   |       |   |     |
|---------|----------|----------|--------------|---|---------------|---|-------|---|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X</u> | ON <u>P.</u> | : | BATTLE DAMAGE | : | "L-C" | : | "E" |
|         |          | <u>X</u> | RETURNED     | : |               | : |       | : |     |
|         |          | <u>X</u> | JETTISONED   | : |               | : |       | : |     |

FLAK: 1 Burst at Bl. (off course)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

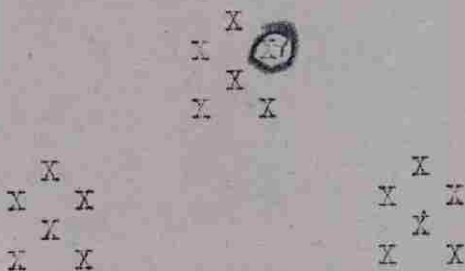
OBSERVATIONS:

on PPF Good lead  
ETA - (abt 1548)  
2 minutes late

Brown - below plane burning  
a ground fueler  
+ engine

Fighters reported  
on radio - com

POSITION IN FORMATION



TOT - 1548 1/2  
alt - 12600.

200 MPH

Shender

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PILOT Warren A/C# 215 BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |            |                 |               |            |     |  |
|---------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----|--|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> X | ON <u>Prong</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | <u>Nil</u> |     |  |
|         | X          | RETURNED        | " "           | "I-C"      | "E" |  |
|         | X          | JETTISONED      |               |            |     |  |

FLAK: Nil

at 1522 heavy cone to left of four

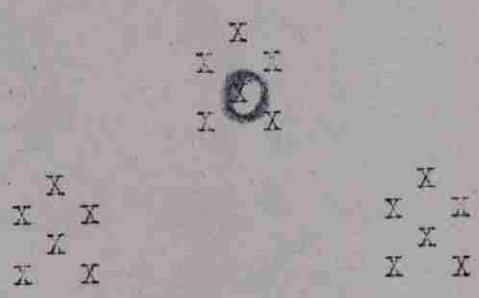
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

19/10

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Green W/C# 9315 BOX II

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

|                              |          |              |                    |            |               |            |     |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----|
| BOBBS :                      | <u>6</u> | <u>X 500</u> | <u>Handicapped</u> | ON         | BATTLE DAMAGE |            |     |
|                              |          |              |                    |            | "W"           | "I-C"      | "E" |
| <u>Dropped on fl lead at</u> | X        |              |                    | RETURNED   | :             | :          | :   |
| <u>1 Run</u>                 | X        |              |                    | JETTISONED | :             | <u>nil</u> | :   |

FLAK: Pie plates (white) at isolated intervals on course - few & far between. Possibly window

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*nil*

Clusters had not yet opened when they went into clouds

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

          X
        X X
          X
        X X
    X X X
    X X
  
```

```

          X
        X X
          X
        X X
  
```

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PILOT Shackley A/C# 354 BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |          |          |            |            |   |               |   |       |   |     |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|------------|---|---------------|---|-------|---|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>500</u> | GN         | : | BATTLE DAMAGE | : |       | : |     |
|         |          |          |            |            | : |               | : | "A-C" | : | "E" |
|         |          |          |            | RETURNED   | : |               | : |       | : |     |
|         |          |          |            | JETTISONED | : |               | : |       | : |     |

*1st run out of lead*

*nil*

FLAK:

*nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*W/10*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      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 Wallace A/C# 320 BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |          |   |            |    |            |               |       |     |  |
|---------|----------|---|------------|----|------------|---------------|-------|-----|--|
| BOEBS : | <u>6</u> | X | <u>500</u> | ON | <u>PT</u>  | BATTLE DAMAGE |       |     |  |
|         |          | X |            |    | RETURNED   |               | "A-C" | "E" |  |
|         |          | X |            |    | JETTISONED |               |       |     |  |

FLAK:

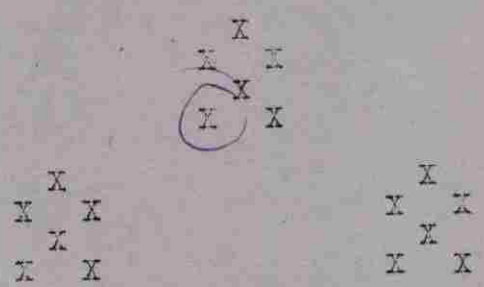
*nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTER: *nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*one first run on fl leads*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Lt Anderson A/C# 252 BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |            |              |               |            |       |     |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> X | ON <u>P.</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE | <u>nil</u> | "A-C" | "E" |
|         | X          | RETURNED     | :             | :          | :     | :   |
|         | X          | JETTISONED   | :             | :          | :     | :   |

FLAK: nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil.

OBSERVATIONS:

1640 - tower of fire.  
good sized tower  
Smoke to base

POSITION BY FORMATION :

|  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
|  |   | X |   |   |   |  |  | : |
|  |   | X | X |   |   |  |  | : |
|  |   | X |   |   |   |  |  | : |
|  |   | X | X |   |   |  |  | : |
|  | X |   |   | X |   |  |  | : |
|  | X | X |   | X | X |  |  | : |
|  | X |   |   | X |   |  |  | : |
|  | X | X |   | X | X |  |  | : |

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PILOT Stebbins A/C# 531 BOX #

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS : |   | ON  | PT         | BATTLE DAMAGE | "A" | "A-C" | "E" |
|---------|---|-----|------------|---------------|-----|-------|-----|
|         | X | 500 |            |               |     |       |     |
|         | X |     | RETURNED   |               |     |       |     |
|         | X |     | JETTISONED |               |     |       |     |

FLAK:

*nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*10/10 Dropped on PPF*

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

TOT 1448 1/2  
 Hd 323'  
 alt 12500

*Perk.*  
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PILOT

*Full*

A/C#

*494*

BOX

*II*

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS : *6* X *500* ON *P*

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

|     |       |     |
|-----|-------|-----|
| "A" | "I-C" | "E" |
| :   | :     | :   |
| :   | :     | :   |
| :   | :     | :   |

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

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

OBSERVATIONS:

*10/10 cloud cover.  
Small vapor trail - passed in front of  
A/c close to target area. 3 mi away.*

*Hot -  
alt -*

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

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PILOT Henderson A/C# 239 BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |          |          |            |              |               |  |  |  |
|---------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| BOMBS : | <u>4</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>500</u> | ON <u>P.</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |  |  |  |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |            | RETURNED     |               |  |  |  |
|         |          | <u>X</u> |            | JETTISONED   |               |  |  |  |

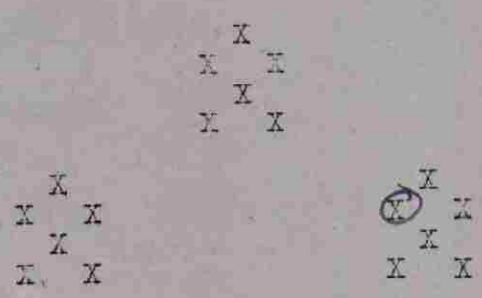
FLAK: no flak seen  
1 burst at B 36 in tree area

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10 clouds  
no obs.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Stankowski A/C# 224 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

| BOMBS :  |             | ON         | BATTLE DAMAGE |       |     |
|----------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------|-----|
|          |             |            | "A"           | "B-C" | "E" |
| <u>6</u> | <u>1500</u> | <u>P</u>   |               |       |     |
| <u>X</u> |             | RETURNED   |               |       |     |
| <u>X</u> |             | JETTISONED |               |       |     |

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*10/15 clouds  
no obs.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
    X X (X)
  X  X
 X  X X
 X  X X
  
```

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PILOT Martin A/C# 344 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

|         |          |              |            |          |   |               |   |       |   |     |
|---------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|---|---------------|---|-------|---|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | <u>X 508</u> | ON         | <u>P</u> | : | BATTLE DAMAGE | : |       | : |     |
|         | <u>X</u> |              | RETURNED   |          | : | "A"           | : | "A-C" | : | "E" |
|         | <u>X</u> |              | JETTISONED |          | : |               | : |       | : |     |

FLAK:

*[Handwritten scribble]*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*100 clouds  
no do.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
      X X
     X X

X  X  X
X  X  X
X  X  X

```

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PILOT Raymond

A/C# 271

BOX 4

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :

6 X 500 ON P

BATTLE DAMAGE

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

|    |       |     |
|----|-------|-----|
| :" | "A-C" | "E" |
| :  | :     | :   |
| :  | :     | :   |
| :  | :     | :   |

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

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

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10 clouds

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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

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PILOT Priddy

A/C# 503

BOX II

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :

6 1500 ON P

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

X JETTISONED

"I-C"

"E"

FLAK:

1 burst at Trer area.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

Lot - 1548 1/2 - believed 3 minutes late.  
alt - 12500 - 195 IAS. Heading 318  
PFS. ok. on lead all way.

1410 clouds.

no obs.  
specially white object leave trail  
seen going down from above alt.  
about 20 miles to left. Close to I.P.

POSITION IN CORRELATION

|   |   |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
|   |   | Ⓜ |   |   |  |
|   | X | X |   |   |  |
|   |   | X |   |   |  |
|   | X | X |   |   |  |
| X | X |   | X | X |  |
| X | X |   | X | X |  |
| X | X |   | X | X |  |

State flap flap.  
on leg to next station  
believed from Kibler  
Window A/C did  
good job. PFS through  
window out on way out  
New A  
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on way out

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PILOT Sutton A/C# 249 BCN II

CASUALTIES

|         |                       |                  |               |  |       |     |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|--|-------|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>5</u> X <u>500</u> | ON <u>P.I.F.</u> | BATTLE DAMAGE |  |       |     |
|         | X                     | RETURNED         |               |  | "I-C" | "E" |
|         | <u>1</u> X <u>500</u> | JETTISONED       |               |  |       |     |

FLAK:

X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: One Bomb fell out when Bomb bay doors opened  
New 19/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
      X X
     X X

X   X   X           X
X   X   X           X
X   X   X           X

```

TULS  
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PILOT Montgomery A/C# 2315- BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |                                     |                 |         |       |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>P/T</u> | : BATTLE DAMAGE |         |       |
|         | X RETURNED                          | : "A"           | : "A-C" | : "E" |
|         | X JETTISONED                        | :               | :       | :     |

FLAK: X

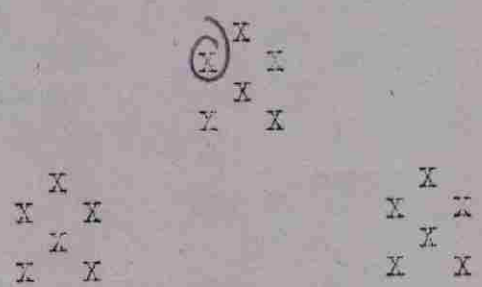
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

- One burst of flack one mile to rt of course of Thier -  
1522-XXH - at sight -  
1524 - off to left - smoke from flack

POSITION IN CORRELATION



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PILOT De Bone

A/C# 314

BOX II

CASUALTIES

|         |          |   |            |              |   |               |   |       |   |     |
|---------|----------|---|------------|--------------|---|---------------|---|-------|---|-----|
| BOMBS : | <u>6</u> | X | <u>500</u> | ON <u>Pt</u> | : | BATTLE DAMAGE | : | "A-C" | : | "E" |
|         |          | X |            | RETURNED     | : |               | : |       | : |     |
|         |          | X |            | JETTISONED   | : |               | : |       | : |     |

FLAK:

X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X   X
X (7) X
X   X
      X
     X X
      X X

```

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PILOT Merchant

A/C# 213

BOX Window

CASUALTIES

| BOLEBS :     |              | ON         | BATTLE DAMAGE  | "A-C" | "E" |
|--------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| <del>X</del> | <del>X</del> |            | : <u>nil</u> : | :     | :   |
| <del>X</del> | <del>X</del> | RETURNED   |                | :     | :   |
| <del>X</del> | <del>X</del> | JETTISONED |                | :     | :   |

FLAK:

nil

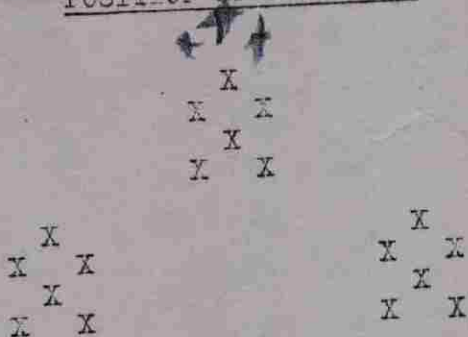
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

300 ft below from  
 1-1/2 ahead  
 spread good.  
 supply OK.

POSITION IN CORRELATION



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PILOT

*Amick*

A/C#

*498*

BOX

*Window*

CASUALTIES

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

FLAK:

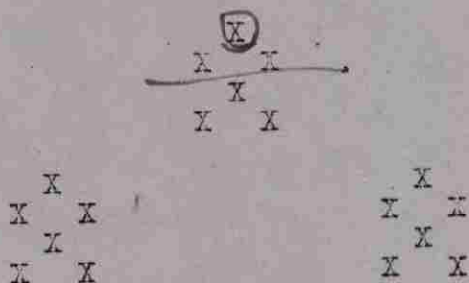
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS: Primary started drop 1537 - 1 mile  
 300' below formation stopped 1548 after completion  
 of turn

Secondary 1603 1/2 1 1/2 mile ahead 300'  
 below stopped at 1610 after completion of turn

~~1610~~  
 scattered out good.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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114  
334

| Box #    | CpsFTL       | Date      | F/O       | Target                    | Alt.    | Box Leader | T/O TOT L/D | 15 min. |
|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|---------|
| I        |              | 25 Feb 45 |           |                           |         | My Summer  |             |         |
| A/C      | Fail to Bomb | ATI       | Comb List | Target                    | A/C Dam | E/A        |             |         |
| Pass No. | Reason       | T S O     | P S J P R | * D A A C B E D P D K W M |         |            |             |         |
| 1 501    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 2 492    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 3 416    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 4 330    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 5 307    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 6 286    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 1 505    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 2 508    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 3 335    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 4 309    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 5 305    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 6 361    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 1 481    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 2 495    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 3 311    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 4 294    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 5 385    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 6 378    |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |
| 334      |              |           | 6         |                           |         |            |             |         |

114

T/O TOT L/D

15 min.

Wardlaw Shipin  
213  
498  
213

501  
416  
330  
307

481  
391  
294  
385  
361  
305

334







TO: C.G. 9th Bombardment Division, Att: A-2  
C.G. 97th Combat Wing Att: A-2

FROM: 416 th Bombardment Group (L)

CONFIDENTIAL Operational Priority.

A. 416 th Bombardment Group.

B. Unna Ordnance Depot.

C. 41 A-26 A/C

D. 19 A-26 on Primary  
19 A-26 on Secondary, Seigen M/Y (0200-535)

E. 2 A-26 A/C carried window only.  
1 A-26 A/C carried window only returned early, mechanical malfunction.

F. 114x500 incendiary clusters on Primary.  
114x500 incendiary clusters on secondary. Seigen M/Y (0200-535)  
P.F.F. A/C leading box #1 turned out of formation just before reaching bomb release point. No contact was made with the box leader and not enough time remained to make a Gee run on the primary. Secondary target was bombed on Gee.

G. Box #1 Unobserved on Secondary.  
Box #2 Unobserved on Primary.

H. Nil.

I. Nil.

J. Nil.

K. Nil.

L. Box #1 12,300 feet.  
Box #2 12,500 feet.

M. Box #1 1610 hours.  
Box #2 1548 1/2 hours.

X. Three white objects came up near formation and spiralled down leaving white trails near (Bo55-125)  
One silver colored A/C, believed to be A-26, seen burning on ground at (0-935-230)

*W. Anderson*  
*Capt A-*

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ITA JEA V JKI 09/28 OP OP

FROM HQS 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) APO 148 US ARMY.  
TO HQS 9TH BOMB DIV (M) APO 148 US ARMY.  
HQS 97TH COMBAT WING APO 148 USARNAVY.

281838A

SECRET GOC BT  
FAX 296-D

B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT.  
J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 281838A

DM SEND TO ITA

JEA R.....28/1857A

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ITA R.....281859A

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ITA JEA U JKI 12/25 P-P

FROM CODOGR 416 281900A  
TO COMBOMV HINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER.  
CONCEPTIG 97 (INFO)  
CONFIDENTIAL BT  
FAK-299-J

- A. VS - 04
- B. 28 FEBRUARY 1945 (1855-1706)
- C. W-WILLIAM AND X-RAY REPORTED TO PARADE AFTER LEAVING TARGET
- D. PPF MISSION
- E.
- F.
- G. W-WILLIAM CALLED ESCORTING FIGHTERS BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY. HE THEN CALLED F.C.C. AS TO INFORMATION ABOUT FIGHTERS AND UPON COMPLETION OF CALL ESCORTING FIGHTERS JOINED HIS FORMATION.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE



---AYLESWORTH CODOGR 416---

BT 281900A  
DN AS AR AR  
ITA R.....25/2010A EN AR  
JEA R.....28/2006A LCB AR

AR AND TND  
BT



ITA JEA V JKI 11/28 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 281925A  
 TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
 CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

ATTN: A-2  
 ATTN: A-2

FAX-298-D

- A- 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP.  
 B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT.  
 C. 41 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.  
 D. 19 A-26 ON PRIMARY  
 19 A-26 ON SECONDARY, SEIGEN M/Y (F200-535)  
 E. 2 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.  
 1 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY RETURNED EARLY. A/C WAS LOSING  
 EXCESSIVE OIL AFTER TAKEOFF.  
 F. 114 X 500 INCENDIARY CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY.  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 114 X 500 XXXX INCENDIARY CLUSTERS ON SECONDARY. SEIGEN M/Y  
 (F200-535) P.F.F. A/C LEADING BOX I TURNED OUT OF  
 FORMATION JUST BEFORE REACHING BOMB RELEASE POINT.  
 NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE BOX LEADER AND NOT ENOUGH  
 TIME REMAINED TO MAKE A GEE RUN ON THE PRIMARY. SEC-  
 ONDARY TARGET WAS BOMBED ON GEE.  
 G. BOX I UNOBSERVED ON SECONDARY. 10/10 CLOUD COVER.  
 BOX II UNOBSERVED ON PRIMARY. 10/10 CLOUD COVER.  
 H. NIL.  
 I. NIL.  
 J. NIL.  
 K. NIL.  
 L. BOX I 12,300 FEET.  
 XXXXXX  
 BOX II 12,500 FEET.  
 N. BOX I 1610 HOURS.  
 BOX II 1548 1/2 HOURS.  
 X. THREE WHITE OBJECTS CAME UP NEAR FORMATION AND SPIRALLED DOWN  
 LEAVING WHITE TRAILS NEAR (B055-125)  
 ONE SILVER COLORED A/C, BELIEVED TO BE A-26, SEEN BURNING ON  
 GROUND AT (O-935-230)

BT 281925A

DM BBBB

ITA R.....282003A SB K

JEA R.....28/2003A LCB

KKK

ITA JEA V JKI 11/26 CP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 261925A  
 TO CC, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
 CC, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

ATTN: A-2  
 ATTN: A-2

FAX-298-D

- RECEIVED  
 MAR 1 1947  
 INTELLIGENCE  
 41st Div. 97th CBW
- A- 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP.  
 B. UNNA ORDNANCE DEPOT.  
 C. 41 A-26 A/C INCLUDING 3 A/C CARRYING WINDOW ONLY.  
 D. 19 A-26 ON PRIMARY  
 19 A-26 ON SECONDARY, SEIGEN M/V (F280-535)  
 E. 2 A-26 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY.  
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 EXCESSIVE OIL AFTER TAKEOFF.  
 F. 114 X 500 INCENDARY CLUSTERS ON PRIMARY.  
 XXXXXXXXXX  
 114 X 500 XXXX INCENDARY CLUSTERS ON SECONDARY. SEIGEN M/V  
 (F280-535) P.F.F. A/C LEADING BOX I TURNED OUT OF  
 FORMATION JUST BEFORE REACHING BOMB RELEASE POINT.  
 NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE BOX LEADER AND NOT ENOUGH  
 TIME REMAINED TO MAKE A CEE RUN ON THE PRIMARY. SEC-  
 ONDARY TARGET WAS BOMBED ON CEE.  
 G. BOX I UNOBSERVED ON SECONDARY. 10/10 CLOUD COVER.  
 BOX II UNOBSERVED ON PRIMARY. 10/10 CLOUD COVER.  
 H. NIL.  
 I. NIL.  
 J. NIL.  
 K. NIL.  
 L. BOX I 12,300 FEET.  
 XXXXXX  
 BOX II 12,500 FEET.  
 M. BOX I 1610 HOURS.  
 BOX II 1548 1/2 HOURS.  
 N. THREE WHITE OBJECTS CAME UP NEAR FORMATION AND SPIRALLED DOWN  
 LEAVING WHITE TRAILS NEAR (0555-125)  
 ONE SILVER COLORED A/C, BELIEVED TO BE A-26, SEEN BURNING ON  
 GROUND AT (0-935-230)

BT 261925A  
 DM DEBDD

ITA R.....262903A SB K  
 JEA R.....26/2003A LCD

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USAAF FORM 34A

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

AUTH: CO STA 4-69  
DATE: 2 March 1945  
INIT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 591 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 23 Feb. 1945  
Mission or Operation No. 217 97th OBS F.O./184-759.

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Case Ordnance Depot  
Place of take-off Station A-69  
Place of landing Station A-69  
Take-off time 1943 Landing time 1744  
Time over target Box 1-1610, Box 2 1544 Bombing Altitude 12,300  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather 10/10 over target  
Results Unobserved due to cloud cover  
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 41 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
2 A-26's Window  
19 A-26's Case Ordnance Depot (Primary)  
19 A-26's Logan (Secondary)

3. Abortive due to:  
(1) Weather: None  
(2) Personnel: None  
(3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 (window a/o) returned early - excessive fuel pressure and oil leak  
(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) None

8. Sorties 40 A-26's  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) 154.15

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air 78,200 x .50 cal.

b. Expended on operations 2,010 x .50 cal. (testing)

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: 114 x 500 lb incendiary clusters-25 sec. delay  
114 x 500 lb incendiary clusters-24 sec. delay

b. Expended on operations: 228 x 500 lb incendiary clusters  
 (List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned None

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. Dec None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENEBIN,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

APO 140, U S ARMY,  
28 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : 1. RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, US ARMY

1. RCM DISPENSING 45
2. 28 FEB 1945
3. NO FLAK
4. 51° 10N 8° 8 E
5. 51° 32N 7° N E
6. 3
7. 26 BOXES
8. 260° AT 29 MPH
9. 12,300 TO 12,500 FT
10. TEN TENTHS
11. NONE
12. ---
13. ---
14. ---
15. NO FLAK DIRECTED AT FORMATION, THEREFORE RESULTS OF WINDOW COULD NOT BE EVALUATED

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON  
1ST. LT, CAC,  
RADAR OFFICER.

5-2

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)  
TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO. COPY  
97TH COMBAT WING INFO. COPY  
1ST PATH FINDER SQUADRON

416BG F \_\_\_\_\_ E CONFIDENTIAL 28 FEBRUARY 1945 (2115)

PF REPORT FOR 28 FEBRUARY 1945

THE PATH FINDER SHIP FOR THE FIRST BOX DID NOT DROP AND MADE A GRADUAL RIGHT TURN OFF THE TARGET WHEN BRIEFED TO MAKE A SHARP PEEL UP TO THE LEFT IN THE EVENT OF A MALFUNCTION. THE PATHFINDER DID NOT CONTACT FORMATION LEADER AND TELL HIM THAT HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE. THE BOMB RUN WAS MADE AT 13,000 FEET INSTEAD OF 13,500 FT AS BRIEFED. THE PATHFINDER HEADING THE SECOND BOX MADE BOMB RUN AT 12,500 FEET INSTEAD OF 13,000 FEET AS BRIEFED. THE PF LEAD WAS VERY SATISFACTORY THROUGHOUT.

AYLESWORTH COBOMER 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

JOHN M. BONURA,  
1ST., AIR CORPS.  
Ops Stat Officer



FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

PRIORITY

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)  
97TH COMBAT WING (L) (INFO COPY)

ATTN: RADAR OFFICER

416BG P \_\_\_\_\_ E SECRET

1 MARCH 1945

1130

JAMMING WAS FOUND ON BOTH THE HEISE AND RUHR GEE CHAINS ON MISSION OF 23 FEBRUARY. HEISES HAD "TRAILING" JAMMING WITH ABOUT 11 RAILS PER MAIN TIME BASE LINE. THESE WERE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE CHAIN. IT BEGAN AT ABOUT 1444 AT "B" AND "C" COORDINATES 6.00-36.90 AND WAS LOST ABOUT 1616 AT "B" AND "C" COORDINATES 5.4-39.3. ANTI-JAM SWEEPING WAS NOT OF APPRECIABLE HELP.

RUHR CHAIN HAD ABOUT 20 NON SYNCHRONIZED RAILS PER MAIN TIME BASE. THEIR BEGINNING WAS NOT NOTICED BUT THEY SUDDENLY INCREASED IN STRENGTH AT 1515. THEY WERE LOST AT ABOUT 1555 WHEN THE FORMATION WAS ABOUT 25 MILES NORTH OF SIEGEN. STILL WILL INSURE GERMANY. RECEPTION WAS EXCELLENT FROM THEN ON WHILE THE FORMATION BOMBED A SECONDARY TARGET ON GEE AND RETURNED TO ITS BASE.

AYRESWORTH CORNER 416

I certify that this is official business:

JOHN M. HONURA,  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

The attack on the Unna ordnance depot was made by two boxes of 19 A/G, with a B-26 PPF plane leading each box. Weather over enemy territory was generally 10/10 overcast with an occasional break in the clouds. The PPF plane in the first box told Major Dunn leading the formation that his equipment was working well as the planes turned onto the bomb-run. Evidently a last minute equipment failure prevented him from bombing. Major Dunn led the first box to the secondary target, Seigen, which was attacked using Gee equipment in Major Dunn's plans.

PPF equipment in the second box worked well so that the 2nd box was able to attack the primary target.

Results were unobserved due to cloud cover.

One or two bursts of very inaccurate flak was reported from the Trier area. That was the only flak along the route.

There were no enemy fighters reported by the crews. The formation had an escort of P-47's.

The only phenomena reported was white smoke seen spiralling downward from about 15,000 to 17,000 feet. There were no further observations.



JES JKI JPO VIA JEA V JJF NR 6/28 OP OP

*Rec 721  
28 5230*

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 28/1900A  
TO C G'S IX BOMB DIV. 99TH, 98TH AND 97TH COMBAT WINGS ATTN: A-2  
C O'S 386TH, 344TH, 391ST, 322ND, 394TH, 323RD, 387TH, 397TH,  
409TH, 410TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS.

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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-390-D

*Dist. 5-2+  
5-3*

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410TH BOMB GROUP
- B. UNNA ORD. DEPOT RA 9629
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. 1 B-26 MECHANICAL LEFT ENGINE TROUBLE-ABORTED AT 1408 AT VT 3080
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY  
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1522 PRIMARY

OBSERVATIONS: FIGHTERS SHOULD NOT MAKE HEAD ON APPROACH TO BOMBER FORMATION "C" CHANNEL TOO CROWDED

ANNEX: PFF DID NOT CALL AS GROUP LED INTO AREA

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. UNNA ORD, DEPOT RA 9629
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT  
1 B-26 CASUAL OSTERSPAI WL-9483 ON "GEE" DUE TO EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY  
4 X 500 GP CASUAL
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MEAGER INACCUR AT TRIER WL-2129
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 CASUAL  
13000 PRIMARY
- M. 1605 CASUAL  
1548 PRIMARY

ANNEX 1: CONTACTED RIPS AW TWO ANDXXXXXXXXXXXXX NONE HALF MINUTES INTO AREA AND RECEIVED DESIRED FIX.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 344TH BOMB GROUP
- B. COLBE RAILROAD BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. ONE BLUE GRAY ME109 SEEN IN AREA SOUTH OF BOPARD WL-8880 WITH NO ATTACK BEING MADE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1614 PRIMARY

ANNEX 1: CONTACTED RIPS AW ON MINUTE AFTER ENTERING AREA AND RECIVED IN CLEAR AND INACCURATE.



- A. 397 - BOWMAN
- B. MAYEN RR BRIDGE WL-6393
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 ON PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500
- M. 1425 - PRIMARY

ANNEX: CALLED RIPSAW AND RECEIVED FIX 1 MIN INTO AREA.

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- A. 323 BOOKMARK
- B. VLUUNHEID-RA-1616
- C. 1 B-26
- D. NONE
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. NONE
- M. 1425

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE (TAF) AREA NOT BRIEFED TO CALL.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 391ST BOMB GROUP
  - B. NIEDERSCHELD RAILROAD BRIDGE WG 3935
  - C. 1 B-26
  - D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
  - E. NONE
  - F. 4 X 500 GP
  - G. UNOBSERVED
  - H. NONE
  - I..
- XXXANNEX:
- I. NONE
  - J. NONE
  - K. NONE
  - L. 13500 PRV/69.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAW UPON ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX THREE MINUTES LATER.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. UNNA ORD. DEPOT RA 9629
- C. 2 B-26'S
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. 1 B-26 EQUIPMENT FAILURE UNABLE TO DROP ON FIRST BOX BECAUSE FLIGHT OF LOW BOX WAS DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH.
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY  
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1503 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION: TRAILS OF WHITE SMOKE LIKE VAPOR TRAILS SEEN IN TARGET AREA NEAR FORMATION WITH BURST WITH BLOSSOM LIKE EFFECT.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAW 5 MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 322ND BOMB GROUP
- B. NIEDERSCHELD RR BRIDGE WG 3935
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 10/10'S
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF - DAHLHEIM WL 9879
- K. NONE
- L. 13500 PRIMARY
- M. 1509 PRIMARY

OBSERVATION: FIGHTERS A LITTLE TALE AT F. R.

ANNEX: PFF CALLED RIPSAW 6 MINUTES BEFORE ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED FIX.

- A. 386 - BRAMBLE
  - B. COLBE RR BRIDGE WG. 7352
  - C. 1 B-26
  - D. NONE
  - E. 1 B-26 - MECHANICAL-GAS LEAK. ABORTED AT V47585 AT 1335.
  - F. 4 X 500 GP RETURNED
  - G. NONE
  - H. NONE
  - I. NONE
  - J. NONE
  - K. NONE
  - L. NONE
  - M. NONE
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- A. 394 - BOOT JACK
- B. KAMP RA.1523
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 ON PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. VK 3995 - MEAGER INACC (BEHIND BOMBLINE)
- K. SAW JET (UNIDENTIFIED) TGT AREA RA 1523 - NO ATTACK
- L. 12,400
- M. 1406 PRIMARY

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE TAF AREA NOT BRIEFED TO CALL

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- A. 387 - BRIMSTONE
- B. MAYEN RR BRIDGE WE 6393
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 ON PRIMARY ON "GEE" (EQUIPMENT FAILURE)
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500
- M. 1405 - PRIMARY

ANNEX: CALLED RIPS AW ON ENTERING AREA. RECIVED FIX 5 MINUTES LATER.

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CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.  
 BT 28/1900A  
 MT/MB/RELAYED BY WCB BB  
 JES R.....28/2305A DC K  
 JKI R.....28/2205A DM KKK  
 JPO R.....28/2205A WAC K  
 B



JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF NR 12/28 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 28/2000A  
TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3  
C G 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3  
C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3  
SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-396-E  
"OPEPFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"  
DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 1945  
PILOT : LT STONE

A. FORMATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

C. NAVIGATION:

1. CLASSIFICATION:
2. REMARKS: GOOD

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS:  
GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS:  
RENDVOUS

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.  
BT 28/2000A  
MT/BAD AR  
SS (RELAY)  
JKI R . . . . . 01/0440A FD AR

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JKI COME INPLS JKI ERE KK

JKI VIA JEA V ITA JJF NR 13/28 OP OP

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 28/2000A  
TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-3  
C G 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN A-3  
C O 416TH BOMB GROUP ATTN A-3  
SECRET BT

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. F-397-E

"PFF OPERATIONAL CRITIQUE"  
DATE: 28 FEBRUARY 1945  
PILOT: LT NICHOLS

A. FORMATION:

- 1. CLASSIFICATION:
- 2. REMARKS: GOOD

B. WINDOW SHIPS:

- 1. CLASSIFICATION:
- 2. REMARKS: GOOD

C. NAVIGATION:

- 1. CLASSIFICATION:
- 2. REMARKS: GOOD

D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS:

GOOD

E. BRIEFINGS:

RENDVOUS

F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS:

FLIGHTS OF 1ST BOX WERE STACKED DOWN AND PFF SHIP COULD NOT FLY ON HIS ALTITUDE WITHOUT FLYING IN PROP WASH.

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV.  
BT 28/2000A  
MT/BAD BBBB  
SS (RELAY)  
JKI R . . . . . 01/0435A FD KK

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HEADQUARTERS  
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)# 140  
March 1945MISSION SUMMARY #54

28 February 1945

Section I

Field Order #769

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>TARGET</u>                             | <u>MISSION RESULTS</u>                        |
|--------------|---|---|
| 394 BG       | Kamp (A-153237)<br>Road Junction          | Undet. (FFF)                                  |
| 387 BG       | Mayen (L-630928)<br>Railway Bridge        | Undet. (GEE)                                  |
| 397 BG       | Mayen (L-630928)<br>Railway Bridge        | Undet. (FFF)                                  |
| 391 BG       | Niederscheld (G-398358)<br>Railway Bridge | Undet. (FFF)                                  |
| 322 BG       | Niederscheld (G-398358)<br>Railway Bridge | Undet. (FFF)                                  |
| 409 BG       | Unna (A-966299)<br>Ordnance Depot         | Undet. (FFF)                                  |
| 410 BG       | Unna (A-966299)<br>Ordnance Depot         | Undet. (FFF)                                  |
| 416 BG       | Unna (A-966299)<br>Ordnance Depot         | Box I - Undet. (GEE)<br>Box II - Undet. (FFF) |
| 344 BG       | Colbe (G-735527)<br>Railway Bridge        | Undet. (FFF)                                  |
| 386 BG       | Colbe (G-735527)<br>Railway Bridge        | P.N.B.  |
| 323 BG       | Vluyn (A-163163)<br>Road Junction         | Box I - Undet. (GEE)<br>Box II - No Attack    |

One complete box failed to attack when "GEE" mechanism was inoperative at Secondary after FFF failed to bomb Primary.

GROUP NARRATIVE

Eight groups plus one box of a ninth group attacked three railway bridges, one road junction and an ordnance depot. One box from each of two other groups attacked two towns. All results were Undetermined. One group attacked Other target.

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Kann (Road Junction)

394 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 34 dropping 66 X 2000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 1 spare, 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: Mechanical.

No losses, damage, casualties.

No call for fix made due to operations within TAF area.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,000 - 12,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Maven (Rail Bridge)

387 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 32 dropping 124 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead ("GEE") from 11,700 - 12,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover, but "GEE" fixes indicate release at proper time.

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 34 dropping 132 X 1000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, 1 a/c damaged by falling bomb spinner, no casualties.

FFF called "Ripsaw" one minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 11,600 - 12,420 feet.

No photo cover or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Niederscheld (Rail Bridge)

391 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 33 dropping 63 X 2000, 4 X 500 GP on Primary, 2 window a/c dropping 4 X 2000 GP on window Primary (Eller Rail Bridge - L-571667) on "GEE". 1 of the above a/c jettisoned 1 X 2000 GP, which had hung up, at G-070045, approximately 2 miles NE of Montabaur (enemy territory). Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Gonflans.

1 a/c failed to bomb: Mechanical.

No losses, casualties, damage.

FFF called "Ripsaw" on entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

No photo cover or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

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322 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 31 dropping 60 X 2000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Rosieres-en-Hays.

5 a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical; 3 other - 1, "GEE" jammed in lead window a/c; 2, leader did not drop.

No losses, 2 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Two crewmen of 1 a/c bailed out at Braine (S-950920) (friendly territory). Pilot heater switch was wired on "Safe" position. In descent through clouds co-pilot broke wire to turn on heat and may have accidentally hit emergency alarm switch. These crewmen escaped injury.

PFF contacted "Ripsaw" 6 minutes before entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 12,500 - 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Unna (Ordnance Depot)

409 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (including 31 A-26, 10 A-20, 2 PFF), 31 A-26, 7 A-20, 1 PFF dropping 218 X 500 GP on Primary. 2 window a/c.

2 a/c failed to bomb: Mechanical (including 1 PFF equipment failure).

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

PFF contacted "Ripsaw" 5 minutes after entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on PFF from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

410 BG: 45 a/c dispatched (including 43 A-20, 2 PFF), 38 A-20, 1 PFF dropping 232 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which is missing.

2 a/c (1 A-20, 1 PFF) failed to bomb: Mechanical.

The A-20 mentioned above as missing left formation at Luxembourg when pilot advised formation of his intention to land at Verdun because of fuel shortage. No further word of this a/c. 3 crewmen are missing.

No losses, 12 a/c battle-damaged.

PFF did not call fighter control for a fix as group led formation into tactical area, and group reports no call.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 13,000 - 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

416 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (including 41 A-26, 2 PFF), 19 A-26, 1 PFF dropping 114 X 500 IB, 4 X 500 GP on Primary; 19 A-26 dropping 114 X 500 IB on Secondary; 1 PFF dropping 4 X 500 GP on Other (Osterspai - L-920835) because of equipment failure at Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, damage, casualties.

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FFF called "Ripsaw" 2½ minutes after entering tactical area and obtained the desired fix.

Bombing by boxes (Box I on group lead "GHE", box II on FFF) from 12,300-12,500 feet.

Box I - UNDETERMINED. Bombed Saigon M/Y (F-200535) when FFF failed at Primary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box II - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Colba (Railway Bridge)

344 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 18 dropping 68 X 1000 GP, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 10 a/c which landed away from base (6 at St. Dizier, 3 at Conflans, 1 at Reims). 4 X 1000 GP jettisoned safe 6 mi. NE of Luxembourg at P-933189, due to engine trouble. 8 a/c failed to bomb: 2, weather; 1, mechanical; 5, other - leader did not drop.

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF contacted "Ripsaw" one minute after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF from 14,000 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

386 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 34 A-26, 1 FFF), 25 A-26's dropping 100 X 1000 GP on Other, 6 A-26 dropping 12 X 1000 GP on another target.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 3 (2 A-26, 1 FFF), Mechanical; 1, Weather.

No losses, casualties, damage.

Group leader contacted "Ripsaw" 2 minutes before IP and obtained fix.

Visual bombing by boxes and flight from 9,900 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flights A & B - P.N.B. FFF a/c aborted. Formation was directed by Parade to bomb Secondary target, St. Wendel (Q-588966). Flights A & B made visual run on S. end of M/Y with Superior results. Concentrated pattern blankets selected DMPI (center of S. end of M/Y opposite roundhouse). Hits observed on roundhouse, RR tracks and RR cars in yards. Possible hits or near misses on factory area 550' SW of DMPI. M/Y is blanketed by pattern rendering choke point temporarily unserviceable.

Flight C - P.N.B. Flight C was unable to follow formation because of engine trouble to flight leader. Flight made visual run on town of Theley (L-485005). Concentrated pattern centers 1000' SSE of center of town (believed DMPI). Pattern blankets secondary hwy with possible hits on residential type buildings.

Box II - P.N.B. This box bombed secondary target (St. Wendel, Q-588966) for the same reason as Box I, Flights A & B. Formation made visual run on N. end of M/Y with Excellent results. More than 50% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI ("Y" connection at N. end of M/Y). Pattern centers 850' N. of DMPI. Bomb bursts covered choke point at N. end of M/Y. Other bursts blanket single track SE to NW. RR and about 30 residential buildings W. and NE of DMPI also covered by pattern.

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Vluyn (Road Junction)

323 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 13 dropping 26 X 2000 GP on Secondary. 3 window a/c.

21 a/c failed to bomb: 2, Mechanical; 19, Other (17, loader did not drop; 2, in steep bank at time of bomb release).

No losses, damage, casualties.

No call made for fix due to operations within TAF area.

Bombing by box on Group lead ("GEE") from 12,400 feet.

Box I - UNDETERMINED. Due to FFF failure to bomb Primary, this box attacked Rheinberg (A-215280), Secondary. No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Box II - NO ATTACK. Box leader's "GEE" was inoperative at Secondary after FFF failed at Primary.

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Unna 409 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Visibility unlimited above cloud.

Unna 410 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Scattered high cloud above 20,000 ft. Air to air visibility 10 to 15 miles

Unna 416 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Visibility 8 to 10 miles.

Colbe 344 BG: 10/10 stratocumulus top 6-8000 ft. Visibility 10 to 15 miles.

Colbe 386 BG: 3/10 patchy stratocumulus between 4000 and 6000 ft, 3/10 cirrus. Visibility 6 to 8 miles in light haze.

Vluyn 323 BG: 8/10 cirrus above 18,000 ft. 10/10 stratocumulus top 6000 ft. Air to air visibility unlimited.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u> | <u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u> |                | <u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u> |                |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|              |                              | <u>NO.</u>                 | <u>PERCENT</u> | <u>NO.</u>                | <u>PERCENT</u> |
| 386          | 100%                         | 0                          | 0              | 0                         | 0              |

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY | 405   |
| A/C LOST TO FLAK         | 0     |
| A/C MISSING              | 1     |
| A/C BATTLE DAMAGED       | 14    |
| % A/C BATTLE DAMAGED     | 3.45% |

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Kamp Road Junction</u>  | <u>394 Gp.</u>      |
| <u>Maven RR Bridge</u>     | <u>387, 397 Gp.</u> |
| <u>Colbe RR Bridge</u>     | <u>344, 386 Gp.</u> |
| <u>Vluyn Road Junction</u> | <u>3, 3 Gp.</u>     |

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| A/C Lost to Flak     | 0 |
| A/C Battle Damaged   | 0 |
| % A/C Battle Damaged | 0 |

The only flak reported was weak inaccurate heavy near Koblenz at L-9396 and at Langsheid (B-251071). The flak at Langsheid was probably from two 3-gun positions located at B-0509 and B-0911.

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Niederscheld RR Bridge</u> | <u>391, 322 Gp.</u> |
| A/C Lost to Flak              | 0                   |
| A/C Battle Damaged            | 2                   |
| % A/C Battle Damaged          | 2.81%               |

The 322nd Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy flak at Boppard (L-895812). The flak probably came from the two flak barges located in the Rhine River at this point. These guns have been active only spasmodically.

(More Public Relations Press Release)

Small forces of Invaders bombed communications centers at St. Wendel, 18 miles northeast of Saarbrücken, and at Siegen, 42 miles east of Bonn.

All of the attacks were carried out with instruments because of clouds that prevented observation of results. Some flock was reported, but no bombers were lost. One No. 109, which did not attack, was seen.

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NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Feb. 28 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined operations of B-26 Marauders, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Wednesday:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Aircraft dispatched .....                 | 424   |
| Aircraft over enemy territory .....       | 405   |
| Marshalling Yards hit .....               | 2     |
| Railroad bridges attacked .....           | 3     |
| Defended communications centers hit ..... | 2     |
| Road junctions attacked .....             | 1     |
| Ordnance depot attacked .....             | 1     |
| Railroad cars destroyed .....             | 20    |
| Railroad cuts .....                       | 35    |
| Roundhouses destroyed .....               | 1     |
| Bomber losses .....                       | 0     |
| Bomb tonnage .....                        | 621.5 |
| Buildings destroyed or damaged .....      | 40    |
| Factories destroyed or damaged .....      | 1     |

Figures given for damage assessment are incomplete. Strike photo coverage was limited to one group which attacked a marshalling yard at St. Wendel and the communications center of Theley.

First phase photo interpretation indicated the marshalling yard at St. Wendel probably was rendered unserviceable by hits on choke points within the yard. Additional hits were scored on the roundhouse and cars on sidings.

It was the eighth straight day of operations for the division's medium and light bombers and their 24th day of operations for the short month of February.

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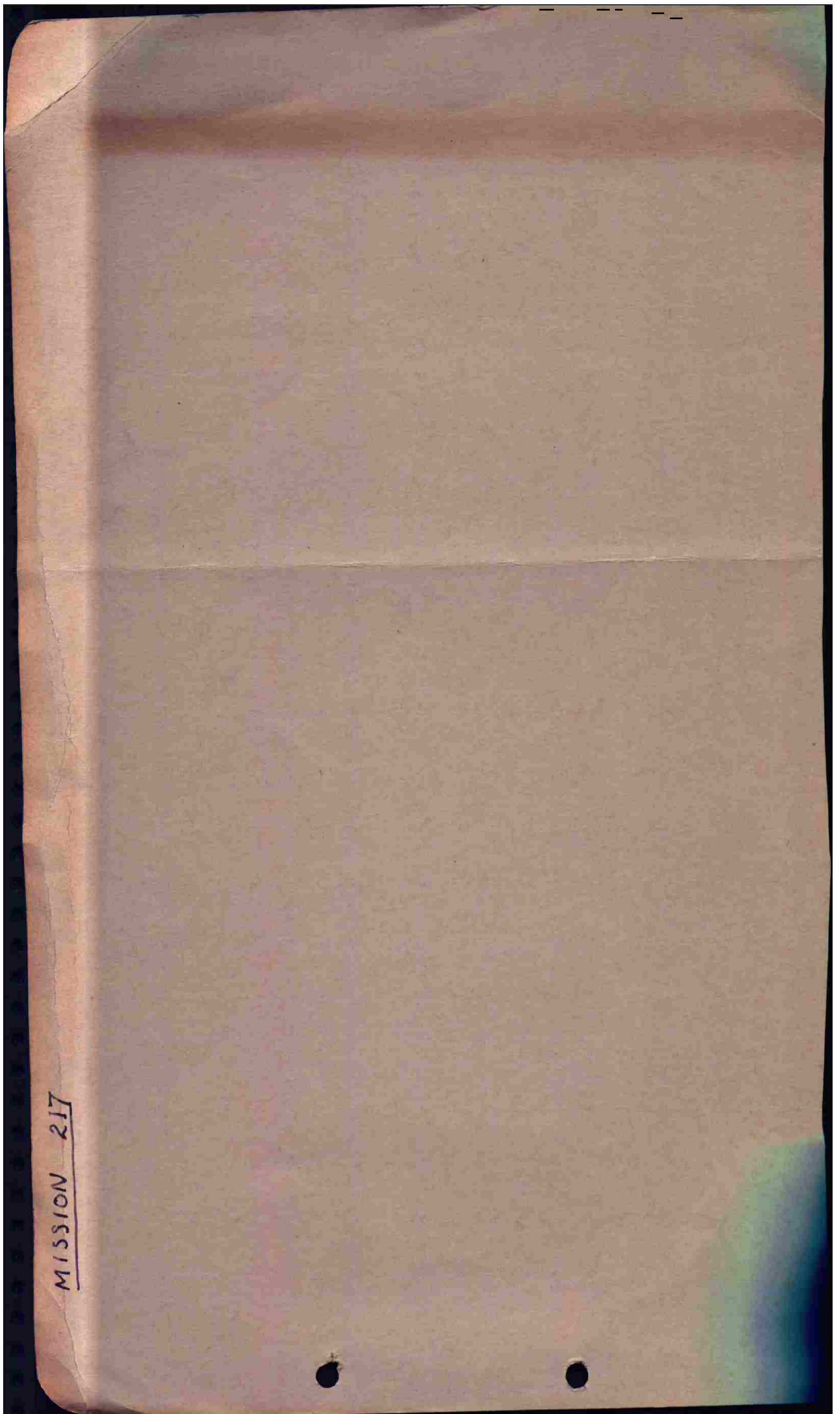
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