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

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TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.
 Attn: 26th Statistical Control.

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

Ref: Cprep A No. 254 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 13 Dec. 1944
 Mission or Operation No. 171 97th CBW FO #90-668

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Gemund Defended Village
 Place of take-off Station A-55
 Place of landing Station A-55 (1-A20 at A-41 & 1-A26 at A-610)
 Take-off time 1057 Landing time 1514
 Time over target 1243-1300 Bombing altitude 13400 - 11000
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None
 Weather 10/10 Cloud Cover over target area
 Results Unobserved
 Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 10 A-20'S
29 A-26'S
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

<u>3 - A-20'S</u>	<u>Window</u>
<u>4 - A-20'S</u>	<u>Tendorf area</u>
<u>2 - A-20'S</u>	<u>Schutz area</u>
<u>11 - A-26'S</u>	<u>Tendorf area</u>
<u>12 - A-26'S</u>	<u>Schutz area</u>
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: 2 - A-26'S bombay door safety micro switch actuating plunger binding against micro switch- 1 - A20 attempt to release from nose & cockpit failed-cause unknown
 - (4) Other: 3 A-26 failed to release because leader of Flight did not release.
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target giving cause where known None
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving target giving cause where known None
7. Damaged (give category & cause) None
8. Sorties A-20'S 10
A-26'S 28

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20 31:35
A-26 111:20

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20'S - 15000 X .50 Caliber
A-26'S - 61800 X .50 Caliber

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 28 X 250 GP'S Fused 1/1GN.1/4OT.
A-26'S 224 X 250 GP'S Fused 1/1GN.1/4OT.

b. Expended on operations: A-20'S 24 X 250 GP
 (List targets separately) A-26'S 184 X 250 GP

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned A-20'S 4 X 250 GP
A-26'S 40 X 250 GP

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

a. Destroyed None

b. Prob. Des None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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