

HEADQUARTERS
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), AIC 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 266A for 24 hrs. ending midnight 25 Dec. 1944
Mission or Operation No. 177 97th C.B.W. F.O. # 104-689

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Hillesheim, Railroad Junction
Place of take-off AAF Station A-55
Place of landing AAF Station A-55 (1 a/c landed at A-70)
Take-off time 1410 Landing time 1714
Time over target 1538 - 1549 Bombing Altitude 11,500 feet.
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather No clouds, heavy ground haze, visibility 3 to 4 miles.
Results No Attack, FNE, FNE, No Attack FNE.
Enemy opposition Intense accurate heavy flak continuing from IP thru turn off target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 8 - A-20's
23 - A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
1 - A-20 & 5 A-26's Town of Palm.
2 - A-20's & 6 A-26's Town of Teusdorf.
1 - A-20 & 4 A-26's Town of Gerolstein.
3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: 1 - A-26 - Pilot failed to leave bomb door opening switch on long enough to fully open bomb bay doors.
(3) Mechanical: 1 - A-20 - leader of flight failed to release - electrical system.
(4) Other: 1 - A-26 unable to join formation - late take-off. 1 - A-20 shot down before reaching target. 5 - A-26's & 2 A-20's failed to bomb because leader did not bomb. 1 - A-26 shot down before reaching target.
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target 1 - A-20 & 1 - A-26 hit by flak on giving cause where known bomb run.
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known
7. Damaged (give category & cause) 2 - A-26's & 1 - A-20 - Cat. a/c - Flak
11 - A-26's & 3 - A-20's - Cat. A - Flak
8. Sorties 8 - A-20's
22 - A-20's

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20's 24:20
A-26's 73:20

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-26's 50,600 x .50 cal.
A-20's 12,000 x .50 cal.

b. Expended on operations None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c A-20's 1,500 x .50 cal.
A-26's 2,200 x .50 cal.

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20's 32 x 250 lb G.P. 1/10N 1/100T
A-26's 311 x 250 lb G.P. 1/10N 1/100T

b. Expended on operations: A-20's 8 A-26's 66 x 250 lb G.P. Palm
 (List targets separately) A-20's 4 A-26's 88 x 250 lb G.P. Pausdorf
A-20's 4 A-26's 58 x 250 lb G.P. Gerolstein

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c A-20's 4 x 250 lb G.P.
A-26's 14 x 250 lb G.P.

e. Total Returned A-20's 12 x 250 lb G.P.
A-26's 85 x 250 lb G.P.

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	N.v	Bomb	B.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	2	0	1 B/N	0	0	1	2
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 claim):-

a. Destroyed None

b. Prob. Destroyed None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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12-20 56-28-3-20 3:5

11-26 673-381-28-264 47,625

150 cal fuel
 A-20 8000
 A-26 4000

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