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HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U. S. Army,
21 May 1944.

Subject: Transmittal of A-3 Bombing Information Reports.

To : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith are the A-3 Bombing Information Reports on operational mission 20 May 1944, submitted in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum 55-2.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
1 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 1)
2 - A-3 Bombing Information Report (Box 2)

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 820

BOX II GROUP 416 DATE 20 May 44 TARGET ATTACHED Corneilles En Vexin A/D

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.

2. Bombing approach: 080° Mag.

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X

4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set with corrections for synchronization. MPI used as AP. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Jones.

6. Name of lead pilot: Captain Clark.

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 265 Altitude: 11,000
9. Length of bomb run: 45 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUCED N 1/10 T 1/100
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 68

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ___ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect. Haze hindered recognition slightly.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy a/c.

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None.

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None.

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD ____ FAIR ____ POOR ____ BAD MISS ____
EXCELLENT X

SECRET (Over)

A. Description of route from I.P. to target:

1. 5 miles down sun and 1 1/2 miles up sun.
2. None.
3. 2 boxes of 18.
4. Hill turn to left and right from I.P.
5. Pin point navigation from I.P. to target - target located by runways.
6. None.
7. Excellent.
8. None.

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BOMBING INFORMATION

ANNEX "A"

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 320

BOX I GROUP 416 DATE 20 May 44 TARGET ATTACKED Corneilles En Vexin A/D

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set syn.

2. Bombing approach: 094° Mag.

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES _____ NO X

4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES X NO _____

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs; and specify exact aiming point actually used: Pre-set with corrections for synchronization. AP used as MPI. No trail subtracted.

5. Name of lead bombardier: Lt. Palin.

6. Name of lead pilot: Major Campbell

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 210 Ground Speed: 270 Altitude: 11,800
9. Length of bomb run: 43 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 4 X 500 lb FUSED N 1/10T 1/100
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 68

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including: -

(a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES ___ NO X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.

(b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing:

(c) Did Flak affect bombing? YES ___ NO X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent Flak affected bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing? No enemy a/c

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run: None

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing: None

(g) Bombing results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right Target: YES X NO _____

Results claimed: GOOD ____ FAIR ____ POOR ____ BAD MISS ____
EXCELLENT X

SECRET (Over)

Formation consisted of 2 boxes, 18 ships box 1 and 17 ships box 2. Take off time was 1706. Time over target 1948 1/2 - 1951. Target - Cormeilles En Vexin Airdrome. Box 1, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 68 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Box 2, at 11,000 feet, dropped a total of 58 bombs in the target area with excellent results. Visibility was 5 miles down sun and 1 1/2 miles up sun. Anti-aircraft fire was very weak inaccurate HFF from woods 2 miles south of Elbeuf, no damage incurred. No anti-aircraft experienced over target area. No enemy aircraft encountered. Planes landed at 2151.

A. Description of route from I.P. to target:

1. 5 miles down sun and 1 1/2 miles up sun.
2. None.
3. 2 boxes of 18.
4. Mild turn to left and right from I.P.
5. Pin point navigation from I.P. to target - target located by runways.
6. None.
7. Excellent.
8. None.

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21 MAY 1944
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H E A D Q U A R T E R S
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U.S. Army.
21 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Mission Report - Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U.S. Army. (Attention Maintenance).

PART I

(1) 20 May 1944 - 1756 - Cormeilles En Vexin A/D.
(2) 36
(3) 33

PART II

None

PART III (1).

None

PART III (2).

AAF Serial No.	Cause	Description	Sortie
43-9673	Engine checked and found O.K.	Engine smoking.	No
43-10214	Sway braces too tight.	One bomb delayed release.	Yes
43-10210	Sway braces too tight.	One bomb failed to release.	Yes

PART III (3).

AAF Serial No.	Cause	Description	Sortie
42-9745	Pilot failed to select proper switches	No bombs dropped.	Yes
43-9200	Antennae cut when testing guns.	Antennae wound around rudder.	Yes

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHINKLIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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MASSION NO. 51

LOADING LIST
BOX 1
FLIGHT 1

20 MAY 1944

1. 455 T
MAJ M W CAMPBELL ✓
LT W H PALIN ✓
S/S J B THOMPSON
S/S H F HATCH

2. 914 X
LT H L SOMMERS ✓
LT R J MC QUADE ✓
S/S A L NIELSEN
S/S W E FIELDS

3. 221 F ✓
LT E E DEMUN
S/S M ROSENSTEIN
S/S H O CARNEY

4. 181 A
LT W A PECK ✓
S/S A E BERGERON
S/S H E KELTON

5. 983 J
LT H E HEWES ✓
S/S J F KASPER
S/S H E BOYER

6. 900 Q
LT E J RENTH ✓
S/S O D LANAVE
S/S F M CITTY

FLIGHT 11

1. 452 Q-1
CAPT D A HULSE ✓
LT R CONTE ✓
S/S D W STEPHENS
S/S F D ALLRED

2. 892 L ✓
LT D F SHEA
S/S R E LEE
S/S F G FALK

3. 978 S ✓
LT R J ROONEY
S/S S F DINAPOLI
S/S H M MCCLEARY

4. 380 N
LT W J GREENE ✓
S/S J A OCHABA
SGT S E PAULES

5. 220 E ✓
LT C L MCGLOHN
S/S R F STOBERT
SGT L MARTINEZ

6. 750 M
LT J P HILLERMAN ✓
S/S W J DONAHUE
~~S/S~~ SGT J L JOHNSON

FLIGHT 111

1. 200 A-1 ✓
LT R S RUDISILL
S/S R K RILEY
~~S/S A J BONAMO~~
S/S A J BONAMO

2. 840 V
LT P G ATKINSON ✓
S/S J O SWAFFORD
S/S P F GLYNN

3. 207 B ✓
LT F J HARROLD
S/S E L GRIFFIN
SGT C W MAZIASZ

4. 224 E-1
LT H A MONROE ✓
S/S W L KIDD
SGT S R ZAHLIKIEWICZ

5. 0203 R ✓
LT J C SEWELL
S/S W F COLBERT
SGT L C BURGER

6. 227 F-1 ✓
LT A W NORDSTROM
S/S J D GOSSETT
S/S R L MILLER

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MISSION NO. 51 — LOADING LIST BOX 11 FLIGHT 1 — MAY 1944

1. 442 D
CAPT R A CLARK
LT C W JONES
S/S N RADLICH
SGT R W NICKS

2. 444 J
LT A E OSBORNE
LT W FORMA
S/S E E KELLY
S/S W H COE

3. 0194 A
LT A W GULLION
S/S S F ALDEN
S/S R L BALLINGER

4. ~~673 I~~
~~LT P F E MACMANUS~~
~~S/S J L ROGERS~~
~~S/S G I FLEISCHMAN~~

5. 717 N
LT M S STREET
S/S C A PRINDLE
S/S E T EPPS

6. 743 W
LT J S CONNOR
SGT H C RODGERS
SGT J E VAN DUYNE

FLIGHT 11

1. 701 H
LT G EBENSTEIN
SGT E SHELDON
S/S D R SCHENCK

2. 0176 T-1
LT R V MIRACLE
S/S J C BURKHALTER
S/S B C SIEG

3. 195 D
LT S B RITCHIE
S/S E A ANDERSON
S/S A W NEWKIRK

4. 907 O
LT R D POINDEXTER
T/SGT L G ROBBINS
S/S D H SIMPSON

5. 210 Q
LT L G PEEDE
S/S C L HIBBS
S/S L M DAUGHERTY

6. 684 K
LT R K CRUZE
S/S J R ORR
S/S F L FLACKS

FLIGHT 111

1. 214 C
LT E T PLATTER
S/S K L HOHNSON
S/S J L CZECH

2. 937 B
LT AR DURANTE
S/S H T BEST
S/S I R DEGIUSTI

3. 711 M
LT H D ANDREWS
S/S G M COOK
S/S E R WERLEY

4. 951 P
LT F W DEMAND
S/S C W MIDDLETON
SGT R J TROYER

5. 393 K-1
LT R A WIPPERMAN
S/S H S AHRENS
SGT L C MAZZA

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG N_____E

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"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE F-3 20 MAY 1944

PREPARED BY MAJOR HAROLD A. RADETSKY

A.

B. 1850

C. BRIGHTON

D. BOX I . . . . R/T MACHINE ONE

668 . . . . . 1 . . . . . R

671 . . . . . 2 . . . . . X F

669 . . . . . 4 . . . . . A J Q V

670 . . . . . !! . . . . Q-1 L S N E M A-1 B E-1 F-1 T

GROUP LEADER . . . . 670 . . . . . T

DEPUTY . . . . 671 X

BOX II . . . . R/T MACHINE TWO

669 . . . . . 4 . . . . . D I N W

~~670 . . . . . 1 . . . . . R~~

668 . . . . . 8 . . . . . A T D-1 O Q K H J

671 . . . . . 5 . . . . . C B M P K-1

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . . 669 . . . . D

DEPUTY . . . . 668 . . . . . J

E. 12,000

F. ETRETAT

G. 1908½

H. 47½

J. ETRETAT

K. BEACHY HEAD

L. 2013

N. 1. E.T.D. . . . 1825 . . . E.T.A. . . . 2024

2. 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I Z380

BOX II Z380

5. NONE

MACE COBONGR 416

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

JOHN M. BONURA,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Opns. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APO 140
30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U. S. Army

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 4 miles. 4-6/10 Cumulus at 4000 ft. 7-8/10 cirrus at 20,000 ft.

Route Out: 9/10 cumulus at 2500 ft. over southern England breaking half way over channel and becoming 8-8/10 over continent. Thick haze to 6000 ft. and thin haze above, top unknown. Visibility 3-4 miles over Southern England improving to 8 miles over channel and continent.

TARGET: Nil cloud Visibility 5 miles down sun, 1½ miles up sun

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except that 10/10 clouds at 5000 ft were noted over Le Havre

BASE ON RETURN: 3/10 cumulus at 3500 ft. Overcast of cirrus at 20,000 ft. Visibility 8 miles

WINDS: As forecast

TIME OVER TARGET: 1949

AFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Haze made it impossible to pick out the target until the last moment.

Robert D. Griffith

Robert D. Griffith
2nd Lt. Air Corps

WETHERSFIELD
416th BOMB GROUP (W)

TAKEOFF – 1800
RETURN

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 20 MAY 1944
PERIOD 1730 - 2130

Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/15227

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
1 WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	
2 CLOUDS	4/10 CIRRUS IN TARGET AREA TO 8/10. 5/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS AT 12,000 FT DECREASING SOUTHWARD BECOMING 0/10 AT 14,000 FT INLAND OVER CONTINENT LOW CLOUDS VARIABLE 5 TO 6/10 BASE 3000 FT TOPS 8,000 FT BREAKING TO NIL OVER CHANNEL AND 3 TO 5/10 OVER CONTINENT	8/10 HIGH CIRRUS 6/10 MEDIUM CLOUDS AT 14,000 FT 4/10 LOW CLOUDS BASE 3,000 FT TOPS 8,000 FT	SAME AS ROUTE OUT EXCEPT MEDIUM CLOUDS INCREASING TO 8/10	
3 ICING	FREEZING LEVEL 5,000 FT MODERATE RIME IN MEDIUM CLOUDS LIGHT TO MODERATE CLEAR ICE IN CUMULUS AT 5000 FT	SAME	SAME	
4 VISIBILITY	3 TO 4 MILES BECOMING 4 TO 6 MILES OVER CONTINENT	5 MILES	2 TO 3 MILES	

HEIGHT	DIRECTION (BASE)	VELOCITY	DIRECTION (TARGET)	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
SURFACE	350	6	240	6				
5,000 FT	320	10	240	11				
10,000 FT	300	16	240	17				
12,000 FT	280	22	250	19				
15,000 FT	280	25	250	20				
FT								
FT								

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.87

TARGET SURFACE TEMP. +14
TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. -12°C

TARGET MEAN TEMP. -1°C
TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +895

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AIRCRAFT REPORT

		BASE TO COAST	OVER CHANNEL OR SEA	OVER CONTINENT & TARGET
TIME				
POSITION				
ALTITUDE				
CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE			
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP			
CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE			
	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP			
VISIBILITY				
TEMPERATURE				
WINDS				
REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.				

NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU— WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT FELLOW A BREAK!

CLOUD TYPES AND ABBREVIATIONS

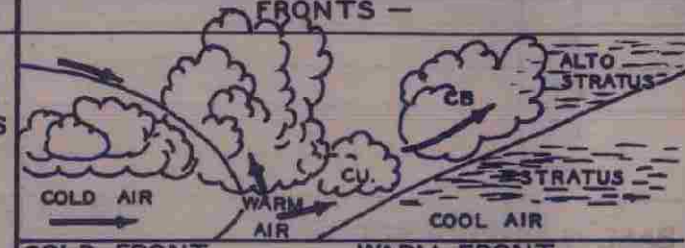
LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS
SC-STRATOCUMULUS

MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS
AC-ALTOCUMULUS

HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS
CS-CIRROSTRATUS

CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT =
CU-CUMULUS CB-CUMULONIMBUS

FRONTS —



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Mission No. 51 — Box I — 20 May 1944

SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LAND TIME	REMAR
C	T	455	Campbell	535	en Vision Carmiecles	1756	1850	1908½	1931½	1956	2013	HC	725	4500 G.P.	4	2109	
D	X	914	Sommers			1756	12,000	12,000		12,000	9,000					2110	
D	F	221	De Mun			1756	Brighton	Entretat		Entretat	Beachy Head	C				2110	
B	A	181	Peck			1757										2112	
B	J	983	Howes			1757										2112	
B	Q	900	Renth			1757										2113	
C	Q-1	452	Huese			1757										2117	
C	L	892	Shea			1758										2114	
C	S	978	Rooney			1758										2115	
C	N	380	Greenel			1758										2115	
D	E	220	McGlohn			1758										2116	
C	M	750	Heinman			1759						C				2116	
C	A-1	209	Rudisill			1759		No Ferry								2053	
B	V	840	Atkinson			1759										2119	
C	B	207	Harrald			1759						C				2118	
C	E-1	224	Monroe			1800										2119	
A	R	0203	Sewell			1800										2119	
C	F-1	227	Nordstrom			1800										2114	

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Mission No. 51 — Grp II — 20 May 1944

SQDN	A/C LTR	A/C NO.	PILOT	DISTANCE	TARGET	ATO	ENG. COAST OUT	ENEMY COAST IN	TOT	ENEMY COAST OUT	ENG. COAST IN	CAMERA	FUEL LOAD	BOMB LOAD	ENDUR	LAND TIME	REMAR
B	D	442	Clark	535	Cormeilles en Vexin	1802	1850	1908½	1931½	1956	2013	H-C	725	4x500 G.P.	4	2170	
A	J	[redacted]	Osborne			1802	12000	12,000		12,000	9,000					2121	
A	A	0194	Guellion			1802	Brighton	Entretat		Entretat	Beachy					2121	
B	I	673	MacManus			1803	(Lowered	Early)		—	Dead	No Lorie				1934	
B	N	717	Street			1803						C				2122	
B	W	713	Connor			1803										2123	
A	H	701	Ebenstein			1803						C				2124	
A	T	0176	Miracle			1804										2125	
A	D-1	195	Ritchie			1804						C				2125	
A	O	907	Vandenter			1804										2125	
A	Q	0210	[redacted] Leede			1804										2126	
A	K	684	Cruze			1805										2126	
D	C	214	Platter			1805						H-C				2128	
D	B	937	Durante			1806										2129	
D	M	711	Andrews			1806										2130	
D	P	951	Demand			1806						H-C				2130	
D	K-1	393	Kipperman			1806										2131	
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Mission #2 May 20-1944

SHIP NO	SQUADRON	PILOT and/or BOMBADIER	GUNNERS	MALFUNCTIONS	CAUSES OF MALFUNCTIONS
743	B	Connor		No bombs dropped.	Pilot failed to have switches in correct position. Bombs released normally on return from mission.
0214	D	Platter		1 bomb fell on doors after bombing run.	Tight sway braces, causing a delayed release.
0210	A	Peede		Left rear bomb failed to release.	Tight sway braces causing a failure of release. Bomb released upon return from mission, as soon as sway braces were backed off, without an electrical impulse.

William C. McDonald
Capt. A.C.
Armament Officer -

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING. 201335B M-104-E
TO COMBOMCOM NINE
416TH COBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
20 MAY 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 45-320

MAPS NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND P-47'S WILL FURNISH ESCORT FOR THIS WING

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN FRANCE

ZERO HOUR: 201830B

3. A. 416TH GROUP
(1) Z 380
(2) TWO BOXES OF 18
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT BRIGHTON AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN AT 12,000 FEET
(4) BASE TO BRIGHTON TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MIN EAST TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE
(6) BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET
(7) 49 DEGREES 05 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 42 MIN EAST
(8) GENERALLY WEST TO EAST
(9) ILL. S1630/4 REF. 081058
(10) 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE AND 1/100 SECOND TAIL
(11) 49 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 01 DEGREES 47 MIN EAST
X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS
C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:
(2) MACHINE
(3) ANGELA
(9) 1/1
(10) 101/101

X. GENERAL INFORMATION:
(2) WEST MALLING D/D
BRIGHTON AREA C/C C/S PARADE
(3) NO CHANGE
(10) B T V A/B T V A
(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONRTOL ON CHANNEL "C" WHEN LEAVING TARGET AREA.

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OIYAA / OILAI R.....20/1355B JMD AR AR

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OICOG OIYAA V OILAI OILAI 07/20 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 20/1535B M-105-E
TO COMBOMCOM IX
416TH COMBOMGP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING
A P O 140
20 MAY 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 45-320

ADD IN PARA. 3 A. (1) SECONDARIES Z 33E AND Z 460

CHANGE PARA 3 A. (4) TO READ:
BASE TO BRIGHTON TO ETRETAT TO 49 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 00 MIN.
EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

ADD PARA. 3 A. (5) TO READ:
TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 49 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 00 MIN.
EAST TO ETRETAT TO BEACHY HEAD TO BASE.

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BT 20/1535B
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OICOG R.....20/1555B FIG AR
OIYAA R.....20/1555B GP AR

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OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 17/20 OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 20/2256B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2

97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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M-543-D
OPFLASH NO. 46 FOR 20 MAY 1944
A. (1) CORMEILLES-EN-VEXIN A/D
(2) CORMEILLES-EN-VEXIN A/D
B. (1) 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) 35 A 20
(3) 2 A/C RETURNED EARLY FROM OVER CHANNEL, ONE BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE. ONE BECAUSE ANTENNAE WAS CUT IN TEST FIRING GUNS AND WOUND AROUND RUDDER.
(4) 33 ON PRIMARY
C. (1) 1756
(2) 1948 1/2 - 1951 (TWO BOXES)
(3) 2131
D. (1) NIL
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-0-0
E. EXEELLENT CONCENTRATION OF BOMBS CLUSTERED ON AIMING POINT BY BOTH BOXES.
F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) NIL
(B) VERY E WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK FROM WOODS 2 MILES SOUTH OF ELBEUF. VERY WEAK INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT LILLE BONNE.
G. 15 TO 20 BARGES IN CANAL NEAR GUYON.
8 TO 10 FUEL TANKS ACROSS SEINE RIVER FROM E QUILLEBOEUF.
LARGE MERCHANT VESSEL IN SEINE NEAR QUILLEBOEUF. NOT UNDER ~~XXXXX~~ STEAM.
SINGLE S/E FIGHTER PROBABLY ME 109 LOW OVER MOUTH OF SEINE NEAR HONFLEUR AT 1959 HOURS HEADED INLAND.
H. (1) NO CLOUDS OVER TARGET BUT LIMITED VISIBILITY NECESSITATED SHORT BOMB RUN.
(2) 10/10 LEHAVRE AREA.
8 TO 9/10 FROM SOUTH OF ENGLAND OVER CHANNEL AT ~~2600/70~~ 2500 TO 5000 FEET.
2 TO 3/10 OVER CONTINENT. VISIBILITY 5 MILES THICK HAZE TO 6000 FEET.
I. 131 X 500 ON PRIMARY
9 X 500 RETURNED
J. 12,000 - 11,000

MACE COBOMGR 416

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OILAI R.....20/2310B RRR KKK
OICOG R.....20/2310B FIG KKKK

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TO COBOMCOBATWG 97 ATT SIG O
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M-544-J

A- YS - 49

B- 20 MAY 1944 (1825-2054)

C - 668 (9) R A T D-1 O Q K H J
669 (8) A J Q V D I N W
670 (11) Q-1 L S N E M A-1 B E-1 F-1 T
671 (7) C B M P K-1 X F
TOTAL 35

D-670-T COMMAND RECEIVER INOPERATIVE
670-L INTERPHONE TO RMX TURRET CUTTING OUT

E-670- A-1 TWO QDM'S FROM WETHERSFIELD

F- NOT APPLICABLE

G- NOT APPLICABLE

H- NOT APPLICABLE

I- NONE

J- 670-T FROMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS
669-D XRXX FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

K- NONE

L-670-T REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO RAXXX PARADE
669-D REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE

M- NONE

N- NOT APPLICABLE

O- GOOD REXXXX RADIO PERFORMANCE

MACE COBOMGR 416
BT 21/0001B
ASCCC "D" SHOULD BE
D-670-XXCRMMANDXRECEIVERXXINXXXXIMOPERATIVEXX THE CC SHOULD BE ON "J"
J-670-T FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS
XX669-DXRERORTXDXCOMPLETION
669-D FORMATION AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS

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