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

APO 140, U. S. Army.
13 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Combat Mission.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, APO 140, U. S. Army.

416th Bombardment Group (L).
143rd Combat Mission, 12 September 1944.
97th CW FO Number 211 - 546.

1. 38
2. 36
3. 35
4. 2 (spares)
5. 1
6. 43-1861 Lt. T. Boukamp — All bombs dropped in channel. Release button stuck in energized position releasing bombs when bomb master switch was turned on.

7. 43-1961 Lt. T. Boukamp — Same as above.

43-9907 Lt. R. W. York — 1 bomb returned. Circuit to pole "B" shorted out by contact between bomb rack and bomb rack adaptor.

43-9219 Lt. W. A. Merchant — 1 bomb returned. Solenoid in No. 2 station burned out.

8. None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHERNEIN
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 546

BOX 1, Flt 1 GROUP 416 DATE 12 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Artillery Position at Chaligny.

1. Method of Sighting:
Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 090°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (XXXX (flight) 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:

G-1 autopilot was not used.

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. P. G. Royalty

6. Name of lead Pilot: Major D. L. Willetts

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 233 Altitude: 12000
9. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED Inst. N Non delay
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None

(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: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 546

BOX 1, flt 2 GROUP 416 DATE 12 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Artillery Position at Chaligne

1. Method of Sighting: Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 094°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire ~~(sect)~~ (flight) 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:

C-1 autopilot was not used.

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. D. L. Moore

6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain R. J. Morton

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 236 Altitude: 12200
9. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED Inst N Mondelay T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 26

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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None

(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: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 546

BOX 1, flt 3 GROUP 416 DATE 12 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Artillery Position at Chelique

1. Method of Sighting:
Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 094°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (~~[illegible]~~) (flight) 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:
G-1 autopilot was not used.

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: J. J. Endenfort

6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. W. S. Peck

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 234 Altitude: 11000
9. Length of bomb run: 90 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED Inst. N Nondelay T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 32

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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None

(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: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 546

BOX 2, flt 1 GROUP 416 DATE 12 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Artillery Position at Che ligne

1. Method of Sighting:
Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 093°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (flight) 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:
C-1 autopilot was not used.

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. H. T. Arrington

6. Name of lead Pilot: Captain R. V. Wheeler

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 11500
9. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED Inst N Nondelay T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 34

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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None

(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: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A" BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 546

BOX 2, flt 2 GROUP A16 DATE 12 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Artillery Position at Chaligne

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 099°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (flight) 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:

G-1 autopilot was not used.

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed Aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. W. E. Brewer

6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. F. J. Harrold

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 231 Altitude: 11700
9. Length of bomb run: 120 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED Inst. N Mondeley T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 24

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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None

(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: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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ANNEX "A"

BOMBING INFORMATION

IX B.C. FIELD ORDER NO. 240

BOX 9. flt 9 GROUP 416 DATE 12 Sept 1944 TARGET ATTACKED Artillery Position at Chaligne

1. Method of Sighting:

Pre-set with corrections.

2. Bombing approach: 092°

3. Was mercury erection system used? YES____ NO X

4. Did entire (box) (flight) 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:

C-1 autopilot was not used.

Pre-set with corrections. Aimed at briefed aiming point.

5. Name of lead Bombardier: Lt. J. Ruzz

6. Name of lead Pilot: Lt. J. P. Meagher

7. Intervalometer setting: None
8. Indicated Air Speed: 200 Ground Speed: 230 Altitude: 11300
9. Length of bomb run: 130 Sec:
10. Bomb Load and Fusing per A/C: 6 x 500 lb. FUSED Inst. N Mondelay T
11. Total Bombs Dropped: 36

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 did Flak affect bombing or bomb run:

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing?
None

(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: EXCEL X GOOD____ FAIR____ POOR____ GROSS____

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BOX I

FLIGHT I

1. 063 E
Major D.L. Willetts
Lt. P.G. Royalty
S/Sgt. J.S. Brower
S/Sgt. M.R. Davis
440 3:40

2. 956 Z
~~Lt. J.J. Lackovich~~
~~Sgt. T. Cemery~~
~~Sgt. R.M. Barry~~
Returned Early

3. 907 C
Lt. R.W. York
S/Sgt. H.J. Wilds
S/Sgt. L.A. Ashton
590 3:40 *

4. 219 D
Lt. W.A. Merchant
S/Sgt. C.J. Harp
S/Sgt. K.R. Brown
600 3:40

5. 937 B
Lt. D.M. Eastman
Cpl. R.J. Johnson
Cpl. A.B. Eaton
490 3:35

6. 363 L
Lt. J.C. Gary
Sgt. R.W. Cheuvront
Sgt. A.E. Schoen
430 3:40 *

FLIGHT II

1. 135 T
Captain R.J. Mayton
Lt. D.L. Moore
S/Sgt. C.L. Webb
S/Sgt. F.M. Citty
470 3:40

2. 181 A
Lt. W.H. Land
S/Sgt. D.R. Abriola
Cpl. V. Fair
480 3:40

3. 821 Z-1
Lt. A.J. Vlegnele
S/Sgt. J. Mani
Sgt. J.J. McGuire
450 3:40

4. 1951 P
Lt. T. Boukamp
Cpl. C.E. Tranchina
Cpl. D.M. West
545 3:40 *

5. 376 C-1
Lt. R.B. Robertson
S/Sgt. M.W. Cheney
Sgt. G.E. Reiter
550 3:40

6. 155 V
Lt. J.E. Blomgren
Sgt. L.R. Fleming
S/Sgt. H. Bookach
460 3:40 *

FLIGHT III

1. 442 D-1
Lt. W.A. Peck
Lt. J. Madenfort
S/Sgt. A.E. Bergeron
S/Sgt. H.E. Kelton
500 3:40

2. 743 W
Lt. J.S. Connor
S/Sgt. J.E. Van Duyne
S/Sgt. H.C. Rodgers
420 3:40

3. 197 F
Lt. E.J. Renth
S/Sgt. O.D. LaNave
Cpl. L. Moskowitz
510 3:40 *

4. 190 I
Lt. J.F. Allen
Sgt. L.R. Getgen
Sgt. C.W. Veazey
480 3:40

5. 892 H
Lt. J.F. Smith
S/Sgt. C. Vafiadis
S/Sgt. R.C. Hoffman
520 3:40 *

6. 900 Q
Lt. E.L. Miller
Cpl. J.F. Malloy
S/Sgt. J.H. Pemberton
490 3:40

SPARE

194 9
Lt. J.P. Kenny
Sgt. J.J. Sittarich
Sgt. L.V. Metzler
470 3:35

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MISSION NO. 143 — LOADING LIST — 12 SEPTEMBER 1944

BOX II

FLIGHT I

1. 645 R
Captain R.V. Wheeler
Lt. R.T. Arrington
S/Sgt. K.L. Johnson
S/Sgt. J.L. Czech
450 3:40 H*

2. 9711 M
Lt. T.J. Murray
S/Sgt. R.J. Jones
S/Sgt. D.H. DeBower
475 3:40

3. 393 K
Lt. F.W. Henderson
S/Sgt. R.M. Griswold
S/Sgt. P.E. Coulombe
535 3:40

4. 719 J
Lt. R.C. Morehouse
S/Sgt. L.A. Zyglel
S/Sgt. A.J. Burgess
545 3:40

5. 925 G
Lt. H.M. Van Noorden
Cpl. R.I. Steffey
Sgt. G. Thompson
520 3:40 *

6. 951 P
Lt. A.E. Herman
S/Sgt. A.D. Garrett
S/Sgt. J.C. Young
460 3:40

FLIGHT II

1. 458 Q
Lt. F.J. Harrold
Lt. W.E. Brewer
S/Sgt. E.L. Griffin
S/Sgt. C.W. Maziasz
440 3:40

2. 224 E
Captain H.F. Conant
Cpl. L.R. Friday
Cpl. J.L. Collier
480 3:40

3. 892 L
Lt. W. Musgrove
Sgt. H.O. Siegnman
Sgt. M.L. Licker
460 3:40 *

4. 380 N
Lt. E.L. Johnson
S/Sgt. W.J. Donahue
S/Sgt. R. Eutsler
535 3:40 H*

5. 905 K-1
Lt. H. Popeney
Sgt. W.E. Arnett
Sgt. H.C.S. Candler
450 3:40 *

6. 720 F
Lt. J.R. Warren
Sgt. C.C. Stroup
Sgt. S.J. Turpin
470 3:40

FLIGHT III

1. 1717 P-1
Lt. J.F. Meagher
Lt. J. Burg
Sgt. J.H. Roberts
Sgt. F. Naifeh
500 3:45

2. 176 T
Ltl L.G. Pecde
S/Sgt. R.N. Burch
S/Sgt. L.M. Daugherty
485 3:40

3. 819 K-2
Lt. E.B. Kreh
S/Sgt. D.R. Schenck
S/Sgt. E. Shelton
500 3:40 *

4. 150 N-1
Lt. C.C. Mish
S/Sgt. C.J. Clark
S/Sgt. R.F. Chustz
570 3:40

5. 226 E-1
Lt. L.E. Cannon
S/Sgt. J.W. Robinson
Sgt. E.P. Brzezinski
505 3:40 H*

6. 195 D-1
Lt. J.H. Montrose
Sgt. R.S. Candy
Sgt. J. Felkel
470 3:40 *

SPARE

~~889 I~~
~~Lt. E.O. Turner~~
~~Sgt. J. Sienkiewicz~~
~~Sgt. J.O. Falcas~~

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : IX BOMBER COMMAND TO: 97TH COMBAT WING

416 BG S_____E SECRET IN THE CLEAR

"J" FORM OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE E.8 12 SEPTEMBER 1944
PREPARED BY LT. W.L. LYTLE

A.

B. 1642

C. NORTH FORELAND

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

671 . . . . 5 . . . . E Z D B L

669 . . . . 12 . . . T A Z-1 P O-1 V D-1 W F I M Q

668 . . . . 1 . . . . O

668 . . . . 1 . . . . SPARE C

GROUP LEADER . . . . 671 . . . . E

DEPUTY . . . . 669 . . . . T

BOX II . . . . R/T PLUSHBIKE TWO

671 . . . . 6 . . . . R M K J G P

670 . . . . 6 . . . . Q E L N K-1 F

668 . . . . 6 . . . . P-1 T L-2 N-1 E-1 O-1

670 . . . . 1 . . . . SPARE I

SECOND BOX LEADER . . . . 671 . . . . R

DEPUTY . . . . 670 .. . . Q

E. 12,000

F. GRAVELINES

G. 1654

H. 122 MINUTES

J. GRAVELINES

K. CLACTON ON THE SEA

L. 1913

M. 1. T.O. . . . . 1557 . . . E.T.D. . . . 1617 . . . E.T.A. . . . 1920

2. 32 A/C - 6 x 500 6 A/C - 4 x 500 G.P.

3. 4 HOURS

4. BOX I AND II U795042

5. NONE

AYLESWORTH OCBOMGR 416

I certify that this is offi c ial business: JOHN M. BONURA, 1st Lt., A.C.

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POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION NO. 143

DATE 12 Sept 1944

1. NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED (MEDICS - 16) None

2. BOMBING MALFUNCTIONS (ARMAMENT - 02)

907 - Sqdn A. - Lt. York - 1 bomb returned. Circuit to Pole "B" (release circuit) shorted out by contact between bomb rack and bomb rack adaptor.

219 - Sqdn D - Lt. Merchant - 1 bomb returned - Solenoid in No. 2 station burned out.

1961 - Sqdn B - Lt. Boukamp - All bombs dropped in channel. Release button stuck in energized position, thus releasing bombs when bomb master switch turned on.

3. CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS (PHOTO LAB - 84)

Negative

4. NUMBER OF PLANES OPERATIONAL: BOMB GROUP 59 SERVICE GP 8

CALLED TO WING 19 B's + 48 G's - Not phoned to Wing

5. PERCENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE (INTELLIGENCE - 08 OR 17) 5½%

6. PLANES FAILING TO BECOME AIRBORNE OR RETURNING EARLY - REASON

956 - Sqdn D - Lt. Lackovich - Returned early - Couldn't get his landing gear up.

689 - Sqdn C - Lt Turner - Spare - Was briefed to return early.

7. PLANES LOST OR LANDING AWAY FROM BASE - REASON None

(SUBMITTED BY Paul G. Henry)

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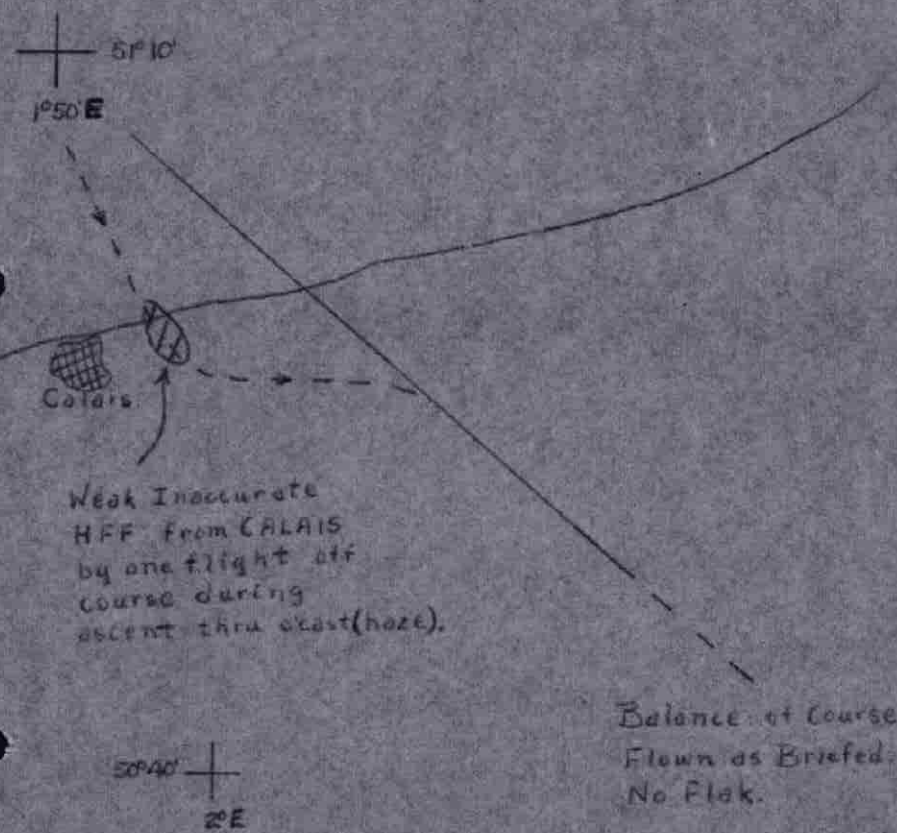
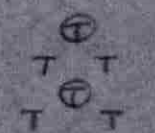


416th Bomgr	
12 Sept. 44	F.O. 211-546
Target	Art. Pos. V-795042
T.O.T.	1759
Weather	Nil Clouds
Window	No
Sorties	36 by 6's
Damage:	Box II, Flt. 2



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FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COCBTWIG 97TH ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 143

B - 12 SEPT 1944

C - 36 A/C

D - 671 - R - VHF OUT; PILOT KICKED JACK BOX ON ENTERING COCKPIT - REVERSED JACKS ON REINSERTING.

E - LOCAL BUNCHER BEACON USED.

F - NONE.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

JACK B. COONEY,
CAPT, AIR CORPS,
SIG O.

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Mission No. 153 Box I

SEP 12 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	REMARKS
D	E	065	Nicetto			1557							725	6	4	1933	
D	Z	956	Lackovich			1557								6		1626	
A	O	907	York			1557						C		6		1934	
D	D	219	Merchant			1557								6		1934	
D	B	937	Eastman			1558								6		1933	
D	L	363	Gang			1558						C		6		1935	
B	T	135	Morton			1558								6		1935	
B	A	181	Land			1558								4		1936	
B	Z-1	871	Vieghela			1559								6		1936	
B	P	1961	Bauhamp			1559						C		6		1936	
B	O-1	376	Robertson			1559								4		1937	
B	V	155	Gangen			1559						C		6		1937	
B	O-1	442	Pickl			1600								6		1938	
B	W	743	Connor			1600								4		1938	
B	F	197	Renth			1600						C		6		1939	
B	I	190	Allen			1601								6		1939	
B	M	692	Smith J.F.			1601						C		4		1940	
B	Q	900	Miller, E.L.			1601								6		1938	
A	C	194	Kenny			1601								6		1935	Spare

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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	LAT NIDME	REMARKS
D	R	645	Wheeler			1603						HC		6	1	1940	
D	M	9711	Murray			1603								6		1941	
D	K	393	Henderson			1603								6		1941	
D	J	719	Morehouse			1603								4		1941	
D	G	925	Van Noorden			1604						C		6		1942	
D	P	951	Herman			1604								6		1942	
C	Q	452	Harrold			1604								4		1943	
C	E	224	Conant			1604								6		1944	
C	L	892	Musgrave			1605						C		6		1943	
C	N	380	Johnson			1605						HC		6		1943	
C	K-1	905	Papeney			1605						C		6		1944	
C	F	720	Warren			1606								6		1944	
A	P-1	1717	Meagher			1606								6		1947	
A	T	176	Peele			1606								6		1945	
A	K-2	819	Kreh			1607						C		6		1945	
A	N-1	150	Meisl			1607								6		1946	
A	E-1	226	Cannon			1607						HC		6		1946	
A	D-1	195	Montrace			1608						C		6		1946	
C	I	689	Turner			1606								6		1947	Aborted

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IX 53

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FROM NINTH BOMBER COMMAND (FOR 97CBW) 121503B 9BC OS-653-E
TO: COBOMGP 416
INFO: COBOMGP 409, 410.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
SECRET QQX BT

IX BOMBER COMMAND (FOR 97CBW)
APO 140
12 SEPT 1944

F. O. NO 211-546

SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MCAFEE

1. B. (1) SEE SPECIAL BOMB LINE IN PAR. X(5)
(2) IX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH (P47) AREA COVER FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A MILITARY OBJECTIVE IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 12/1800B.

3. A. 416TH BMOMB GROUP:
(1) GRID. COORD V.-795042 ARTILLERY POSITION.
(2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
(3) AREA COVER.
(4) BASE TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO I.P. TO TARGET.
(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO GRAVELINES TO CLACTON-ON-SEA TO BASE.
(6) 12,000 FT. OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8000 FT. LEAVE FRENCH COAST AT BOMBING ALTITUDE.
(7) 4835 N 0540 E.
(8) GEN. WEST TO EAST.
(9) M.P.I. GRID COORD. V.-795042.
(10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED. INST NOSE NON-DELAY TAIL.
(11) 4851 N 0551 E.
(12) NO ALTERNATE TARGET WILL BE ATTACKED ON THIS MISSION.
(13) TIME OVER TARGET. ZERO HOUR.
(14) FIELDS IN FRANCE ARE TO BE USED IN EXTREME EMERGENCIES ONLY.

X. (1)-(3) NO CHANGE.
(4) MANSTON AND B-48.
(5) SPECIAL BOMB LINE FOR THIS MISSION-
ONLY - FROM R.R. AT MARON (V-7505) TO LANEVUEVILLE (V-8508) ALONG HIGHWAY TO VILLERS-LES-NANCY (V-8309) ALONG HIGHWAY TO MARON. TROOPS WILL WITHDRAW 1500 YDS. FROM SPECIAL BOMB LINE.
(6) P-47 FIGHTERS WILL PICK UP FORMATION AT ZERO MINUS 25 AT 4930 N 0420. E AND REMAIN IN TARGET AREA UNTIL ZERO PLUS 30 MIN. BOMBERS WILL ATTACK TARGET WHETHER FIGHTERS ARE SEEN OR NOT.

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4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.
(1) B/B.
(2) PLUSHBIKE.
(4) GREENBAY.

X. (10) TAVB/TAVB.

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BT
NNC AS

CC IN PAR 3. A. (1) CORECT TO READ U-795042.
IN PARA 3. A. (9) CORRECT TO READ U-795042.

IN PARA 3. X. (5) VA MARON (U-7505) TO LANEUVELXX7 LANEUVEVILLE
XYX(LHE938)
HERE IS THAT AGAIN
IN PARA 3. X. (5) VA FROM R.R. AT MARON (U-7505) TO LANEVUEVILLE
(U-6500) ALONG HIGHWAY TO VILLERS-LES-NANCY (U-6309) ETC.
MISTOOK U'S FOR V'S.
AR K

STNS HOLD FOR R ..

OINAK R .....12/1535B MC BBBBBB

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OEYAA R .....12/1530B WJF BBBBBB

OIGOF R .....12/1538B HGP ARARAR

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OICOG V YAA YAA 30/12 "OP"

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 12/2107B
TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2

CONFIDNTIAL BT

S-264-D
OPFLASH NO. 149 FOR 12 SPETEMBER 1944.

S 264 D

A. (1) ARTILLERY POSITION - V 795042
(2) ARTILLERY POSITION - V 795042

B. (1) 416TH BG
(2) 6 A-20 J'S AND 30 A-20 G'S
(3) 1 MECHANICAL FAILURE - BOMBS DROPPED IN THE CHANNEL ENROUTE TO THE TARGET - CAUSE UNKNOWN TO PILOT.
(4) 35 A-20'S ATTACK PRIMARY TARGET.

C. (1) 1557
(2) 1758 - 1759
(3) 1947

D. (1) 2 CATEGORY A (3RD FLIGHT II BOX)
(2) 0-0-0
(3) 0-0-6

E. EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION OF ALL FLIGHTS ON A/P. LARGE EXPLOSIONS AND MUCH SMOKE FOLLOWED BOMBING.

F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) FROM CALAIS - MEAGRE, INACCURATE HFF.
(2) (A) NIL
(B) NIL

G. SUPPLY DUMP ONE MILE NORTH OF TARGET AT U 3303

H. (1) NO LOW CLOUD - VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES. .3 TO .4 CLOUD AT 16,000 FT.
(2) EXTREME HAZE OVER CHANNEL AND 4 0 MILES INTO FRNACE VISIBILITY 1-2 MILES.

I. 194 X 500 LB. GP ON PRIMARY
6 X 500 LB. FELL OUT IN CHANNEL
1 X 500 LB. FELL OUT IN TURN OFF TARGET.
1 X 500 LB. RETURNED.

J. 11,300 TO 12,200 INDICATED XXXX ALT.

BT 12/2107B
FD AR
CORRCETION: UNDER H (2) THE WORD FRANCE IS MISSPELLED
OICOG R.....

OICOG R....12/2128B DILLL AR

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