

AUTH: CO STA A-55
DATE: 16 Dec. 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 256 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 15 Dec. 1944
Mission or Operation No. 172 97th CBW FO #92-671

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target	Heimbach Defended Village		
Place of take-off	Station A-55		
Place of landing	Station A-55		
Take-off time	1024	Landing time	1326
Time over target	1158	Bombing Altitude	12,500
Nature of mission	Bombing	Other	None
Weather	10/10's clouds over target area.		
Results	Unobserved		
Enemy opposition	None		

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched	9 A-20's					
	29 A-26's					

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.		
	3 A-20's	Window
	6 A-20's	Heimbach
	27 A-26's	Heimbach

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None

(2) Personnel: None

(3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 - landing gear failed to retract, 1 A-26 - Nose wheel failed to retract.

(4) Other: None

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	9 A-20's
	27 A-26's

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20's - 26:50
A-26's - 96:10

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20's 15,000 x .50 calibre
A-26's 61,600 x .50 calibre

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 24 x 250 GP'S Fused 1/10N 1/ACT
A-26's 232 x 250 GP'S Fused 1/10N 1/ACT

b. Expended on operations: A-20's 24 x 250 GP'S
 (List targets separately) A-26's 216 x 250 GP'S

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned A-26's 16 x 250 GP'S

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

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

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

a. Destroyed None

b. Prob. Dbs None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

Par B-2, Oprep 250 should read:

A-20J's and K's 5

A-26B's 23

Par B-3, Oprep 250 should read:

(1) 6 A-26B's and 3 A-20K's (Window)

(3) 1 A-20K - bomb doors not fully open

Par B-6, Oprep 240 should read: None

Par B-7, Oprep 240 should include 1 A-26B

category E-Flak

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