

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.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 265 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 24 December 1944  
 Mission or Operation No. 175 97th CEW FO #102-681

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Zulpich Communications Center  
 Place of take-off AAF Station A-55  
 Place of landing AAF Station A-55 1 A/C Landed at A-78  
 Take-off time 1352 Landing time 1729  
 Time over target 1538-1552 Bombing Altitude 11000-12200  
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
 Weather No clouds. Slight haze, not affecting visibility, in target area.  
 Results Unsat. Excel. Superior, Excel. Undet. No attack, Superior  
 Enemy opposition Moderate accurate heavy flak at target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 8 A-20's  
35 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
7 A-20's Zulpich Communication Center  
31 A-26's " " "

3. Abortive due to: *RR*  
 (1) Weather: None  
 (2) Personnel: None  
 (3) Mechanical: A-20 - leader of flight failed to release. Mechanical failure of bomb release system.  
 (4) Other: 4 A-26's failed to release because leader did not release.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None  
 giving cause where known \_\_\_\_\_

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving 1 - A-26 hit by flak on bomb run. Seen to burst into flames and crash after leaving target.

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 2 - A-20's - category AC 3 - A-26's category AC 7 A-26's category A

8. Sorties 8 - A-20's  
35 - A-26's

## D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's	19:00
A-26's	128:10

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

A-20's	1:10
A-26's	3:25

## E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air

A-20's	12000 x .50 calibre
A-26's	77000 x .50 calibre

b. Expended on operations

None	
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c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

A-26	2200 x .50 calibre
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## F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air:

A-20	32 x 250 lb GP Fused 1/10W 1/100T
A-26	396 x 250 lb GP Fused 1/10W 1/100T

b. Expended on operations:  
(List targets separately)

A-20	27 x 250 lb GP
A-26	352 x 250 lb GP

c. Jettisoned

None	
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d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

A-26	10 x 250 lb GP
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e. Total Returned

A-20	5 x 250 lb GP
A-26	34 x 250 lb 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	1	0	0	0	0	1	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	
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b. Prob. Destroyed

None	
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c. Damaged

None	
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For the Commanding Officer:

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