

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. 273 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 1 January 1945  
Mission or Operation No. 180 97th CBW FO# 114-694

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Mont Le Ban  
Place of take-off Station A-55  
Place of landing Station A-55 (1 A-26 Landed at A-78)  
Take-off time 1337 Landing time 1627  
Time over target 1447 - 1512 Bombing altitude No Attack  
Nature of mission Bombing Other Strafing  
Weather 2/10 Patchy Clouds - Visibility 8 Miles  
Results No Attack  
Enemy opposition Intense Heavy Accurate

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 1 - A-20  
5 - A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
No Attack

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None

(2) Personnel: None

(3) Mechanical: None

(4) Other: 1 - A-20 - 5 - A-26's Unable to synchronize on one run. Could not see that fighters had bombed on another run - smoke had blown away.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 1 - A-26 - Hit by flak and seen going down at P6680.

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

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None  
target giving cause where known \_\_\_\_\_

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 1 - A-20 - Category A  
2 - A-26's - Category A  
2 - A-26's - Category A

8. Sorties 1 - A-20  
5 - A-26's

## D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's - 3:10A-26's - 13:45

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

## E. Ammunition by calibres:

A-20 - 1500 x .50 calibrea. Total carried into air A-26's - 27000 x .50 calibreb. Expended on operations Nonec. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c A-26 5400 x .50 calibre

## F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20 - 4 x 260 lb. Frags Inst. Nose OnlyA-26's - 100 x 260 lb. Frags Inst. Nose Only

b. Expended on operations:

None

(List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned

A-26's 40 x 260

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

A-20's - 4 x 260A-26's - 60 x 260

## 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 Noneb. Prob. Des Nonec. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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