

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. 277 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 5 Jan. 1945  
 Mission or Operation No. 182 97th CBW 118-698

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Simmern Railroad Bridge  
 Place of take-off Station A-55  
 Place of landing Station A-55  
 Take-off time 1220 Landing time 1630  
 Time over target 1433-1440 Bombing Altitude 13000-14500  
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
 Weather 10/10 Cloud coverage  
 Results Unobserved  
 Enemy opposition Moderate inaccurate HFF at Lampsheim. Weak accurate HFF from Bitch.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 7 A-20's  
22 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
 \* 7 A-20's Simmern R/R Bridge  
 \* 21 A-26's

\* 4 A-20's and 11 A-26's bombed on ETA  
 3. Abortive due to:  
 (1) Weather: None  
 (2) Personnel: None  
 (3) Mechanical: None  
 (4) Other: 1 A-26 cause undetermined. Possible short due to excessive moisture found on canvas cover over terminal strip for wiring and on wiring to RS-2 rack selector.

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 None  
 target giving cause where known  
 7. Damaged (give category & cause) 1 A-20 category A

8. Sorties 7 A-20's  
22 A-26's

## D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's 28:45

A-26's 87:15

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

## E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air

A-20's 10500 x .50 calibre

A-26's 48400 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 28 x 500 GP's Bused 1/100 1/1000

A-26's 88 x 1000 GP's Bused 1/100 1/1000

b. Expended on operations:

A-20's 28 x 500 GP's

(List targets separately) A-26's 82 x 1000 GP's

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

A-26's 6 x 1000 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	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	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

b. Prob. Dcs

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

Opreg #274 - 2 January 1945

Section D a. should read A-20's 40:30 A-26's 80:00

Section B 7. should read 3 A-26's category E

Opreg #266A - 25 December 1945

Section B 7. should include 1 A-20 category E

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