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TARGET Summern RRbr DATE 4/2/45 No. a/c 77 MISS.# 183 F.O.# 704

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J 240  
DIS7

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 SIG

Recd  
 10/2245

OIITA OIJES OIJPO OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 07/10 (INFO)  
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 10/2218A  
 TO COMBOMDIV IX  
 COBOMGP 409  
 COBOMGP 410  
 COBOMGP 416  
 ATTN: SIGNALS OFFICER

ADVANCE INFO COPY OF PAR. 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW:

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- PLAN "A" OR "B"
- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
    - (2) MUSKRAT
    - (3) PALLMALL
    - (4) RIPSAW
  - B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
    - (2) GENTRY
    - (4) & (5) SWEEPSTAKE
  - C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
    - (2) SHAVING
    - (3) BYPASS
    - (4) RIPSAW

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 2218A  
 RL AR TO ITA BB TO GPS

OIJES R.....10/2224B 10/2226A MC KKK  
 OIJPO R.....102227A AK K  
 OIJKI R.....10/2226A WN KKK  
 OIITA R.....10/2230A JP AR

OIJES OIJKI V OIJE A OIJE A 09/10 OP OP  
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 10/2310A J-110-E  
 TO COBOMGP 409  
 COBOMGP 416

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
 SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 2 FIELD ORDER 124-704.

- (1) TARGET: RR BRIDGE OVER SIMMERN RIVER AT L-839530 DESCRIBED ON 9TH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/T374 (AREA 1). ✓
- (2) OUR TARGET IS PART OF THE OVERALL RAIL INTERDICTION PROGRAM TO DISRUPT THE ENEMY SUPPLY ROUTES LEADING TO THE PRESENT ACTIVE FRONT, AND TO ISOLATE THIS BATTLEFIELD.
- (3) PHOTO COVERAGE:  
 9TH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/T374 (AREA 1) ✓  
 9TH AF 2ND PHASE REPORT IX TAC T/187 (AREA "A")  
 9TH AF 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US10/D604 ✓  
 US12/3861 PRINTS 5021, 5022, 5023 ✓  
 MAP COVERAGE: G.S.G.S. 4416 SHEET T-2
- (4) FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS - SPECIAL NOTE OF ROUTE FROM L-0017 TO L-4020 ON BOTH PLANS.
- (5) TARGET IS WELL BEYOND THE BOMBLINE.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 2310A  
 RL AR

OIJKI R.....10/2340A WN A AR

284  
 DIST  
 S-2  
 S-3  
 SIG  
 Recd  
 10/24/55

OIITA OIJES OIJKI OIJPO OIJJF V OIJEA OIJEA 01/11 OP - OP  
T (OIITA T OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/0020A J-112-E  
TO COMBOMBIV NINE  
409TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP  
416TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY I  
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 140  
11 JANUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 124-794

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER CURRENT BOMBLINE.  
→ (2) 9TH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE P-38 ESCORT FOR THE 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS.  
2ND T.A.F. WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN LUXENBOURG AND GERMANY.

PLAN "A" ZERO HOUR: 11/1200A  
PLAN "B" ZERO HOUR: 11/1200A

PLAN "A" VISUAL

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP:  
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4937N 0660E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MINUTES.
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP:  
(1) CLERVAUX COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (P-779631)  
(2) 3 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.  
(3) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.  
(4) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE.  
(5) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.  
(6) 4942N 0549E.  
(7) GIM S W TO N E.  
(8) M.P.I. MAP SERIES GSGS 4414, SHEET 5902. 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 77916315, 3 FLIGHTS ON GRID. COORD. 77606310.  
(9) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/16 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.  
(10) 4942N 0549E.  
(11) T.C.T.: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINUTES.  
(12) NO ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL BE ATTACKED.  
(13) IF CLOUD COVER PREVENTS VISUAL BOMBING, GROUPS WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP:  
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4937N 0660E AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 45 MINUTES.

X. (1-4) N) CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET: SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)  
(6) A/C REQ.: 36 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.  
(7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO F.R. TO 4941N 0654E TO 4957N 0652E TO I.P. TO TARGET.  
(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.  
(9) ALTITUDE: BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.  
(10) I.P.: 5007N 0700E.  
(11) AXIS OF ATTACK: N W TO S E.

- (12) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT.  
 US 10/T374, ANNOTATED AREA 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE)  
 (13) BOMBS: 4 X 1000 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.  
 MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.  
 (14) R.P. 5007N 0708E.  
 (15) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING AND "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS,  
 BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON TARGET E.T.A.

## PLAN "B" - PATHFINDER

3. A. 409TH BOMB. GROUP.  
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4655N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR  
 PLUS 41 MINUTES. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD.  
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 83 MINUTES.
- B. 410TH BOMB. GROUP.  
 (1) CLERVAUX COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (P-779631)  
 (2) 1ST BOX: 15 A/C, 2ND BOX: 18 A/C WITH ONE P.P.F. A/C.  
 (4) BASE TO 4929N 0510E TO 4939N 0542E TO TARGET.  
 (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO 4939N 0542E TO BASE.  
 (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING  
 IS 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.  
 (9) M.P.I. - MAP SERIES G.S.G.S. 4414, SHEET 5902. ONE BOX  
 ON GRID. COORD. 77916315, ONE BOX ON GRID. COORD. 77606310  
 (TO BE USED FOR VISUAL BOMBING). P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID.  
 COORD. 77916315.  
 (10) 6 X 500 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.  
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 50 MINUTES.  
 (13) ALTERNATE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.  
 (14) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY  
 VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RES-  
 PONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL  
 DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.  
 (15) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING,  
 GROUP WILL RETURN TO 4942N 0549E TO BEGIN RUN.  
 (16) IF P.P.F. A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT  
 EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
- C. 416TH BOMB. GROUP.  
 (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT 4655N 0603E AT 13,500 FEET AT ZERO HOUR  
 PLUS 26 MINUTES. WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD.  
 (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 70 MINUTES.
- X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET - SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)  
 (6) A/C REQ. - 1ST BOX: 15 A/C, 2ND BOX: 18 A/C BOMBING ON  
 ONE P.P.F. A/C.  
 (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO 4656N 0740E TO 4928N 0809E TO  
 4935N 0758E TO TARGET.  
 (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET LEFT TO 5007N 0708E TO 4957N 0652E TO  
 4941N 0654E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.  
 (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL  
 BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.  
 (10) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US 10/T374,  
 ANNOTATED AREA 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) TO BE USED FOR VISUAL  
 BOMBING. P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 83905305.  
 (11) BOMBS - 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC.  
 TAIL. MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.  
 (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY  
 VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE  
 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS, AND THEY WILL DO SO  
 WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.  
 (13) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING,  
 GROUPS WILL RETURN TO 5007N 0708E TO BEGIN RUN.  
 (14) IF P.P.F. A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT  
 EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMB ON GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT.  
 IF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON  
 TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A" OR "B"

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.  
 (2) MUSKRAT  
 (3) PALLMALL  
 (4) RIPSAW
- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.  
 (2) CENTRY

4. (17) - (14) NO CHANGE.

FOR 409TH AND 416TH BOMB GROUPS ONLY.

- (5) TARGET - SIMMERN RAILROAD BRIDGE (L-839530)
- (6) A/C REQ. - 1ST BOX: 15 A/C, 2ND BOX: 18 A/C BOMBING ON ONE P.P.F. A/C.
- (7) ROUTE OUT - BASE TO F.R. TO 4856N 0740E TO 4928N 0809E TO 4935N 0758E TO TARGET.
- (8) ROUTE BACK - TARGET LEFT TO 5007N 0708E TO 4957N 0652E TO 4941N 0654E TO 4937N 0608E TO BASE.
- (9) ALTITUDE - BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR VISUAL BOMBING IS 5,000 FEET.
- (10) M.P.I. - 9TH A.F. 2ND PHASE INTERPRETATION REPORT US 10/T374, ANNOTATED AREA 1 (CENTER OF BRIDGE) TO BE USED FOR VISUAL BOMBING. P.P.F. A/C M.P.I. - GRID. COORD: 83905305.
- (11) BOMBS - 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. MINIMUM INTERVALOMETER SETTING.
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS, AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT.
- (13) IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND RUN FOR VISUAL BOMBING, GROUPS WILL RETURN TO 5007N 0708E TO BEGIN RUN.
- (14) IF P.P.F. A/C EQUIPMENT FAILS AND VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMB ON GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT. IF GROUP "GEE" EQUIPMENT FAILS, BOMBS WILL BE RELEASED ON TARGET E.T.A.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

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A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) MUSKRAT
- (3) PALLMALL
- (4) RIPSAW

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) GENTRY
- (4) & (5) SWEEPSTAKE.

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (2) SHAVING
- (3) BYPASS
- (4) RIPSAW

COMCETWIG 97

BT 11/1220A  
SS/CW AR

OIITA R.....110119A NEH AR K  
OIJES R.....11/0119A FR AR K  
OIJPO R.....11/0119A SK AR K  
OIJKI R.....11/0119A WJF AR

OVITA OIJJF OIJES OIJKI OIJPO V OIJEA OIJEA 4/11 OP OP  
T (OIIITA PASS TO OIJJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/1525A J-115-E  
TO COMBONDIV NINE  
COBOMGP 410  
COBOMGP 409  
COBOMGP 416  
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN.

891

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH : LT. COL. MC AFEE

1610  
11-1-45

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 140  
11 JANUARY 1945

ANNEX NO.1 TO FIELD ORDER NO.124-704

CANCEL PLAN "A". PLAN "B" IN EFFECT.

CHANGE PAR 1.B. (2) TO READ :  
(2) 19TH T.A.C. WILL PROVIDE P-38 ESCORT FOR 409TH AND 416TH  
BOMB GROUP.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR ON PLAN "B" TO READ 11/1300A

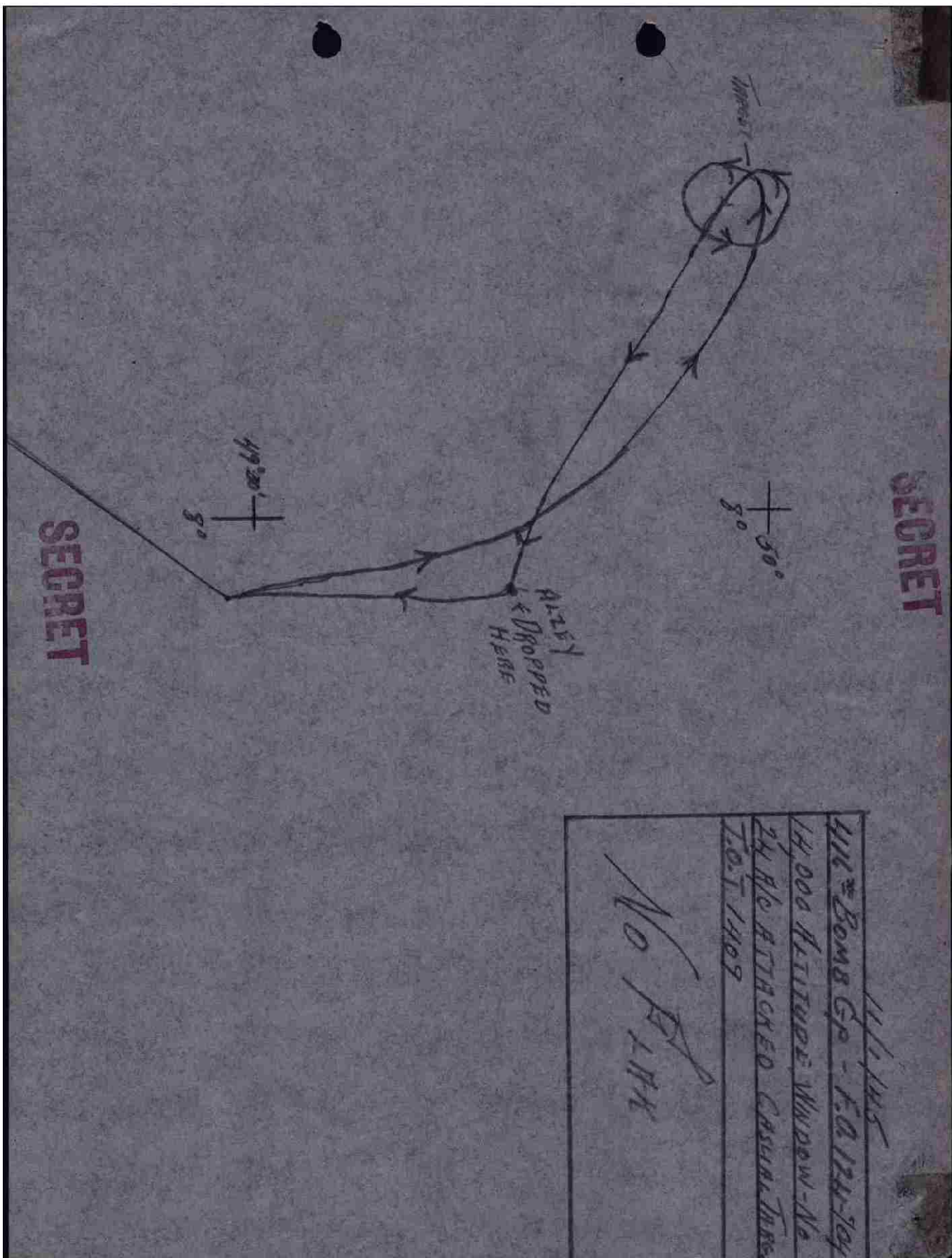
COMCBTWIG 97

BT 11/1525A

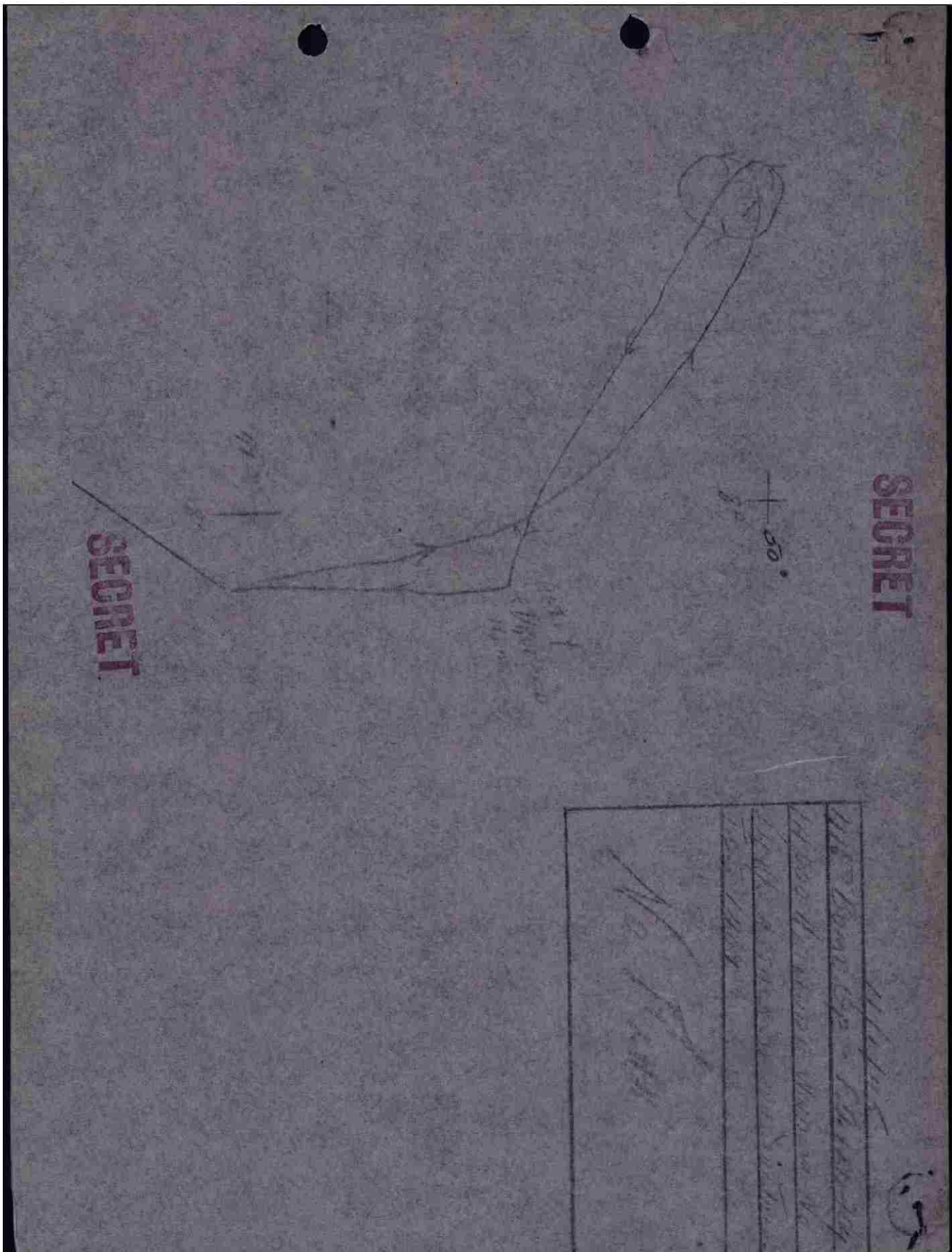
CES AR

OIITA R.....111539A	AL	AR
OIJKI R.....11/1539A	JF	AR
OIJES R.....111539A	JAB	AR

MONT



11/1/45  
 411<sup>st</sup> Bomb Grp - F.O. 124-104  
 14,000 ALTITUDE WINDOW-NO  
 74 R/C ATTACHED CASUALTY  
 LOG 1409  
 No Link



BOX I  
FLIGHT I

233

1. 075 J  
Capt. D.A. Hulse  
Lt. R. Conte  
S/S W.W. Donnelly  
Sgt C.J. Kruger

2. 023 X  
Lt. R.E. Greenley  
Lt. R.J. Bennett  
Cpl V.F. Gross  
S/Sgt A.H. Hinson

3. 229 B  
Lt. D.W. Sorreils  
S/Sgt V.A. Malara  
Major H.A. Franck

WINDOW

WINDOW  
1. 467 W  
Capt. R.J. Tutt  
Lt. J.T. Beck  
Sgt W. Wood  
Cpl D. Schwartzapel

2. 614 A  
Lt. H. Popeney  
S/S H.O. S. Candler  
*S/S W.E. Drutts*

3. 173 W-1  
Lt. L.E. Cannon  
S/S E.P. Braszinski  
S/S J.W. Sylva

*not Airborne*

FLIGHT II

1. 106 E  
Lt. J.J. Lackovich  
Lt. R.O. Muir  
S/S G.R. Orvold  
S/S A.E. DiMartino

2. 265 V  
Lt. A.J.P. Winn  
S/S G.G. Stephenson

*not Airborne*

3. 234 P  
Lt. J.H. Miller  
S/S R.G. Schren

4. 284 O  
Lt. A.E. Hansen  
S/S J.O. Young

5. 211 K  
Lt. J.W. Spires  
Cpl R.W. Messinger

6. 239 H  
Lt. D.M. Eastman  
S/S A.B. Eaton

*Returned Early  
No Report*

FLIGHT III

1. 185 G  
Lt. C.J. Brown  
Lt. J.E. Burns  
S/S H.E. Sunderland  
Sgt H.K. Miller

2. 237 D  
Lt. D.A. Pere  
S/Sgt A.A. Rojas

3. 208 L  
Lt. J.C. Gary  
S/Sgt R.W. Chevront

4. 326 W  
Lt. D.L. Withington  
S/S G.F. Hiss

5. 210 J-1  
Lt. L.W. Edstrom  
Cpl F.A. Pompe

6. 250 A  
Lt. M. Walkman  
Cpl A. Holt

*not Airborne*  
*Returned Early  
No Report*

SPARE

271 R  
Lt. R.H. Hackley  
Cpl O.T. Hawk

MISSION NO. 189  
11 JANUARY 1945  
BOX I

MISSION NO. 189

LOADING LIST  
BOX II  
FLIGHT I

11 JANUARY 1945

1. 085 T  
Capt. E.D. Stebbins  
Lt. A.S. Calloway  
S/S W.J. Brown  
S/S J.J. McGuire

4. 244 I  
Lt. J.F. Allen  
S/S L.R. Getgen  
S/S G.E. Scott

2. 241 F  
Lt. M.S. Street  
Lt. G.M. Anderson  
S/S F.P. Basford

5. 378 O  
Lt. D.W. Smith  
Cpl R. DeStefano

3. 238 M *not airborne*  
Lt. G.S. Butler  
S/S H.B. McClain

6. 313 B  
Lt. R.K. Johnson  
Cpl H.E. Brandt

FLIGHT II

1. 081 P  
Lt. C.J. Andersen  
Lt. W. Babbage  
S/S E.S. Schafer  
Cpl W.H. Fidler

4. 219 F  
Lt. F.W. Harris  
Sgt G.W. Williford

2. 188 R  
Lt. J.H. Montross  
S/S R.S. Gandy

5. 264 I-1  
Lt. W.W. Annin  
Sgt J.L. Pauker

3. 233 F-1  
Lt. J.P. Kenny  
S/S J.J. Sittarich

6. 290 L  
Lt. L.J. Prucha  
T/S G.C. Wilson

FLIGHT III

1. 315 L-1  
Major H.F. Genant  
S/S L.C. Burger  
Lt. G.O. Porter

4. 212 K *not airborne*  
Lt. D.B. Grunig  
S/S M.E. Dias

2. 235 M-1 *not airborne*  
Lt. S.H. Sheley  
Sgt R.V. Paladino

5. 296 D  
Lt. M. Erretabere  
Cpl E.A. Bowie

3. 222 S  
Lt. W. Miegrove  
S/S H.C. Seighman

6. 334 G  
Lt. J.C. Sewell  
S/S J.A. Humer

SPARE

367 H-1  
Lt. J.A. Willard  
Cpl G.V. Hinker

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11 JANUARY 1945  
BOX II

F/O \_\_\_\_\_ CONFIDENTIAL INTER. FORM

PILOT Rucha A/C# 290 BOX II

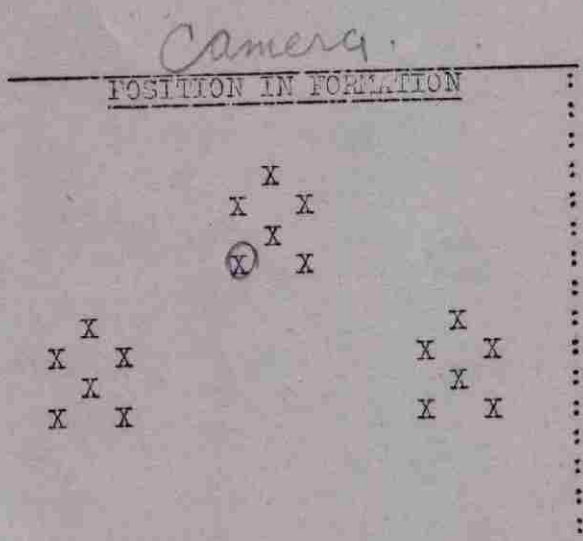
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	RAFFLE DAMAGE	OTHER	WEN
<u>4</u> X/1000	<u>ON</u>					
X		RETURNED				
X		JETTISONED				

FLAK:  
  
*[Handwritten scribbles]*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:  
  
*[Handwritten scribbles]*

OBSERVATIONS:  
  
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INTERROG. FORM

PILOT Hulse A/C# 075 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	4 X 500 ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X					
X		JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK: nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil.

OBSERVATIONS: Weather clear ->

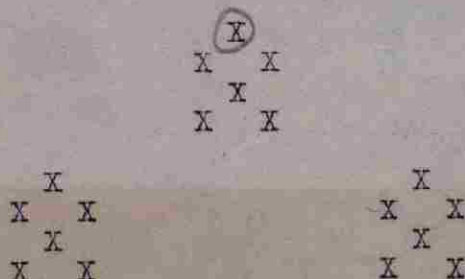
PPF dropped visual. He lost me. I'd planned to drop visual before that, see box out. We bombed on him. PPF headed 50° - then 330° then 330° + turned off to abt 50° - the next check pt was a large river. Bombed, then abt 310° - last to fix down kitchen. Then followed PPF + until abt. Tramben - Ten back. (1420)

Window ships didn't get off.

Hard to do Pilotsage.

Time was just right, heading, not.

POSITION IN FORMATION



Bombed at 14,400 (Indicated)  
at 1409 1/2

Sheidan

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Edstrom A/C# 210 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			WING	TAIL	EN
X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

  X      X
 X      X X
  X      X
 X      X

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Winn A/C# 265 BOX I

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :		ON	SAFETY DAMAGE			
	X					
	X	RETURNED				
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

  X      X
 X X    X X
  X      X
 X X    X X
  
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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Castman A/C# 239 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOBBS :		ON	REPAIRS	DAMAGE	WAL-G	WET
X						
X		RETURNED				
X		DETAINED				

FLAK:

*Returned Early*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X   X   X
  X   X
X   X

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PILOT Brown A/C# 185 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>500</u>	DN	REPAIR DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED				
		X		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

*no flak*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

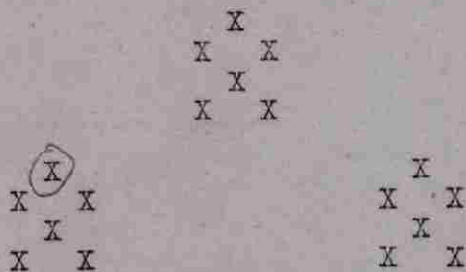
OBSERVATIONS:

*hit on R/R and to left  
did not see bridge*

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*hand camera - took pic.*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Lero A/C# 237 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON	BARREL DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED				
		X		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

*no flak*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

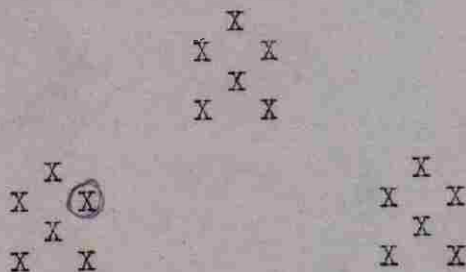
OBSERVATIONS:

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*window frosted - could not see target*

*Camera*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Hackley A/C# 271 BOX I

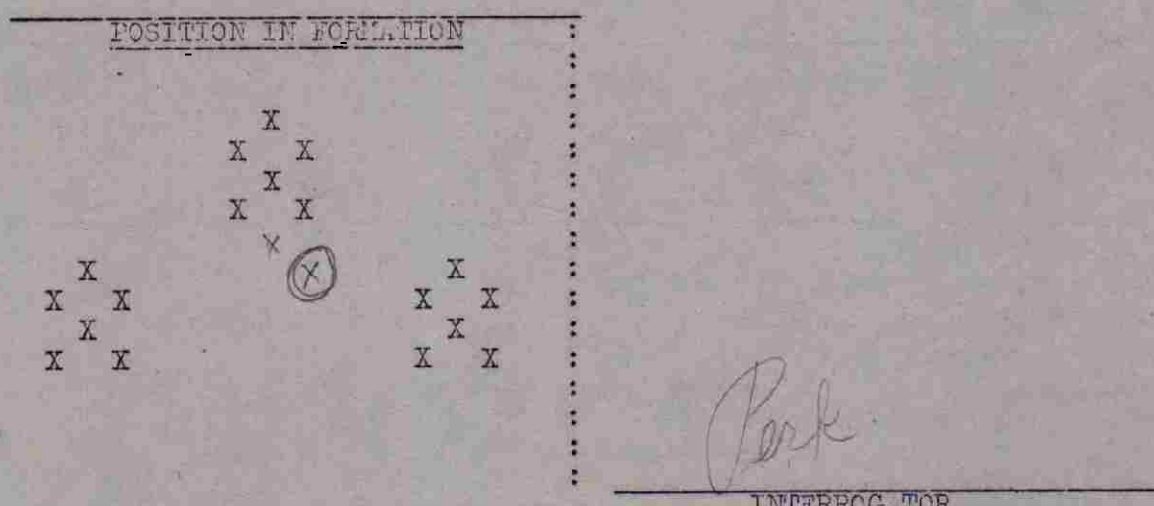
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X 1000</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>	RETURNED				
		<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK:  
no flak

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:  
could not identify target - did not see bomb hit.



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PILOT Kenny L/O# 233 BOX XI

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X / 1000 ON	RETURNED	RATIOS DAMAGE		
			BY	BY	BY
	X	RETURNED			
	Y	RETIRED			

FLAK:

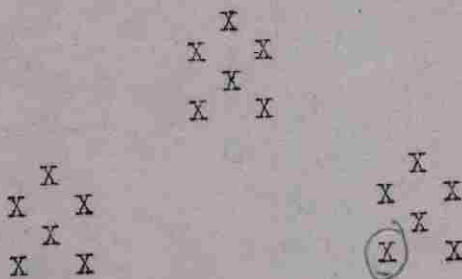
*no flak*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*did not see bridge - saw  
bombs hit just north of town.*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Gary S/C# 208 BOX I

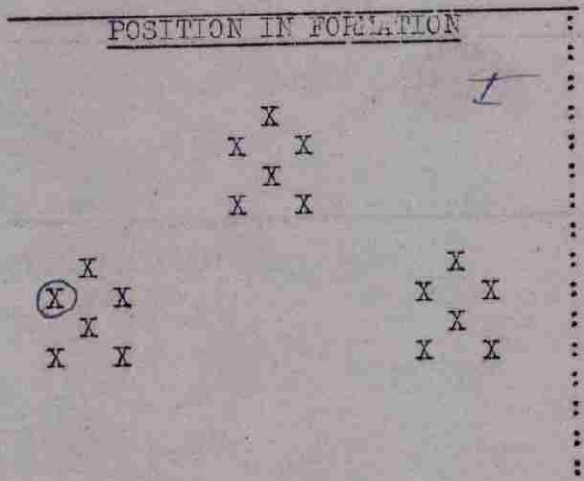
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	<u>3</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>1</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	<u>rack and stove</u>	RETURNED			
		X		JETTISONED				

FLAK: 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P 38

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Muller A/C# 234 BOX I

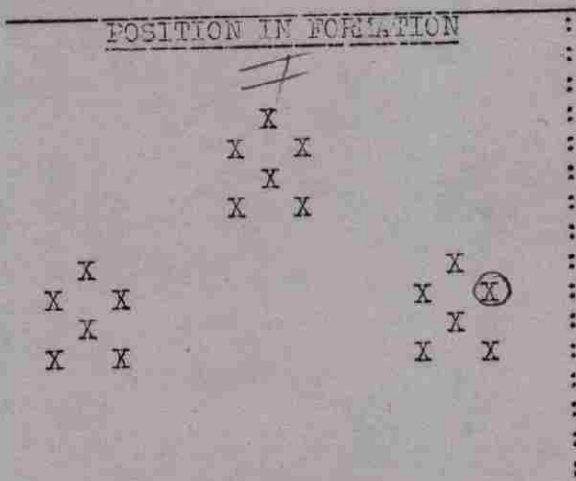
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		ON Primary	SAFETY DAMAGE	REPAIRS	RE-UP	WEN
X	1	2				
X		RETURNED				
X		JETTISONED				

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: So damn cold -



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PILOT

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BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

*4* X *1000* ON *para*

GRADE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

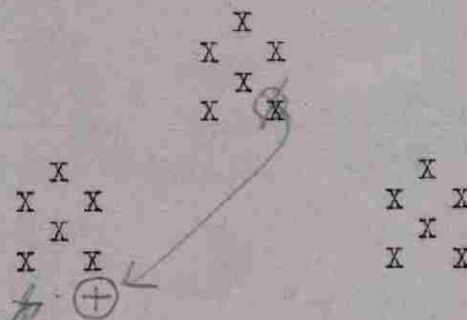
X JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION :



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PILOT Lackovich A/C# 106 BOX I

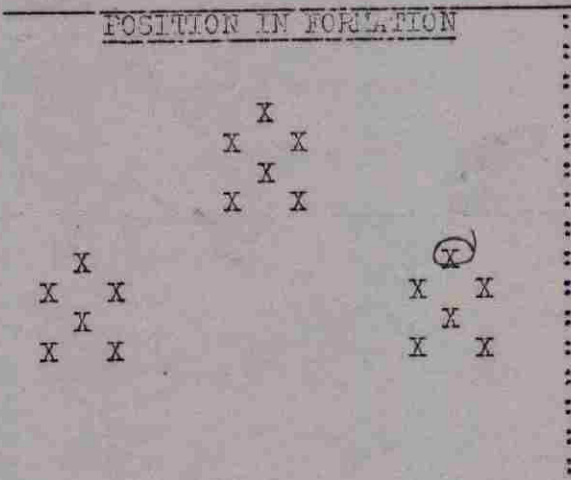
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	4	350-	ON	P.	CRATER DAMAGE	WRECK	WENT
	X			RETURNED	:	:	:
	X			JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK: no flak.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:  
no e/s.

OBSERVATIONS:  
Dropped on PFF SE of target.  
Large RR bridge seen over main picture  
taken in # 106 E.  
Bombs hit on road on R.R. no hits seen of  
bridge. most to left of bridge.  
at 1412 m of loaded with trains.  
Pictures were taken.



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PILOT Greenby A/C# 023 BOX I

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

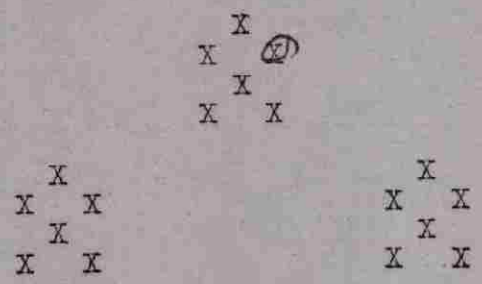
BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X 500</u>	ON	<u>P.</u>	RAFTER DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED				
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED				

FLAK: \_\_\_\_\_

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVATIONS: 1 flight hit on tracks. could not identify bridge. most bombs hit to left of track.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Withington A/C# 326 BOX 1

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	RAILS DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED					
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED					

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*bombs spread widely on tracks and target. could not identify bridge.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
    (X)
     X X

  X      X
 X X    X
  X      X
 X X    X

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PILOT Snells A/C# 229 BOX I

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED				
		X		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

*[Handwritten scribble]*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*[Handwritten scribble]*

OBSERVATIONS:

*no obs.  
could not see bombs.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

```

      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X   X   X           X
X   X   X           X X
X   X   X           X X

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PILOT Harris A/C# 219 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	REPAIRS	DAMAGE	REPAIRS	REPAIRS
	3	X 1000						
	1	X 1000	RETURNED					
	X			JETTISONED		hit		

FLAK: hit

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS:

near Shackle was on side but other was out, checked OK before leaving. Gunner put pins back in a noted discrepancy.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  X  X
 X  X X
 X  X
  
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PILOT Smith W.E. A/C# 378 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	ON	:	BATTERY DAMAGE		
		<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>YES</u>	:	<u>NO</u>
		<u>X</u>	REMOVED	:		:	

FLAK:

*no flak*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*didn't see a damn thing - no bridge - no bomb hits*

POSITION IN FORMATION :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	

OWN AIRCRAFT:

	X			X
X		X		X
	X			X
X		X		X

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PILOT Willard A/C# 367 BOX 11

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON	REPAIRS	DAMAGE	REPAIRS	REPAIRS
		X		RETURNED				
		X		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

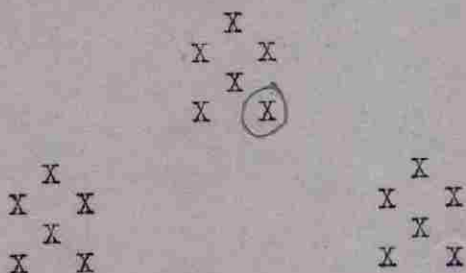
*no flak*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*saw bombs hit in fields to left of RPR - saw bridge but could not identify it as target*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Amur A/C# 264 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	WEIGHT	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	ENGINE DAMAGE	WING	TAIL
<u>4</u>	<u>X/1000</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>Returned</u>				
	<u>X</u>		<u>RETURNED</u>				
	<u>X</u>		<u>JETTISONED</u>				

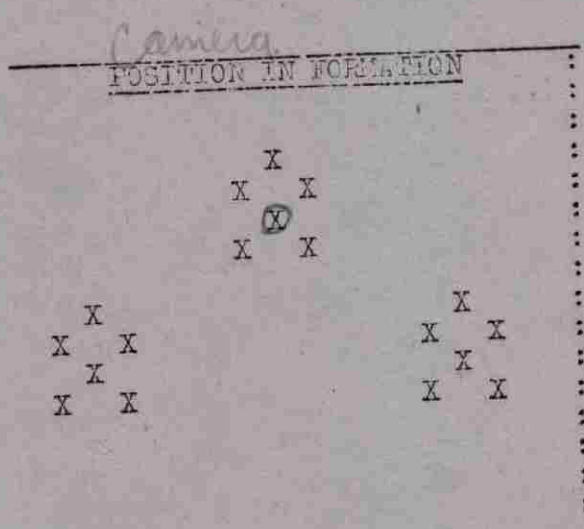
FLAK:

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*[Handwritten scribble]*

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Montrose A/C# 188 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		RATTLES DAMAGE		
		WT	HT	WT
<u>3</u>	<u>X 1000</u> ON	:	:	:
<u>1</u>	<u>X 1000</u> RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:

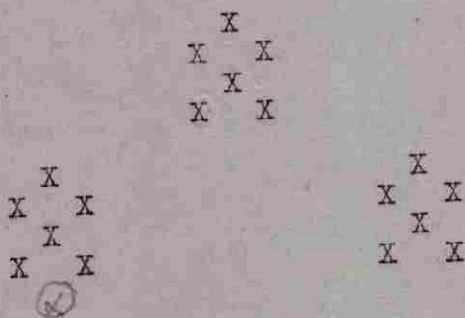
FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*tripp screw wasn't reset*

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Conant A/C# 315 BOX II

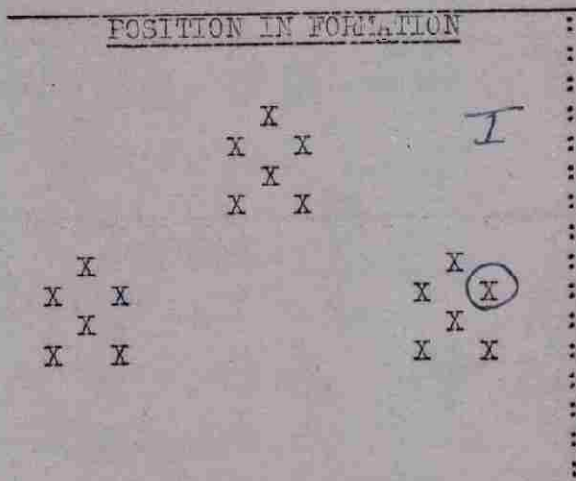
CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON	<u>P.T.</u>	REPAIRS	DAMAGE		
		X		RETURNED					
		X		JETTISONED					

FLAK: 2 bursts on left - 2 on right - rest after 1st

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: P-38's in single file & maneuvered in and out all the time - Berger.

OBSERVATIONS: ammo dump - or dispersed lots for small A/F. in woods T-shaped fields in woods - 10 - along road 1/2 mi. from field (small with snow) 1410  
0' east of Teein



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PILOT Allen A/C# 333 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>	WATER DAMAGE		
		X		RETURNED			
		X		JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS:

		X			
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		

X				X	
X	X			X	X
	X			X	
X	X			X	X

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*Johnson R. K.*

A/C#

*313*

BOX

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :

*3* X *1600*

*ON runway*

RATTLE DAMAGE

*1* X *1600*

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*release mechanism Fuses on 1 each.*

CASUALTIES

FLAK:

POSITION IN FORMATION

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X  
X X  
X  
X X

OBSERVATIONS:

X X X X  
X X X X  
X X X X

FLAK:

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PILOT

*Andersen*

A/C#

*081*

BOX

*II*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<i>4</i>	<i>500</i>	ON	<i>P</i>	RAISED DAMAGE		
	X		RETURNED				
	X		JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

*Bombs fell to left of town. Believed to be near target.*

*Picture of Conway taken by gunner on road about 3 minutes off the target on route home.*

POSITION IN CORRELATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X  X  X
 X  X
X  X

      X
     X X
      X X
     X X
  
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PILOT Stelbins A/C# 085 BOX II

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :	X	ON	REMARKS	DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>			JETTISONED			

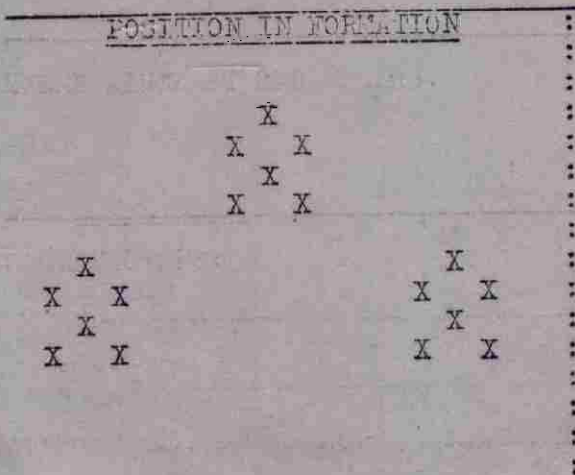
FLAK: \_\_\_\_\_

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs burst in wide pattern. Believed to hit in a town & Road or R.R. near town.

Alzey - believed to be town hit by bombs. See fix taken by B/N.



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PILOT

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A/C#

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BOX

*II*

CASUALTIES \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS :

*3* X *500* ON

ON

BATTER DAMAGE

*1* X *500* RETURNED

RETURNED

*X* JETTISONED

JETTISONED

*nil*

FLAK:

*nil*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

*nil*

OBSERVATIONS:

*One bomb froze up - dropped on doors on return.*

*Probably bombed ALZEY (SE of target)*

*based on G fix + DR by Callahan (?) B/N who followed + made fix at 1410 (just after bomb drop) - saw Pown which*

POSITION IN FORELATION

X  
X X  
X  
X X

X  
X X  
X X

X  
X X  
X X

(X)

*would be abt right + heading of PPF ship which afterward crossed just E of Rhine would tend to confirm this.*

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PILOT Cratahere A/C# 296 BOX II

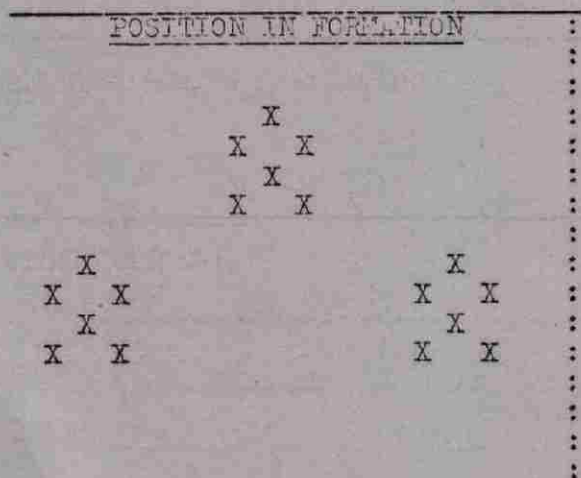
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED				
	X	RETIRED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT Luning A/C# 212 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	: BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X      X      X
X      X      X
X      X      X

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PILOT Musgrave A/C# 222 BOX II

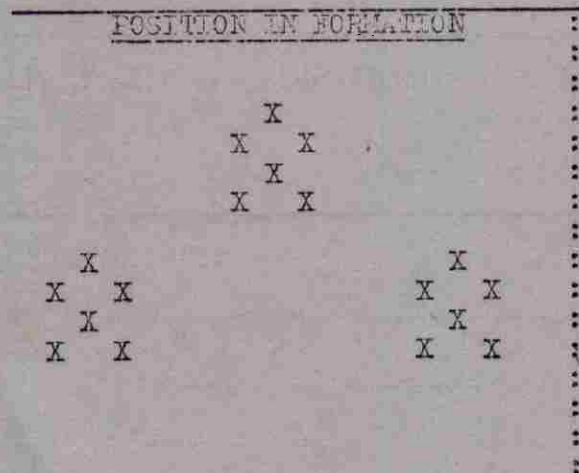
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"F"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:



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PILOT

*Shelby*

A/C#

*235*

BOX

*II*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	WIP	RE-GR	WIP
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:	:
	X	RETIRED	:	:	:	:
	X	RETIRED	:	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X   X           X
X   X           X X
X   X           X X

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PILOT Butler A/O# 238 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
X			"A"	"B"	"E"
X		RETURNED	:	:	:
X		JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

FLAK:

POSITION IN FORMATION			
ENEMY AIRCRAFT DISPOSITIONS:			
	X		
X	X		
	X		
X	X		
FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT:			
		X	
X	X	X	X
	X	X	
X	X	X	X

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PILOT

*Cannon*

A/C#

*473*

BOX

*III*

*Window*

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
X				
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X				X
X	X		X	X
X			X	
X	X		X	X

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PILOT Smith A/C# 467 BOX III

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	REPAIRS	REMARKS
X						
X						
X						

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X   X   X       X
X   X   X       X
X   X   X       X
  
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PILOT *Rapiney*

A/C# *614*

BOX *III*

CASUALTIES

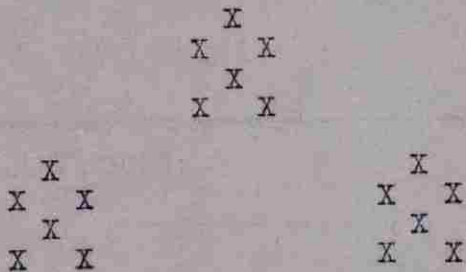
BOBBS :		ON	BATTER DAMAGE		
	X		"A"	"B-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



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416 TF	9TH B.D. (M) WING 97th	B
GROUP	DATE 11 JANUARY 1945	SIMMERN
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		ALZEY (Casual)
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED SIMMERN RR BRIDGE PRIMARY  
SECONDARY

M.T.I. CENTER OF RAILROAD BRIDGE

A.P. SAME

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 21 A-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 24  
6 A-20's

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 18's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 20 x 500 GP 71 x 1000 GP 1/10 -- 1/100

F. BEARING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 60°

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1409 1/2

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

LARGE NUMBER OF RR CARS IN M/Y.

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I -- PNB : All A/C bombed as one box. Selected as casual target M/Y (PBB) in town of ALZEY, 31.6 miles SE of Primary. REF: Map 1:100,000 SHEET T-2 (Coordinates 265290). Bombs hit in long pattern in fields 2500 ft N. of M/Y. Bombs from one or two A/C hit on highway damaging same.

**P.R.C.**

*Clayton W. Zesiger*  
CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Photo Intelligence Officer.

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IX B.C. 8-2-Form No. 10618 Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET:	IX BC 97TH WING	
:	:	:	416TH
:	:	DATE	GROUP
:	:	:	:
:	:	ATTACKING UNITS	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY  
 \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDARY  
 \_\_\_\_\_ CASUAL

M.P.I. \_\_\_\_\_

A.P. \_\_\_\_\_

B. TARGET ATTACKED \_\_\_\_\_ MILES FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_  
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

C. COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED \_\_\_\_\_ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING \_\_\_\_\_

E. BOMBING BY \_\_\_\_\_ IN FOLLOWING ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_ FUSING \_\_\_\_\_ NOSE \_\_\_\_\_ TAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FUSING \_\_\_\_\_ NOSE \_\_\_\_\_ TAIL \_\_\_\_\_

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 6 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gp. (L)  
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 6 100 % WING 97th. C.B.  
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 11 Jan. 45  
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %  
 OTHERS 0

290 264  
237 234  
326 284

TARGET SIEMERN  
 ALTITUDE 14000 FEET  
 TRUE AIR SPEED 200 MPH  
 GROUND SPEED 250 MPH

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_ FEET  
 TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ MPH  
 GROUND SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ MPH

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_ FEET  
 TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ MPH  
 GROUND SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.L.	INT.	PRINTED SORTIES	UNPRINTED SORTIES	EXPLANATION
1	264	K-24	5/3/8	0			Duplicate coverage
1	290	"	"	"			" "
1	234	"	"	"			" "
1	284	"	"	"			" "
1	237	"	"	"			" "
1	326	"	"	"			" "

K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. 264 Cameraman s/sgt. A. E. Dimaria Reason Failure  
 Sortie No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cameraman \_\_\_\_\_ Reason Failure

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CAMERAS INSTALLED \_\_\_\_\_ % GROUP 416TH  
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING \_\_\_\_\_ % WING 97TH CBW  
 CAMERA FAILURES \_\_\_\_\_ % DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERSONNEL FAILURES \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALT. \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
 TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph  
 GROUND SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALT. \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
 TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph  
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 TRUE AIR SPEED \_\_\_\_\_ mph  
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BOX NO.	A/C NO.	CAM. TYPE	F.I.L.	INT.	PRINTED SCORIES	UNPRINT. SCORIES	EXPLANATION

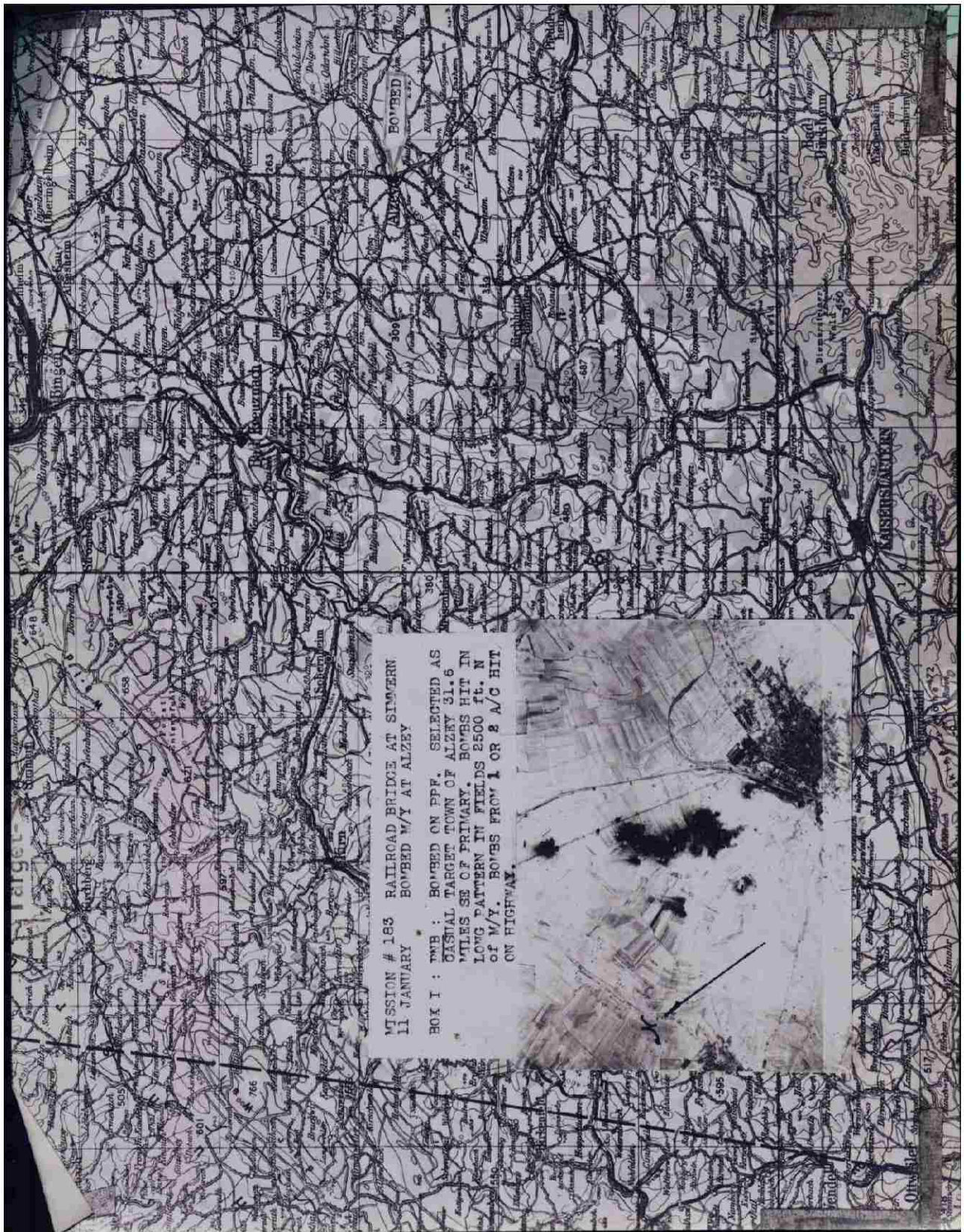
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MISSION # 183 RAILROAD BRIDGE AT SINGERN  
11 JANUARY BOMBED M/Y AT ALZEY

BOX I : TMB : BOMBED ON PPF. SELECTED AS  
CASUAL TARGET TOWN OF ALZEY 31.6  
MILES SE OF PRIMARY. BOMBS HIT IN  
LONG PATTERN IN FIELDS 2500 FT. N  
OF M/Y. BOMBS FROM 1 OR 2 A/C HIT  
ON HIGHWAY.

Box #	OpsM1	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		11 Jan 45				Capt. McLee	TOT L/D	
A/C	Reil to Bomb	APT	Bomb Issd	A/C Dam	E/A	Pats.		
1 075	4x500	T S O	T S J R					
2 023	4x500							
3 029								
1 106	4x500							
2 265								
3 234								
4 284								
5 211								
6 239								
1 185	4x500							
2 237								
3 208								
4 236								
5 210								
6 250								
1 271								

16x500 1x1500 Ret  
31x1500

Moise  
075  
Sorrells Greenley  
029

Brown 185  
Kochourch 106  
Gary Fero 237  
Miller Winn 234  
W. H. Hingston 326  
Herman 284  
Wallmantelstrom Kastman Spires 232 210 239 211  
Hackley 271









TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     A-29G's \_\_\_\_\_ A-29J's (obtained from Opns) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb \_\_\_\_\_ explain each failure.  
                                     Recall due to weather \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Personnel \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Mechanical \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Other Reasons \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) No. a/c bombing. \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Primary. \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Secondary. \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Other. \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up \_\_\_\_\_  
     T.O.F. \_\_\_\_\_ (Obtained from Tower).  
     Time Down \_\_\_\_\_

D.

- (1) No. a/c \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     Damaged \_\_\_\_\_ (cat. B/C)  
                                     Damaged \_\_\_\_\_ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
     (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____	X	_____
Bombs on Other	_____	X	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	X	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)			Where _____

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).





Box #	OpsFI	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II						<i>Smith</i>	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Reil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	ISP	A/C	E/A	Pers.	
Pos. No.	Reason	T	S	T	M	D	A	
1	467							
2	614							
3	473							

*T/H*  
*467*  
*Cannon Polzerkey*  
*473 614*







BUTLER ✓  
 SHELEY ✓  
 MUSGROVE ✓  
 GRONIG ✓  
 ERROTABERE ✓  
 SEWELL ✓  
 WINN ✓  
 Edstrom ✓  
 TUTT ✓  
 POPENEY ✓  
 CANNON ✓

Wallman & Fastman

$20 \times 500$   
 $27 \times 1,000$  } Proposed

Capt. Sted 4 x 500  
 5 x 1,000 } Returned

46  
12  
84  
42  
1  
53

46  
11  
85  
42  
11

*Operational Summary*

To CG, 9th Bomb Division, ATN A-2  
 CG, 97th Combat Wing, ATN A-2

From 416th Bomb Sqr (L)

OPTIM for 14, ~~14~~ JANUARY 1945

A. 416th Bomb Sqr (L)

B. SIMMONS R.A. BRIDGE

C. 6 A-20s + 21 A-26s

D. 5 A-20s + 19 A-26s on Casual Targets, bombed by PPF

E. 1 A-26 returned early because nose wheel would not retract and Airspeed indicator froze up

1 A-26 returned early because nose wheel would not retract and left engine oil pressure went down and a prop. could not stay in formation

1 A-20 did not drop because bomb bay doors would not open

F. 20 x 500 Gps on Alzey (Casual Target) by A-20s

71 x 1000 Gps on Alzey (Casual Target) by A-26s

4 x 5000 returned by 1 A-20

5 x 1000 Gps returned by A-26s

G. Unobserved (See fixer <sup>indicate</sup> ~~that~~ bombs were dropped on Alzey <sup>(M-26s)</sup> instead of primary, bombed by PPF

H. Nil

I. Nil

J. Nil

K. N.L.

L. 14,400 1st Box  
14,000 2nd Box

M. 1409  $\frac{1}{2}$

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/11 OP OP  
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 111730A J-130-D  
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION, ATTN: A-2  
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

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 OPFLASH FOR 11 JANUARY 1945

- A. 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)
- B. SIMMERN R.R. BRIDGE
- C. 6 A-20'S AND 21 A-26'S
- D. 5 A-20'S AND 19 A-26'S ON CASUAL TARGET.
- E. 1 A-26 RETURNED EARLY BECAUSE NOSEWHEEL WOULD NOT RETRACT AND AIRSPEED INDICATOR FROZE UPM.  
 1 A-26 RETURNED EARLY BECAUSE NOSEWHEEL WOULD NOT RETAXXX  
 RETRACT AND LEFT ENGINE OIL PRESSURE WENT BELOW MINIMUM.  
 1 A-26 DID NOT DROP BECAUSE BOMB BAY DOORS NET DID NOT OPEN.
- F. 20 X 500 GPs ON TARGET BELIE ED TO BE ALZEY (CASUAL TARGET)  
 BY A-20'S  
 71 X 1000 GPs ON TARGET BELIECED TO BE ALZEY (CASUAL TARGET)  
 BY A-26'S  
 4 X 500 GPs RETURNED BY 1 A-20  
 5 X 1000 GPs RETURNED BY A-26'S
- G. UNOBSERVED ( GEE FIXES INDICATE THAT BOMBS E/// WERE DROPPED ON  
 ALZEY ( M-2626 ) INSTEAD OF PRIMARY, BOMBED ON PPF. AIRCRAFT  
 WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. 14,000 FIRST BOX  
 14,000 SECOND BOX
- M. 1409 1/2.

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BT 111730A  
 AS  
 EJ BBBB K  
 ITA R.....11/1815A HAS KKKK  
 JEA R.....11/1815A LEG KKKK

JEA ITA V JKI JKI 11/11 OP OP  
T SELF

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FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 111955A J-135-D  
TO HQ 9TH BOMB DIVISION (M) A-2 P/I  
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING (L) A-2 DUTY O.

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B. ALZEY M/Y

G. 1409 1/2

J. BOX I --PNB : ALL A/C BOMBED AS ONE BOX. SLECTED AS CASUAL  
(PPF) TARGET M/Y IN TOWN OF ALZEY, 31.6 MILES SE OF PRIMARY.  
REF: MAP 1:100,000 SHEET T-2 (COORD. 265290). BOMBS  
HIT IN LONG PATTERN IN FIELDS 2500 FT N. OF M/Y.  
BOMBS FROM ONE OR TWO A/C HIT ON HIGHWAY DAMAGING SAME.

K. NO UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORT.

M. 1. -- 6 -- 100 PERCENT  
2. -- 0 -- 0 PERCENT  
3. -- 0 -- 0 PERCENT

BT 111955A

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ITA R.....11/2040A JP KKKK  
JEA R.....11/2042A RL AR

USAAF FORM 34A

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HEADQUARTERS  
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

AUTH: CO STA  
DATE: 13 Jan. 1945  
INIT:

TO:

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 123 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 11 Jan. 1945  
Mission or Operation No. 123 47th and 70 824-204

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Siemens Railroad Bridge  
Place of take-off Station 4-33  
Place of landing Station 4-35  
Take-off time 1107 Landing time 1114  
Time over target 1108 Bombing Altitude 11000  
Nature of mission  bombing  Other  None   
Weather  Broken 1/20 partly cloudy, visibility 2 miles.  
Results  Destroyed   
Enemy opposition  None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched  4-20's 4   
 4-20's 21

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
 4-20's 5   4-20's 19   
 4-20's 19   4-20's 19

3. Abortive due to:  
(1) Weather:  None

(2) Personnel:  None

(3) Mechanical:  1 - 4-20 main wheel would not retract and air speed indicator failed. 1 - 4-20 main wheel would not retract and left engine oil pressure went below minimum. 1 - 4-20 lead for bombardier's toggle switch in-

correctly connected.   
(4) Other:  None

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)  None

8. Sorties  4-20's 6   
 4-20's 19

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20's - 25:00  
A-26's - 7:55

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20's - 9000 x .50 calibre  
A-26's - 4000 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 500 GP's Fused 1/200 1/1000  
A-26's 24 x 1000 GP's Fused 1/200 1/1000

b. Expended on operations: A-20's - 20 x 500 GP's  
(List targets separately) A-26's - 79 x 1000 GP's

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned A-20's 4 x 500 GP's  
A-26's 5 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. Des None  
c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP
- B. SIMMERN R. R. BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26
- D. ONE B-26 - CASUAL TARGET RAILROAD BETWEEN ALTENBAMBERG & HODSLATTEN JUST SOUTH OF BAD KREUZNACH - PFF EQUIPMENT FAILURE BOMBED CASUAL ON NORDEN
- E. NONE
- F. 3 X 500 GP ON CASUAL 1 X 500 GP RETURNED RACK MALFUNCTION
- G. POOR ON CASUAL
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 14,100 ON CASUAL
- M. 1410 ON CASUAL

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQUADRON WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. SIMMERN R. R. BRIDGE
- C. ONE B-26.
- D. ONE B-26.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP
- G. GOOD
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. WEAK INACCURATE HFF TARGET AREA
- K. NONE
- L. 13,500
- M. 1423

CO FIRST PATHFINDER SQDN

BT 120937A

SE AR K  
RELAYED FK

JES R VIA JEA	.....12/1212A	JW	AR
JPO R VIA JEA	.....12/1212A	MW	AR
JKI R VIA JEA	.....12/1225A	WJF	AR

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HEADQUARTERS  
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)APO # 140  
12 January 1945MISSION SUMMARY

11 January 1945

Section I

Field Order 704

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
344 BG	Houffalize (P-610718) (Communication Center)	Box I - Poor (PFF) Box II - Unsat. (PFF)
416 BG	Simmern (L-839530) (Rail Bridge)	Box I - P.N.B. (PFF) Box II - P.N.B. (PFF)
409 BG	Simmern (L-839530) (Rail Bridge)	Box I - Unsat. (PFF) Box II - Unsat. (PFF)
410 BG	Clervaux (P-779631) (Communication Center)	Box I - Superior Box II - Excellent
397 BG	Clervaux (P-779631) (Communication Center)	No attack
394 BG	Orthe/Bertogne (P-506695) (Road Bridge)	No attack
323 BG	Ahrweiler (P-521152) (Rail Bridge)	No attack

Two full groups failed to attack. One group did not bomb due to PFF equipment failure and flak which damaged lead a/c on 2nd run. The other group was recalled as PFF a/c could not take off. Only 2 PFF a/c which were to lead another group were airborne when mission was scrubbed.

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## S E C R E T

GROUP NARRATIVE

Aircraft of three groups attacking two communication centers and a rail bridge recorded Superior to Unsatisfactory results.

Houffalize (Communication Center)

344 BG: 33 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 26 dropping 100 X 1000 GP and 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 2 mechanical failures; 2 other reasons (Leader did not bomb).

24 a/c flak battle damaged; 7 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Bombing by Boxes on 1 FFF a/c from 11,500-13,500 ft.

Box I - POOR. Approximately 25% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Loose pattern 1400 ft. NE of DMPI. Two concentrations fell on eastern edge of town with strikes covering residential buildings, main road and open fields.

Box II - UNSATISFACTORY. Approximately 15% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Loose pattern 1600 ft. SW of DMPI. Strikes across main road and open fields.

Sigmara (Rail Bridge)

416 BG: 28 a/c dispatched (including 21 A-26's, 6 A-20's and 1 FFF); 71 X 1000 GP dropped by 19 A-26's, 20 X 500 GP by 5 A-20's and 3 X 500 GP by FFF a/c on Other target, near town of Alzey (M-265290).

3 a/c failed to bomb: 2 A-26's and 1 A-20, mechanical failures.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

Bombing by boxes on 1 FFF a/c from 14,000 ft. FFF a/c bombed Other target visually after equipment failure over Primary.

Box I - II - P.M.B. FFF a/c selected RR tracks near the town of Alzey as Other target. Bombs hit in long pattern in fields 2500 ft. N of M/Y. Bombs from one or two a/c hit on highway.

Simmern (Rail Bridge)

409 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 27 A-26's, 7 A-20's and 1 FFF), 104 X 1000 GP dropped by 26 A-26's, 16 X 500 GP by 4 A-20's and 4 X 500 GP by FFF a/c, approximately 13.5 miles from Primary. 3 A-20's window a/c.

1 A-26 of this group bombed with the 410 BG. a/c was delayed on take-off and could not locate own group.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

Bombing by Boxes on 1 FFF a/c from 13,500 ft.

Box I - II - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Dispersed pattern fell approximately 13.5 miles SW of DMPI near the town of Kirn (L-795320). All bombs on enemy territory. Main weight of bombs fell in fields or forests with several probable direct hits or near misses on roads leading W and SW from Kirn.

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Clervaux (Communication Center)

410 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), 28 dropping 153 X 500 GP on Primary. 8 a/c dropped 48 X 500 GP near the town of Weicherdange (P-735613), 1 1/2 miles inside bomb line (friendly territory). Leader of 2nd flight, 1st box, dropped prematurely when burst of flak exploded under his a/c. Bombardier of flight 4, 1st box, dropped his bombs on release of flight 2.

1 a/c of the 409 BG dropped 3 X 1000 GP with this group.

1 a/c failed to bomb: (PFF a/c) equipment failure.

19 a/c flak battle damaged; no losses, casualties.

Visual bombing by boxes from 11,500-12,000 feet.

Box I - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Good pattern centered 175 ft. SW of DMPI. Bursts blanket DMPI scoring many probable hits and near misses on highway and buildings. Bombs of two flights of this box fell in loose concentration in fields 1 3/4 miles SW of Primary target and approximately 1 1/2 miles inside bomb line.

Box II - EXCELLENT. 90% of bombs within 1000 ft. of DMPI. Dispersed pattern centered 500 ft. SW of DMPI. Bursts fall 1200 ft. short and walk up to and over DMPI, blanketing entire highway net and buildings.

397 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 1 PFF), none bombed. 3 window a/c.

All a/c failed to bomb: 1, (PFF a/c) equipment failure; 4, mechanical failures; 27, other reasons (PFF a/c did not drop. On 2nd run over target lead a/c was hit by flak, fatally wounding lead navigator.)

1 a/c dropped 4 X 1000 GP 1 minute before target approximately 1 mile inside bomb line (friendly territory). Reason for premature release unknown at this time.

1 a/c lost for reasons unknown. This a/c crashed and was destroyed on take-off. 10 a/c flak battle damaged; 1 crewman killed, 4 crewmen injured in crash.

Orthe/Bortogne (Road Bridge)

394 BG: 30 a/c dispatched, none bombed.

All a/c failed to bomb: 3, mechanical failures; 27, other reasons (PFF a/c selected to lead this group was unable to take off).

Formation was recalled from friendly territory by 9th Bombardment Division.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.

Ahrweiler (Rail Bridge)

323 BG: 2 PFF a/c dispatched, none bombed.

PFF a/c were airborne before mission was scrubbed by 9th Bombardment Division. a/c were recalled while over 323 BG base.

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Section II

A/C OFF		199
A/C Bombing	119	
A/C Failing to Bomb	71	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	0	
Other (Window)	9	
TOTAL		199

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Bombs on Enemy Territory		189.10
Total Bombs to Date		99,380.90

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A/C Lost (397 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	53	33.33%
Killed	1	
Wounded	7	
Missing	0	
Injured	4	
Claims	0	

## S E C R E T

FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. OF A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
344	2	Mechanical	1 a/c - Engine trouble. 1 a/c - Rack malfunction - lead a/c.
	2	Other	Leader did not drop.
416	3	Mechanical	2 a/c - Nose wheel would not retract. 1 a/c - Bomb bay doors would not open.
410	1 (PFF)	Mechanical	PFF equipment failure.
397	2	Mechanical	2 a/c - Engine cutting out.
	28	Other	27 a/c - PFF a/c did not drop on 1st run. Lead a/c hit by flat on 2nd run. 1 a/c - Crashed on take-off.
	1 (PFF)	Mechanical	PFF equipment failure.
394	3	Mechanical	1 a/c - Tail turret inoperative. 1 a/c - Engine cutting out. 1 a/c - Trim tabs not working properly.
	27	Other	PFF a/c failed to rendezvous with group.
323	2 (PFF)	Other	Mission scrubbed after PFF a/c were airborne.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Fourfalize 344 BG: Clear. Visibility 10-15 miles down sun.

Sigbee rd. 416 BG: Clear. Visibility on bomb run 4 miles. 1 mile up sun, 4-5 miles down sun. Patches of fog and haze on ground. Snow cover.

409 BG: 2/10 SF. Tops 2000 ft. Visibility 10 miles on bomb run. Visibility generally 10 miles. 3/10 cloud at 14,500 ft.

Clayvaux 410 BG: Clear. A bank of sc to W and E of target. Visibility 10 miles on bomb run.

397 BG: 4-5/10 stratus thin tops 3000 ft. Visibility 10-15 miles down sun and 6 miles up sun. Visibility on run 4-5 miles with considerable restriction due to patchy low cloud and haze.

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S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
344	100%	0	0	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
410	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	159
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	53
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	33.33%
<u>Houffalize Communications Center</u>	<u>344 Gs.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	24
% A/C Battle Damaged	77.42%

Moderate but accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target and during the turn off target. Clear weather prevailed and the gunners were able to track visually. This experience follows the usual visual shooting on the part of the enemy gunners.

<u>Simmern Rail Bridge</u>	<u>416, 409 Gs.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

<u>Clervaux Communications Center</u>	<u>410, 397 Gs.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	29
% A/C Battle Damaged	43.28%

Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target and during the turn to the left from the target by both groups. Some crews reported that this flak was the most accurate that they had ever encountered. It would seem that the enemy has protecting his supply routes in the bridge area are what would be called the "cream of the crop". They have probably been under extensive training for several weeks and now they have a priority on flak ammunition. The weather being clear shows that the Hun would still rather fire on targets that he can see than to fire blind. It will be remembered that on 10 January the gunners did not engage our formation while flying under 10/10 cloud conditions.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.P.'s: 1343 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1427 $\frac{1}{2}$

No e/a encountered during mission.

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PRESS RELEASE

HEAD QUARTERS NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France—Directing their bombs against the Germans' last road out of Belgium, Ninth Bombardment Division B-26 Marauders and A-20 Havocs attacked road junctions northeast of Bastogne while A-26 Invaders hit a railway bridge on the last open railway line from Koblenz to the battle area, totalling more than 120 sorties Thursday afternoon in sub-zero temperature.

Supporting the 101st Air borne Division in its advance on Von Rundstedts' last escape route, 30 Marauders bombed Houffalize, 10 miles north east of Bastogne and five miles from the advancing 101st. At the same time 36 Havocs attacked the village of Clervaux, another road junction 14 miles northeast of Bastogne.

Approximately 50 Invaders attacked a railway bridge at Simmern, spanning the Simmer River, 26 miles south of Koblenz. The bridge is on the only rail line from Koblenz to the battle area open at the present time.

In the attacks on the important road junctions, returning crews reported that Marauders bombed with the aid of pathfinders at Houffalize with unobserved results and that the Havocs hit Clervaux in good visibility with excellent results.

"There was no town to be seen when we left, only one big cloud of smoke in the valley"; said S/Sgt. Charles E. Skidmore, 708 Fourth St., Williamstown, W. Va., a Havoc gunner who participated in the Clervaux bombing. "Every bomb fell in the town", reported another Havoc gunner, S/Sgt. Pat Hume, 385 Seventh St. North, Kalispell, Mont. Object of the bombing was to block roads through the town by cratering and by destruction of adjacent buildings.

Invader crews in one formation of 24 bombers were able to visually bomb the Simmern Bridge, reporting that their bombs "zig-zagged across the bridge". Other Invader crews who bombed the bridge 15 minutes later were unable to see the target and bombed with pathfinder technique. A temperature of 27 degrees below zero was reported by Invader crews at their bombing level.

Flek was reported as moderate to intense over the road junctions and weak over the rail bridge. No enemy aircraft were encountered and all bombers returned.

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