

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. 289 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 11 Jan. 1945  
Mission or Operation No. 183 97th CEW FO #124-704

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 1157 Landing time 1544  
Time over target 1409 Bombing Altitude 14000  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather Broken 4/10 patchy clouds, visibility 8 miles.  
Results Unobserved  
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched A-20's - 6  
A-26's - 21

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
A-20's - 5 Alzey (Casual)  
A-26's - 19 Alzey (Casual)

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

(3) Mechanical: 1-A-26 Nose wheel would not retract and air speed indicator froze. 1-A-26 Nose wheel would not retract and left engine oil pressure went below minimum. 1-A-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 w here known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None  
target giving cause w here known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) None

8. Sorties A-20's 6  
A-26's 19

## D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20's - 25.00  
A-26's - 77.55

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

## E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air A-20's - 9000 x .50 calibre  
A-26's - 46200 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 1/10W 1/100T  
A-26's 84 x 1000 GP's Fused 1/10W 1/100T

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 *A-20 - 300 GP 24-20-0-1* 5.00

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None *A-26 100 GP 20-79-0-5* 39.50

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:

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 GEORGE SCHENK, Captain, Air Corps, Adjutant.