

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: Cprep No. 287 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 15 January 1945.
 Mission or Operation No. 186 - 97 CEW P.O. #128-708

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Simmern R/R Bridge
 Place of take-off Station A-55
 Place of landing Station A-55
 Take-off time 1112 Landing time 1529
 Time over target 1332-1356 Bombing altitude 12,000
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None
 Weather 10/10 cloud cover over target area.
 Results Unobserved.
 Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 23 A-26 11-26 23-21-13 (10/11) 12 weat (off)
6 A-20 A-20 G-6-3 (3 weat) off

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
13 A-26 Simmern R/R Bridge
3 A-20 Simmern R/R Bridge

3. Abortive due to:
 (1) Weather: 8 A-26 and 3 A-20 - 10/10 cloud cover (see note below)
 (2) Personnel: None
 (3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 returned early - engine trouble
 (4) Other: 1 A-26 late take-off - could not catch formation

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 21 A-26
6 A-20

NOTE: 8 A-26 and 3 A-20 (entire second box) did not bomb visually because of 10/10 cloud cover. Attempt to bomb on Gee equipment not successful - Gee box not operating satisfactorily.

(over)

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-26 24:30
A-26 92:55

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air A-26 50,600 x .50 cal.
A-26 9,000 x .50 cal.
 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-26 92 x 1000 lb GP 1/10M 1/10CT
A-26 24 x 500 lb GP 1/10M 1/10CT
 b. Expended on operations: A-26 52 x 1000 lb GP
 (List targets separately) A-26 12 x 500 lb. GP
 c. Jettisoned None
 d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None
 e. Total Returned A-26 40 x 1000 lb GP
A-26 12 x 500 lb GP

A-26
1000 GP
24-10-57
3-1-57

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

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H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

a. Destroyed None
 b. Prob. Dca None
 c. Damaged None

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