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AUTH: CO STAA-69  
DATE: 19 Mar. 1945  
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HEADQUARTERS  
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division, APO 140, U. S. Army. Attn: Statistical Control.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 348 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 17 March 1945  
Mission or Operation No. 237 97th CBW FO# 208-798

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Alten Kirchen Road Junction  
Place of take-off Station A-69  
Place of landing Station A-69  
Take-off time 0959 Landing time 1251  
Time over target 1128 $\frac{1}{2}$  Bombing Altitude 12500-11700  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather 10/10's clouds  
Results Unobserved due to cloud cover.  
Enemy opposition None

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B. Type & model of aircraft:

*81-81-79, 1 weath van, 1 etc*

1. Dispatched 41 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
37 Alten Kirchen R/J  
3 Window

3. Abortive due to:  
(1) Weather: None  
(2) Personnel: None  
(3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 Bomb release malfunction.  
(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 41

*1027-45*

## D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) 109:15

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

## E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air 78200 x .50 calibre

b. Expended on operations 1025 x .50 calibre (testing)

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

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

a. Total carried into air: 228 x 500 lb M-17 incendiary clusters  
fused to open at 5000 feet.

b. Expended on operations: 222 x 500 lb M-17's  
(List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on  
missing a/c None

e. Total Returned 6 x 500 M-17'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 Schenk*  
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