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TARGET ANNABURG FUEL DATE 20 APR 45 NO. A/C 43 MISS. # 279
STORAGE DEPOT.

COORD. RE-654597 T.O.# 264-866 STATUS ATTACHED.

BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. HENDERSON

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ITA JKI V JEA JEA 03/20 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 201100B
TO : IX BOMB DIV. ATTN: A-2
416TH BOMB GROUP. ATTN: S-2

20 April
1200
P-702 SA-2

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

97CBW P-172-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 264-866

(1) TARGET - ANNABURG, G.A.F. FUEL STORAGE DEPOT (RE-654597)


(2) PHOTO COVERAGE:
1(A)(V)29/2 AND 1

MAP COVERAGE:
4416 SHEET Q-7

(3) TWO P/W CAMPS ARE LOCATED AT RE-666612 AND RE-668612.

(4) FLAK: THERE ARE NO PLOTTED POSITIONS AT TARGET NOR DOES THE ROUTE TRAVERSE ANY POSITIONS AT ANY POINT HOWEVER AFTER ROUTE GROSSES LINE OF FORWARD TROOPS, THERE ARE POSITIONS BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF ROUTE JUST OUT OF RANGE.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 201100B
FK-AR GPS B ITA
ITA R.....20/1110B OEN
JKI R.....20/1110B FD AR

6559


ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 05/20 OP - OP

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 201145B
 TO : IX BOMB DIV.
 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 416TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
 416TH BOMB GROUP.

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

97CBW P-174-E

97TH

COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 20 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 264-866

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) THE XXIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 409TH BOMB GROUP. THE IX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 20/1730B

----- PLAN "A" VISUAL -----

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) WITTENBERG M/Y (RE-391743)
- (2) 30 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT C-2103 AT 9,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
- (4) BASE TO RENDEZVOUS TO ID-6432 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. LOSE 1000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) I.P. - RE-3544
- (8) GENERALLY S TO N.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 6(D)(VI)184/2 COVER N/3 FROM REF. 029027 TO 012020. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 LB. C.P. FUSED: 1/100 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) R.P. RE-3544
- (12) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED VISUALLY, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
- (13) NO SECONDARY OR CASUAL TARGETS WILL BE SELECTED.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) ANNABURG C.A.F. FUEL STORAGE DEPOT (RE-654597)
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT H-3954 AT 7,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
- (4) BASE TO RENDEZVOUS TO ID-6432 TO RE-3544 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING.
- (7) I.P. RE-4555
- (8) GENERALLY WSW TO ENE.
- (9) M.P.I. ILL. 1(A)(V)29/2 COVER ANNOTATED AREA. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.
- (10) 22 X 100 LB. CP FUSED: 1/100 SECOND TAIL
- (11) R.P. RE-4555
- (12) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE BOMBED VISUALLY, GROUP WILL RETURN BOMBS TO BASE.
- (13) NO SECONDARY OR CASUAL TARGETS WILL BE SELECTED.
- (14) GROUP IS CAUTIONED THAT 2 P/W CAMPS ARE LOCATED NEAR THE TARGET. RE-666612 AND RE-668612.

K. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE.

- (4) EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS: Y-72, Y-73, Y-79, Y-2

4. NO CHANGE.

3. COMMUNICATIONS. (TO FOLLOW)

COMMUNIC 97

BT 201145B

FK-AR

ITA R.....20/1230B NEM AR K

JES R.....20/1230B DC AR

JPO R.....20/1230B LB AR

JKI R.....20/1230B WJF AR K

U

SUCNZ

CC 3. A. 409 BG IMI (9) PLS

3. A. (9) 4 X 100 LB.

3. A. (9) 4 X 1000 LB. C.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

OKY

NO I'M WRONG HERE IS (9)

(9) N.P.I.: ILL. 6 (D) (VI) 100/2 COVER W/Y FROM REF. 829027
TO 812020. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.

THAT CC APPLIES TO JES JKI AND ALSO JPO PLS THX

OK JPO?

3. B. 416BG IMI (9)

(9) N.P.I.: ILL. 1 (A)(V) 20/2 COVER ANNOTATED AREA.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 70 FEET.

OK AS SENT

OKY

OK TDFR

ITA JES JKI JPO V JEA JEA 07/20 OP - OP

1707

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 201245B
TO : IX BOMB DIV.
409TH BOMB GROUP.
410TH BOMB GROUP. (INFO)
416TH BOMB GROUP.

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

9 CBW P-175-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
20 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 264-866

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. 409TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) OAKLEAF
 - (3) EVENING
 - (4) SWEEPSTAKES

- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (2) MOTHER
 - (3) NICE DATE
 - (4) RIPS AW

COMCBTWIC 97

BT 201245B

FK-AR

JES R.....20/10///1300B NO AR K

JKI R.....20/1300B WJF AR K

JPO R.....20/1300B SK AR

DMPI's for afternoon mission of 20 April

all. 1 (a) (v) 29/2

0295 0190

0240 0220

0265 0290

0320 0345

0280 0380

0200 0370

0246 0440

-OP-

FROM ● 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

TO : CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING

ATTN:A-2

SECRET (MPI'S FOR AFTERNOON MISSION)

1. MPI'S FOR AFTERNOON MISSION, 20 APRIL 1945.

ILL. 1 (a)(v)29/2

- 02950190
- 02400220
- 02650290
- 03200345
- 02800380
- 02000370
- 02460440

HAROLD W. ANDERSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Duty Intelligence Officer.

JEA V JKI-JKI 16/20 OP
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 20/1630B
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT
SECRET 416BG P-369-D (MPI'S FOR AFTERNOON MISSION)

1. MPI'S FOR AFTERNOON MISSION, 20 APRIL 1945.
ILL. 1 (A) (V) 29/2

- 02950190
- 02400220
- 02650290
- 03200345
- 02800380
- 02000370
- 02460440

HAROLD W. ANDERSON
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS.

BT 20/1630B

WN AR

JEA R. 20/1654B

FK

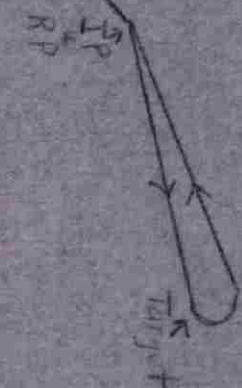
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1,500,000 Europe (A¹¹)

SECRET

5/20/50
13101E



X

IPP
RP

Target

Alex B. Smith (A)
20 April 1950 FD 301-266
1st Hamburg Fuel Storage D
Int. 1000 ft. 101 1821
Windows Not Used
No Flak
14th JGt. F B HC
Weather - Good

SECRET

11301E
5/20/50

MISSION NO. 279

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

20 APRIL 1945

Intel

1. 497 B
Major L F Dunn
Lt W E Brewer
Lt R C Hanna
S/S C H Corbitt

4. 360 L
Lt W H [unclear]
Sgt A E Schoen

2. 2352 J
Lt S Mooney
Sgt W C Buckley

5. 326 W
Lt M Wallman
Sgt M F Hardin

3. 328 D
Lt J B Cocks
S/S W A MacCartney

6. 356 G
Lt R L Simpson
S/S J H Miguez

FLIGHT III

1. 304 T
Lt C S Jordan
Lt R P Milgrew
Lt B J Morley
S/S K F Jensen

4. 252 D
Lt J F Allen
S/S C W Veazy

2. 314 H
Lt E C Martin
Lt J W Britt
S/S L E Draft

5. 319 A
Lt D E Smith
S/S G E Reiter
S/S C J Kruger

3. 354 S
Lt R H Mackley
S/S O T Hawk

6. 229 B
Lt A W Depner
Sgt W P Sumner

FLIGHT III

1. 487 J
Lt D O Turner
Lt P J McGivern
S/S H B McClain

4. 338 O
Lt M W DuBose
S/S K S Reid

2. 393 M
Lt G E Weinert
Sgt R Dubi

5. 383 V
Lt C H Housley
Sgt P J Block

3. 212 K
Lt R E Harper
Sgt R M Black

6. 362 Y
Lt P W Wills
S/S W S McCaughey

SPARE

286 B
Lt J V O'Brien
Sgt H T Wright

MISSION NO. 279

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

20 APRIL 1945

1. 498 R
Lt C J Brown
Lt J E Kerns
S/S H E Sunderland

4. 313 B
Lt A Bemiszewski
S/S F DiOric

2. 265 V
Lt T E Graeber
S/S A H Miller

5. 209 M
Lt E T Pflatter
Capt R A Fontaine

3. 239 N
Lt A E Hlivko
Sgt L J Farmer

6. 250 A
Lt D L Price
S/S D E McNellis

FLIGHT II

1. 484 C
Lt P E Parker
Lt R E Shaft
S/S J C Edenburn

4. 188 R
Lt T D McGready
S/S W E Lemonds

2. 325 L
Lt W L Hale
S/S J F Geyer

5. 305 U
Lt R H Long
S/S C J McCarthy

3. 274 S
Lt J W Wright
S/S W F Fuchrer

6. 259 H
Lt B R Tank
S/S D W VanGelder

FLIGHT III

1. 398 G
Lt P P Barausky
Lt W L Sheehan
S/S T R Langley

4. 224 E
Lt E O Turner
S/S R J Perujo

2. 334 G
Lt A R Tuman
S/S A C Basile

5. 205 M
Lt A G Henson
Sgt F E Corey

3. 416 O
Lt R Fadd
Sgt C J Thompson

6. 9315 F
Lt J C Curtis
Cpl D C Finnell

SPARE

223 B
Lt W N Balch
S/S P R Lynch

BOX III
FLIGHT I

1. 505 Y
Lt L J Frucha
Lt F A Reeves
T/S G C Wilson

4. 264 I
Lt R A Russell
S/S L V Metzler

2. 321 T
Lt J H Carver
S/S D H Bentzler

5. 385 D
Lt G J Parkhurst
Sgt D W Hawk

3. 9352 J
Lt W H Roberts
S/S R G Hindman

6. 310 A
Lt A S Nathanson
Sgt C J Kaminaki

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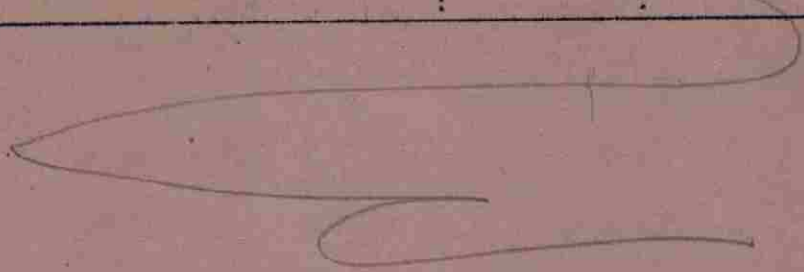
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PILOT PRUCHA A/C# 505 BOX III FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>180</u>					
	X				
	X				

FLAK :

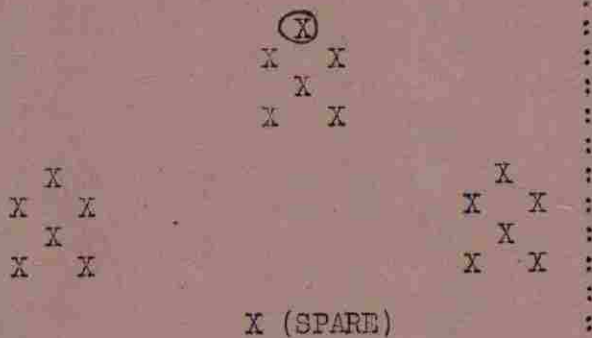


ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs over
 TOT ~~1822~~ 1822
 alt. 8300
 1 run

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERR. FORM

PILOT DUNN A/C# 497 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	ON	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u>	<u>X/100</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

E/A reported.

OBSERVATIONS:

Excellent results just to L of AP

tot - 1819

alt - 9500

Head - 82

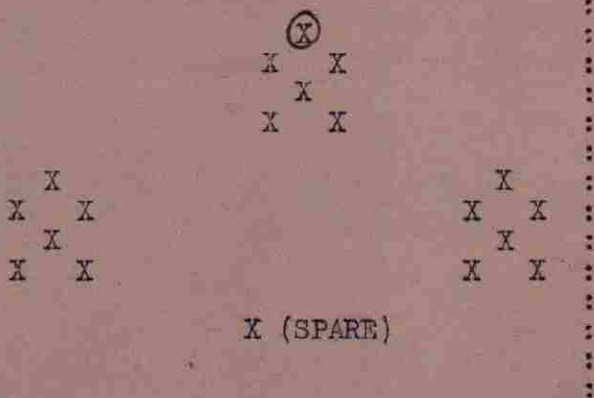
IAS - 210

Contacted Repair & FCC OK

30 minutes by
trogline

3 min before
F.R.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT DEPNER A/C# 229 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>27</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>8</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK :

Nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

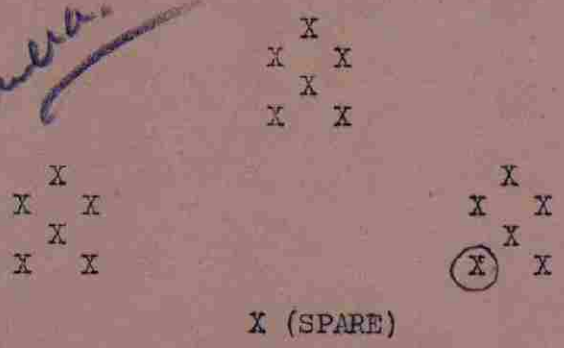
OBSERVATIONS:

Fire at 1800 - red fire in town Explosions further on course - more fires - at 1847 we were in center of a ring of fire

Flak was 1 1/2 miles off to left wing as we made turn off target.

POSITION IN FORMATION

America



Close pattern in woods across roads.

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PILOT SIMPSON A/C# 356 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON	<u>PIT</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	:
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:	:

FLAK :

X
 Flak was fired from plotted pos
 but not at this flight -

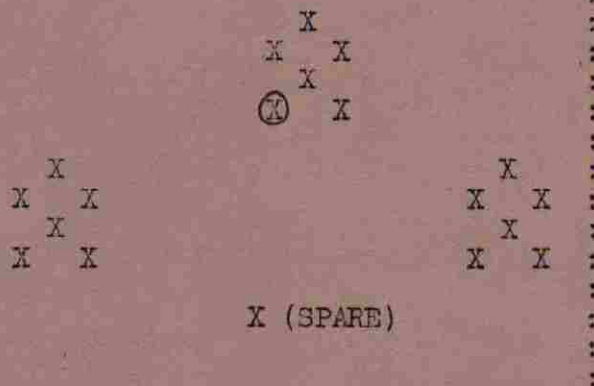
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X-

OBSERVATIONS:

- Bombs hit in woods, plenty
 of smoke, + fires -

POSITION IN FORMATION



T. M. S.
 INTERROGATOR

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PILOT Du BOSE A/C# 338 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X	ON <u>Return</u>	:		BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:
	X	RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	:	"E"	:
	X	JETTISONED	:		<u>Nil</u>	:		:

FLAK :

Nil

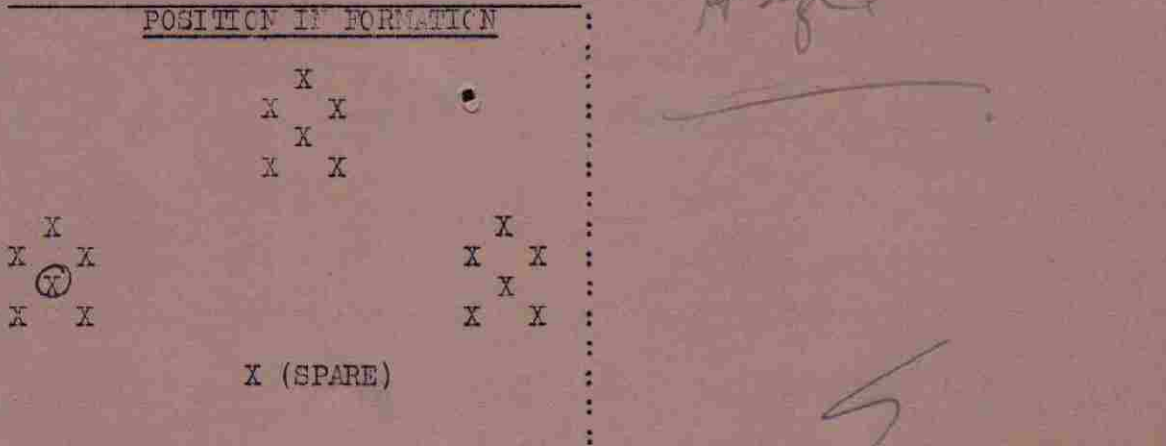
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Dropped when lead record - with
one station dropped on synchronizer
that makes drop slightly
over.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT HOUSLEY A/C# 383 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22 X</u>	<u>MT</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

at 409th - 100 bursts
one ship head SE.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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      X
    X  X
  
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    X  X
  
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT WALLMAN A/C# 326 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE
<i>Run</i>	<u>22 X / 100</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u> : <u>"A-C"</u> : <u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>

FLAK :

nil

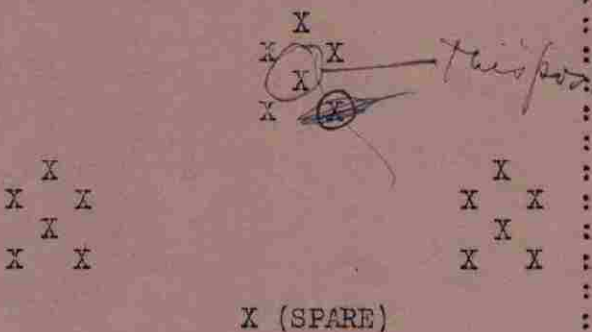
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

Mechanical malfunction. Intercom light did not come on. Now being checked.

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PILOT ALLEN A/C# 252 BOX I FLT. 2

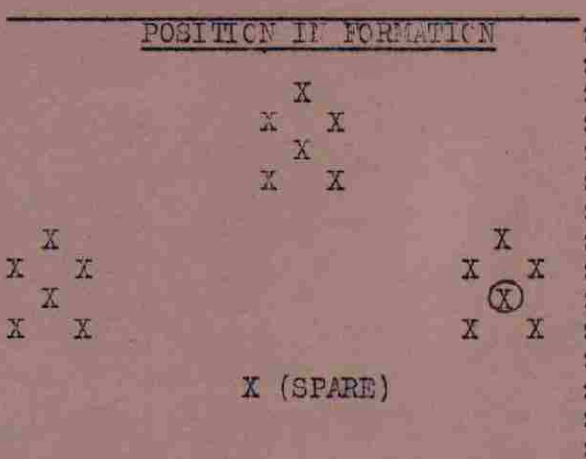
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<i>Dropped</i>	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	RETURNED			
<i>on 1st run</i>	X	JETTISONED	<i>nil</i>		

FLAK : *To left of bomb run going in & again to right of course coming out. XXH 1*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil - Reported not seen.*

OBSERVATIONS: *Fires started. ~~Looked~~ Black smoke made 2 runs - 2nd run for Healey to drop.*



INTERROGATOR *Lusia*

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT MOONEY A/C# 2352 BOX I FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X / <u>002</u> ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<i>out at</i>	X JETTISONED	:	<i>nil</i>		

FLAK :

nil

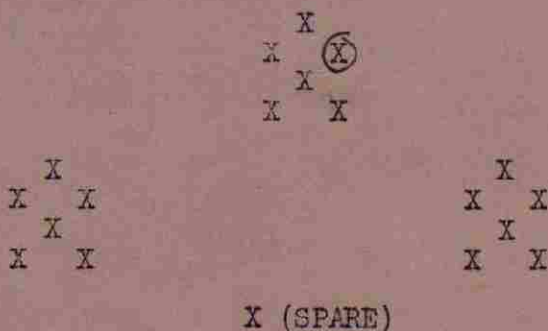
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil -

OBSERVATIONS:

8-10
~~Some~~ P-39's *high* above our *escort* -
about 3000 ft above our formation. North of
Leipzig. Believed to be Russian - no
markings seen. Appeared dark in color.

POSITION IN FORMATION



Lewis
INTERROGATOR

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT WILLS A/C# 362 BOX I FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON _____	_____ X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	_____ X JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

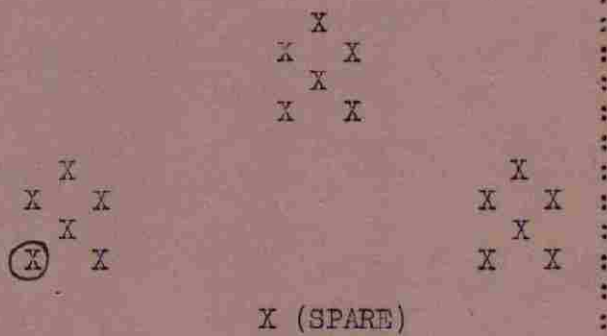
nil
Beaucoup flak at 4090 ft from Wetterberg

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION



Laura
INTERROGATOR

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PILOT HACKLEY A/C# 354 BOX I FLT. FF

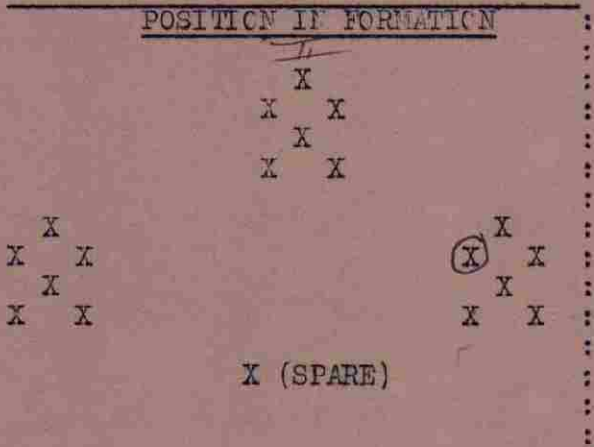
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>14</u>	<u>X/00</u>	<u>Primary</u>			
<u>8</u>	<u>X/00</u>	<u>RETURNED</u>			
<u>X</u>		<u>JETTISONED</u>			

FLAK : not at the formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: 8 bombs would not release - med 9th
run & couldn't get rid of them by salvo -
saw lots of black smoke after bombs
hit.



INTERROGATOR

L.S. Rogers
 INTERROGATOR

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PILOT COCKE A/C# 328 BOX I FLT. F

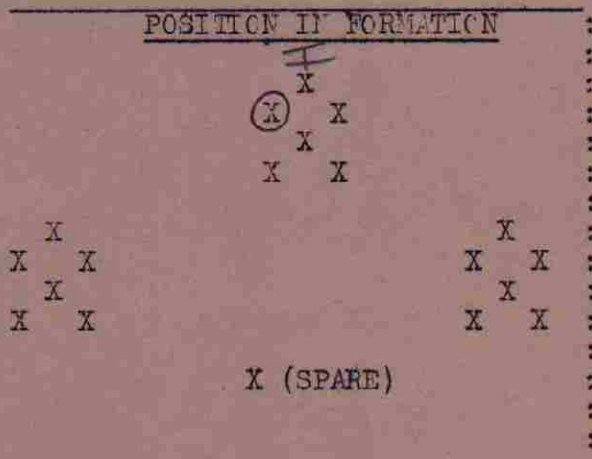
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	ON <u>Primary</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil



X
X X
X
X X

X
X X
X
X X

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PILOT HARPER A/C# 212 BOX I FLT. III

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>99 X/00</u>	ON <u>Prin</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:

FLAK : nil - 407th - caught it

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit in woods - down good -

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
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X (SPARE)

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  X
  X
  X
  
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  X
  X X
  X
  X
  
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PILOT O'BRIEN A/C# 286 BOX I FLT. _____

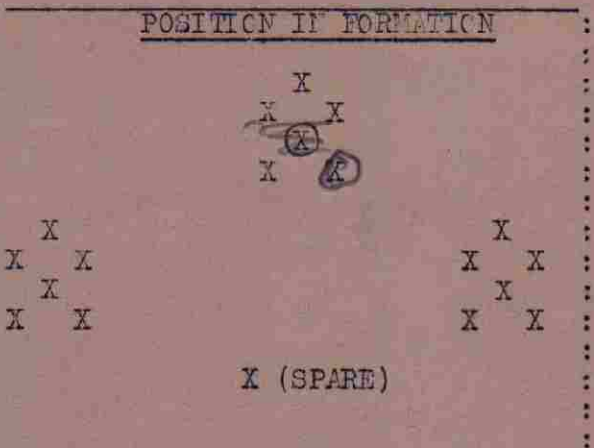
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON	:		:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>	:
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:		:		:		:

FLAK : 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : 

OBSERVATIONS: Bombs hit on Red in dogfight



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PILOT JORDAN A/C# 304 BOX I FLT. II

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	" <u>A</u> "	" <u>A-C</u> "	" <u>E</u> "
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

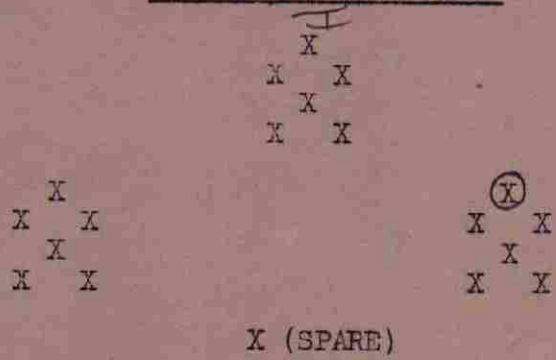
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: ~~Bomb~~ Bombed other than D.M.P.I. misidentified target. Bombed 1000 yds from target. Hit smelter on selected A.P. Made 2nd run for no 3 man who did not drop 1st run -

1821 T.O.T.
 9300 -
 '80° heading -

huge explosion outside of Leipzig -
 Lots of battle smoke -
 beaucoup flak at 4,900.

POSITION IN FORMATION



Formation left R.P. before the flk. - which took direct route + best formation house -

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PILOT TURNER A/C# 487 BOX I FLT. III

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	QUANTITY	STATUS	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>92</u>	<u>X 100</u>	ON <u>Primary</u>			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

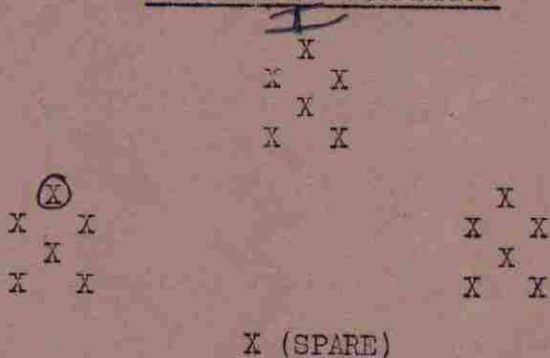
OBSERVATIONS: Rack malfunction - one or two bombs
dropped on sight - rest of bombs did not
drop - then salvoed - 2 men in flt.
dropped - other dropped on salvo.
on 1st bomb -

1821 T.O.T.

8950

veg - 15 miles -

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PILOT PRICE A/C# 250 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	"A" : "A-C" : "E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

getting too dark to see

alt 80 St. (conv moving thru war at 15-20000)
slight Q just below flight alt
Rough on war out - search
coming home.

POSITION INFORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X
(X) X

X
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT HENSON A/C# 205 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>f</u>	:		:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:
	<u>X</u> RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>	:
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	:		:		:		:

FLAK : nil.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil. E/A reported at landing

OBSERVATIONS: about 3 of bombs hit & trees & rest in open area NE of Tgt area.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
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   X
  X X
   X
  X (X)
  
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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
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X (SPARE)

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PILOT HALE A/C# 325 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X/100	ON	<u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK :

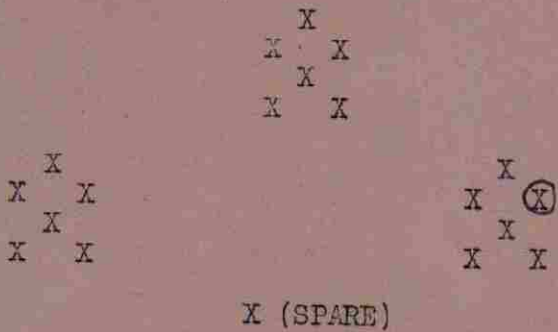
XX#1 - 2-3 miles to right on turn off target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

*Bomb hit in tgt area near AP.
A/c damaged on landing - AR -
due to flat tire
Camera ship.*

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PILOT GRAEBER A/C# 265 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>P</u>	:	:	:	:
_____ X _____ RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
_____ X _____ JETTISONED	:	_____	_____	_____

FLAK :

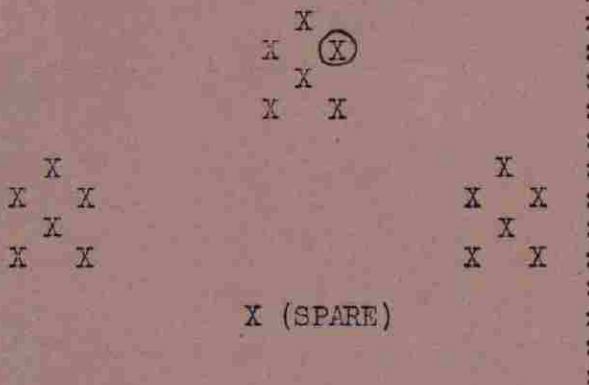
nil at 5 height

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit in neck of woods probably to the left of target

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PILOT BALCH A/C# 223 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

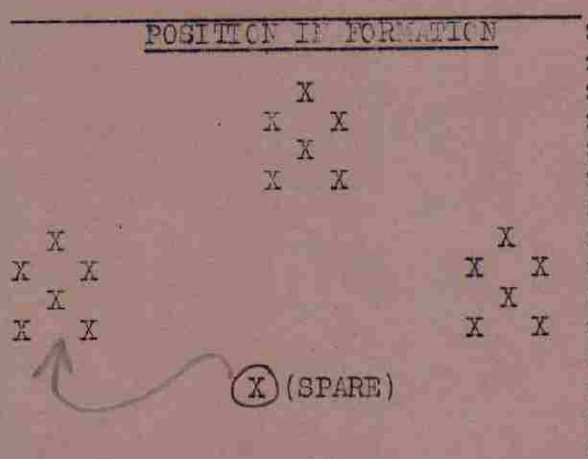
BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>105</u>	ON	<u>P</u>	:		:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	:	<u>"E"</u>	:
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		:	<u>nil</u>	:		:		:

FLAK : nil

State bursts on receipt after turn of.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: Some boats to Et of area.



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PILOT TURNER A/C# 224 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
				"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	<u>P</u>					
X						
X				<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

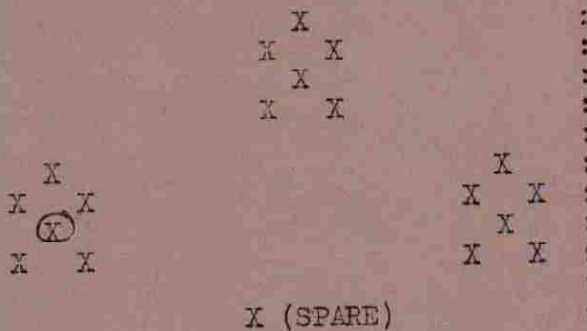
OBSERVATIONS:

Slight haze -
 Bombs out all
 three roads NE of
 annotated pt on 1/1 photo

General results
 all perfect etc.

There is town
 through area
 one large town
 on it as we
 went in.

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PILOT TANK A/C# 259 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON _____	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

409th catching hell at WITVENBERG

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X      X
X      X
X      X
      X (SPARE)
  
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      X
     X X
      X
    (X) X
  
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PILOT FORD A/C# 416 BOX II FLT. 3

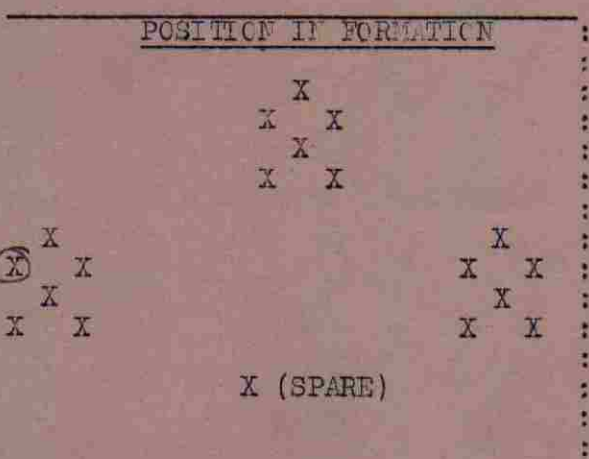
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>1000N</u>					
<u>1</u> <u>Retn</u> X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				
				<u>nil</u>	

FLAK : 200 bursts - 3 miles away from us when we were at RP

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil Reported - not seen

OBSERVATIONS: Good pattern target. Started fire and high columns of smoke.



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PILOT PLATTER A/C# 209 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u>	<u>X/100</u>				
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

nil

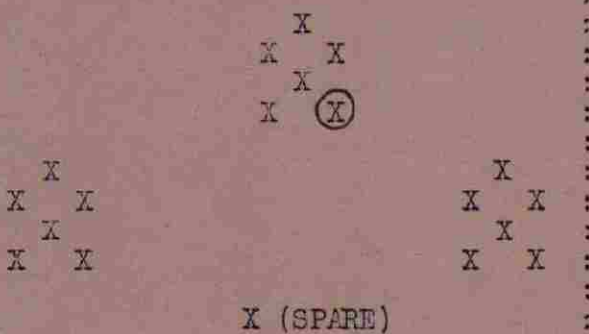
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

4 fires started by flights which hit target area closest to AP's. 2 flights hit woods away from AP's

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT HLIVKO A/C# 239 BOX II FLT. F

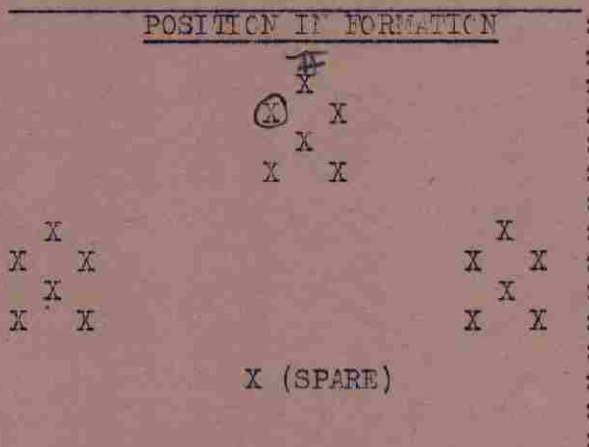
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u> X/100	ON <u>Primary</u>			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil - at the formation - observed at another group - probably waterbury -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: nil



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    X
  X X
  X
  X X
  
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    X
  X X
  X
  X X
  
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PILOT REMISZEWSKI A/C# 313 BOX II FLT. 7

CASUALTIES nil

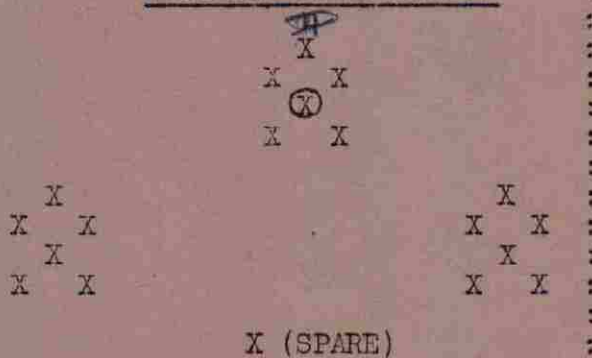
BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil - saw flock 1 mile to right just before crossing bombline on way out - about 100 burst - believed at fighter spread in which area - about 3 bursts at a time

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: big power - very thick haze - partially battle smoke -

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PILOT TURMAN A/C# 334 BOX II FLT. III

CASUALTIES nil

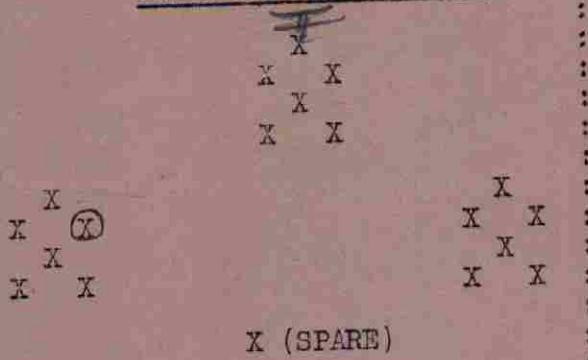
BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
				"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u>	<u>X/00</u>	<u>ON Primary</u>				
<u>X</u>						
<u>X</u>						

FLAK : nil at the formation - shooting at fighter
179 miles to right of formation on way out -
about 40 bursts -

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS: bombs hit 50 to 60 feet from RR siding -

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PILOT Mc CREADY A/C# 188 BOX II FLT. 2

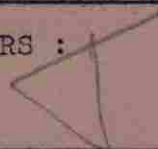
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X/100	ON <u>P.T.</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:			

FLAK :



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



P-47-1-518

OBSERVATIONS:

long pattern SE to NW on
west stretch of woods.
lot of flak at Wittewberg.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X
X  X
X  X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BARAUSKY A/C# 398 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X/00	ON <u>P</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	:
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:				:

FLAK :

(Handwritten scribbles)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

(Handwritten scribbles)

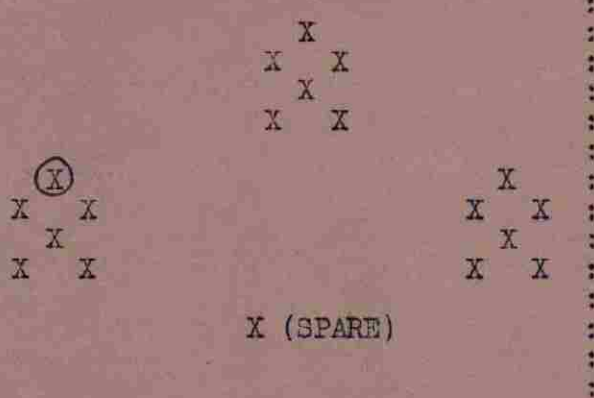
OBSERVATIONS:

Bombs hit in Tgt area.

*TOT 1821 1/2 1 run.
alt. 8500
210*

Bombs observed in fields beyond Tgt. big eff. observed in Leipzig.

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PILOT LONG A/C# 305 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON	:	:	:
_____ X _____	RETURNED	:"A"	:"A-C"	:"E"
_____ X _____	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK :

[Handwritten scribble]

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

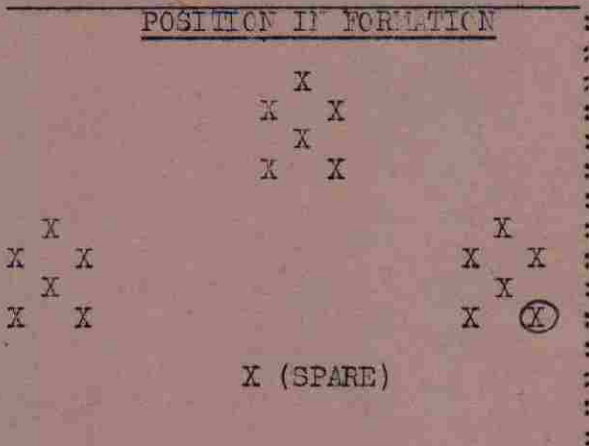
[Handwritten scribble]

OBSERVATIONS:

bombs hit in woods

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PILOT PARKER A/C# 484 BOX II FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X	ON <u>P</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:		<u>hit</u>	

FLAK :

hit
Shot of the Waltham

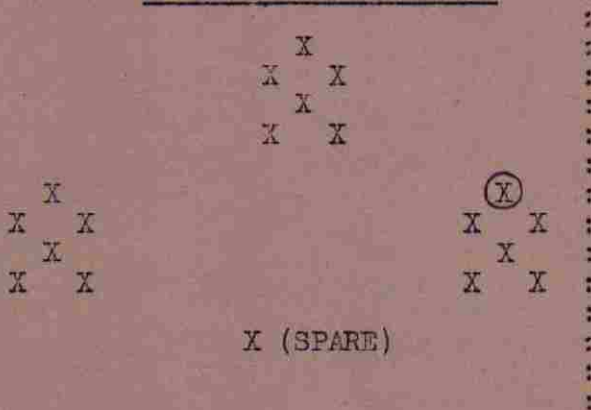
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

TOT - 1822
alt - 8700
90°
210

hit pt annul
at - problem
of selective
propag pt.

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PILOT BROWN A/C# 498 BOX II FLT. 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 100 ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<i>1 Round</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X JETTISONED	:	<i>nil</i>		

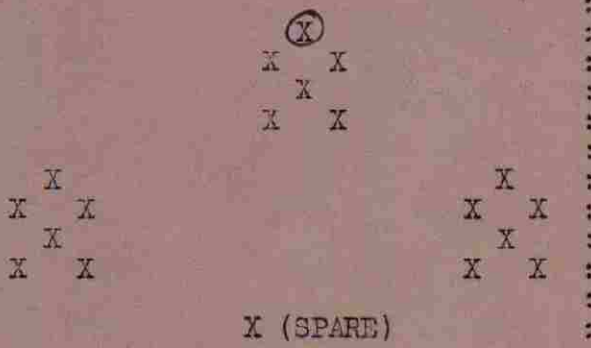
FLAK : *XH1 between ~~with~~ target and RP off to right. Possibly not at us. From WITTENBURG*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *nil*

OBSERVATIONS: *Smoke prevented accurate observation of bombs. Black smoke from target area. Pattern of this fl slightly over*

TOT - 1820 ^{3/4}
alt - 8900 (I)
axis - 70° mag
IAS - 210

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PILOT RUSSEL A/C# 264 BOX III FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X	ON	:		BATTLE DAMAGE	:	
	X	RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	:	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	:		<u>hit</u>	:	

FLAK :

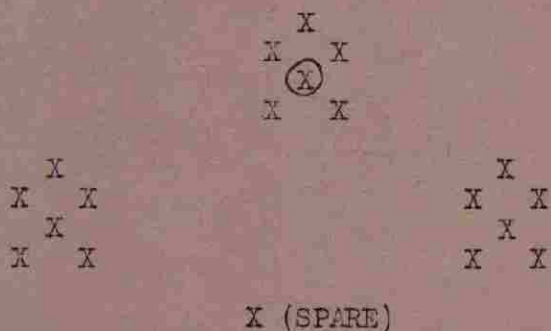
hit

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

hit

OBSERVATIONS:

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PILOT NATHANSON A/C# 310 BOX III FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>2</u> X				
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	<i>Not</i>		

FLAK : *Flak at Pt in turnsp
was all Wittenburg.*

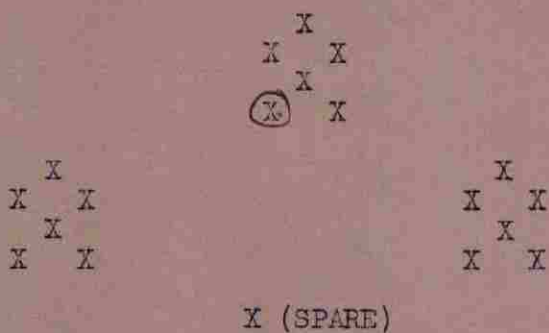
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Reported by leader - not seen

OBSERVATIONS:

*Leaping - fire & explosion
exploded after the fire
started*

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PILOT PARKHURST A/C# 385 BOX III FLT. _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>22 X 100</u>	ON _____	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	:	:
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:		:		

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS:

bomb hit open fields

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POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X (X)

X   X   X
X   X   X
X   X   X

X (SPARE)

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416 TH	9TH B.D. (W) WING 97th	9th B.D. Report 104A
GROUP	DATE 20 April 1945	Annaburg GAF Fuel Storage Depot
OTHER UNITS: TARGET	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Annaburg GAF Fuel Storage Depot PRIMARY
 SECONDARY

M.P.I. 7 Points in target area.

A.P.

- C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 43 A26 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 42
- D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1234567
- E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 916 x 100 GP FUSING 1/100 tail
- F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN DROPPED Box I Flt A - 82 deg 1819 1/2
B - 80 1820
- G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED Box II Flt A - 70 1820 3/4
B - 90 1822
C - 80 1822 1/2
- H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET Box III Flt A - 65 1823
- J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A - DMPI - SUPER: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI. Bombs (VISUAL) blanketed DMPI in long pattern with center of bursts on DMPI, causing large fires in fuel depot.

Flt B - AMPI - SUPER: Due to haze and similarity of terrain Bombardier misidentified target. Bombs fell in woods in long pattern with center of bursts 3300 ft NW of DMPI.

Flt C - NAO: After normal run only 2 bombs went away at time of release. 2 a/s bombed on these two bombs. Pilot then ordered gunner to toggle out remainder of bombs. 3 a/s bombed on this release. 1st bombs to be released hit in target area while remainder of bombs hit in fields just S of town of Annaburg 1 mile NE of target.

Box II Flt A - NAO: Because of smoke and haze covering target area (VISUAL) while on bomb run, bombardier was unable to see DMPI, He estimated DMPI and released, bombs fell in long pattern 2100ft SE of DMPI in woods and fields and across road.

Flt B - DMPI - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 495 ft N of DMPI. Long pattern of bursts hit in target area probably damaging fuel storage area.

Flt C - DMPI - EXCEL: 95% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 500 ft NW of DMPI. Long pattern of bombs hit in target area probably damaging fuel storage depot.

Box III Flt A - NAO: Because smoke and haze covering target area while

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 20 APRIL 1945TO ANNABURG FUEL DEPOT

	<u>NAMES</u>		<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR CROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I				
Flt. A	<u>Maj. L.F. Dunn</u> (P)		<u>D.M.P.I.</u> <u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>Lt. W.E. Brewer</u> (B)			
	<u>Lt. R.C. Hanna</u> (N)			
Flt. B	<u>Lt. C.S. Jordan</u> (P)		<u>A.M.P.I.</u> <u>SUPERIOR</u>	Bombardier misidentified target due to poor visibility and similarity of targets.
	<u>Lt. R.P. Mulgrew</u> (B)			
Flt. C	<u>Lt. D.O. Turner</u> (P)		<u>N.A.O.</u>	<u>MALFUNCTION</u> of release mechanism, cause as yet undetermined, but being investigated.
	<u>Lt. P.J. McGivern</u> (B)			
	<u>Lt. B.J. Morley</u> (N)			
BOX II				
Flt. A	<u>Lt. G.J. Brown</u> (P)		<u>N.A.O.</u>	Due to poor visibility over target area, bombardier synchronized above target area and rolled cross hairs on to approximation of aiming point. No aiming operation was made.
	<u>Lt. J.E. Kerna</u> (B)			
Flt. B	<u>Lt. P.E. Parker</u> (P)		<u>D.M.P.I.</u> <u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>Lt. R.E. Shaft</u> (B)			
Flt. C	<u>Lt. P.P. Barausky</u> (P)		<u>D.M.P.I.</u> <u>EXCELLENT</u>	
	<u>Lt. W.E. Sheehan</u> (B)			
BOX III				
Flt. A	<u>Lt. L.J. Prucha</u> (P)		<u>N.A.O.</u>	Due to poor visibility over target area, bombardier synchronized above target area and rolled cross hairs on to approximation of aiming point. No aiming operation was made.
	<u>Lt. F.A. Reeves</u> (B)			

ALL FLIGHTS MADE ONLY ONE RUN

OTTO R. KOCH
2ND LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUP BOMBARDIER

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 13 GROUP 416th. Bomb GP. (L)
 CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 13 100 % WING 97th. C.B.
 CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 20 April 45
 PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
 OTHERS 0

TARGET ANNABURG
 ALTITUDE 9000 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 238 MPH
356
314
362 229

TARGET ANNABURG
 ALTITUDE 8500 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 238 MPH
250 209
325
224
416 205 259

TARGET ANNABURG
 ALTITUDE 8000 FEET
 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
 GROUND SPEED 238 MPH
264
385

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:

:BOX : :NO. :	A/C : :NO. :	CAM. : :TYPE :	F.L. : :	INT. : :	PRINTED : :SORTIES :	UNPRINT : :SORTIES :	EXPLANATION :
1	356	K-24	7	0	31		
1	314	"	7	0	30		
1	229	"	6 3/8	0			Duplicate coverage
1	362	"	7	0			" "
2	209	"	6 3/8	0	35		
2	250	"	7	0			" "
2	325	"	7	0			" "
2	259	"	6 3/8	0	32		
2	224	"	"	0	34		
2	205	"	7	0			" "
2	416	"	7	0			" "
3	264	"	7	0	33		
3	385	"	6 3/8	0			" "

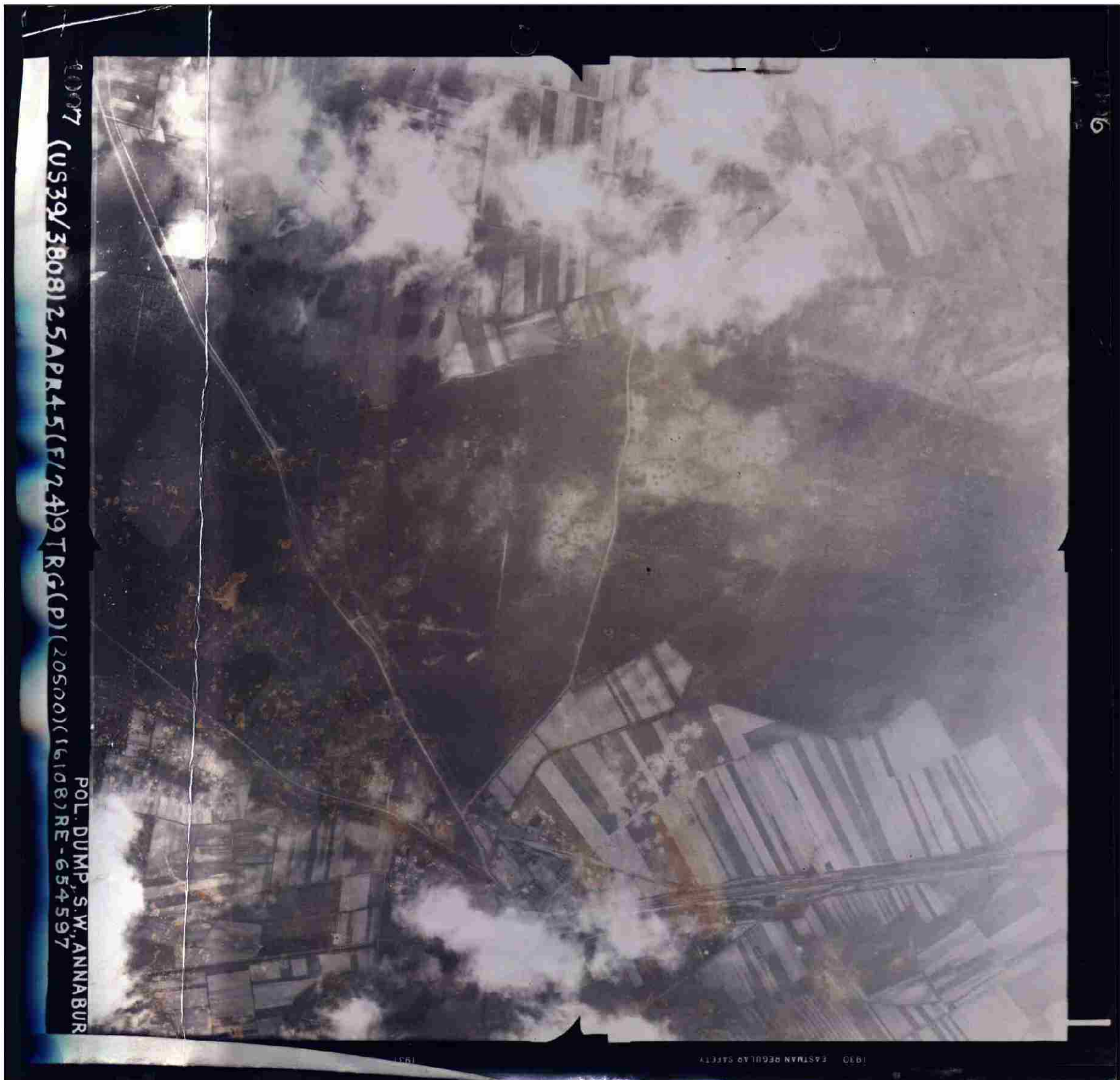
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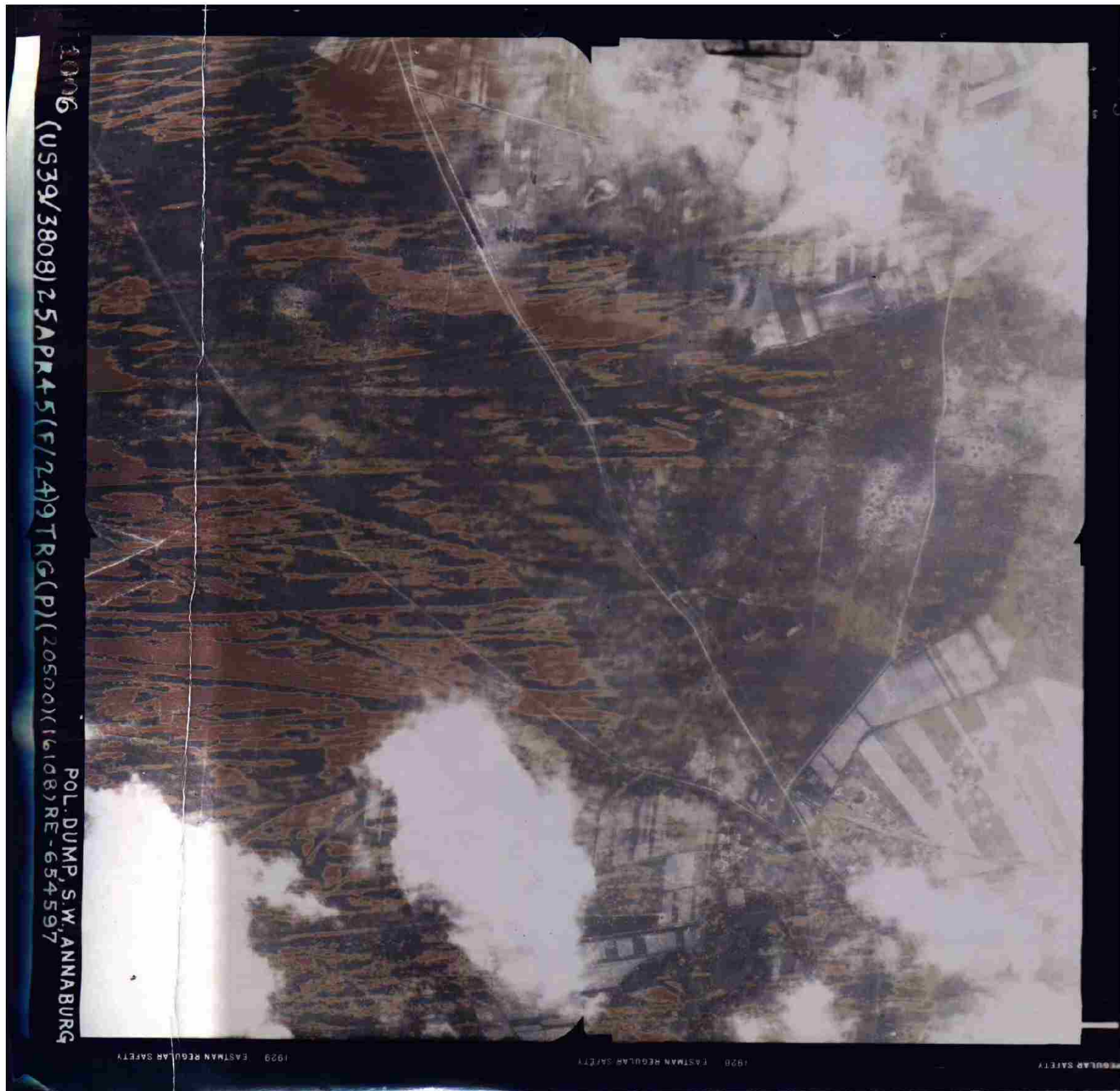
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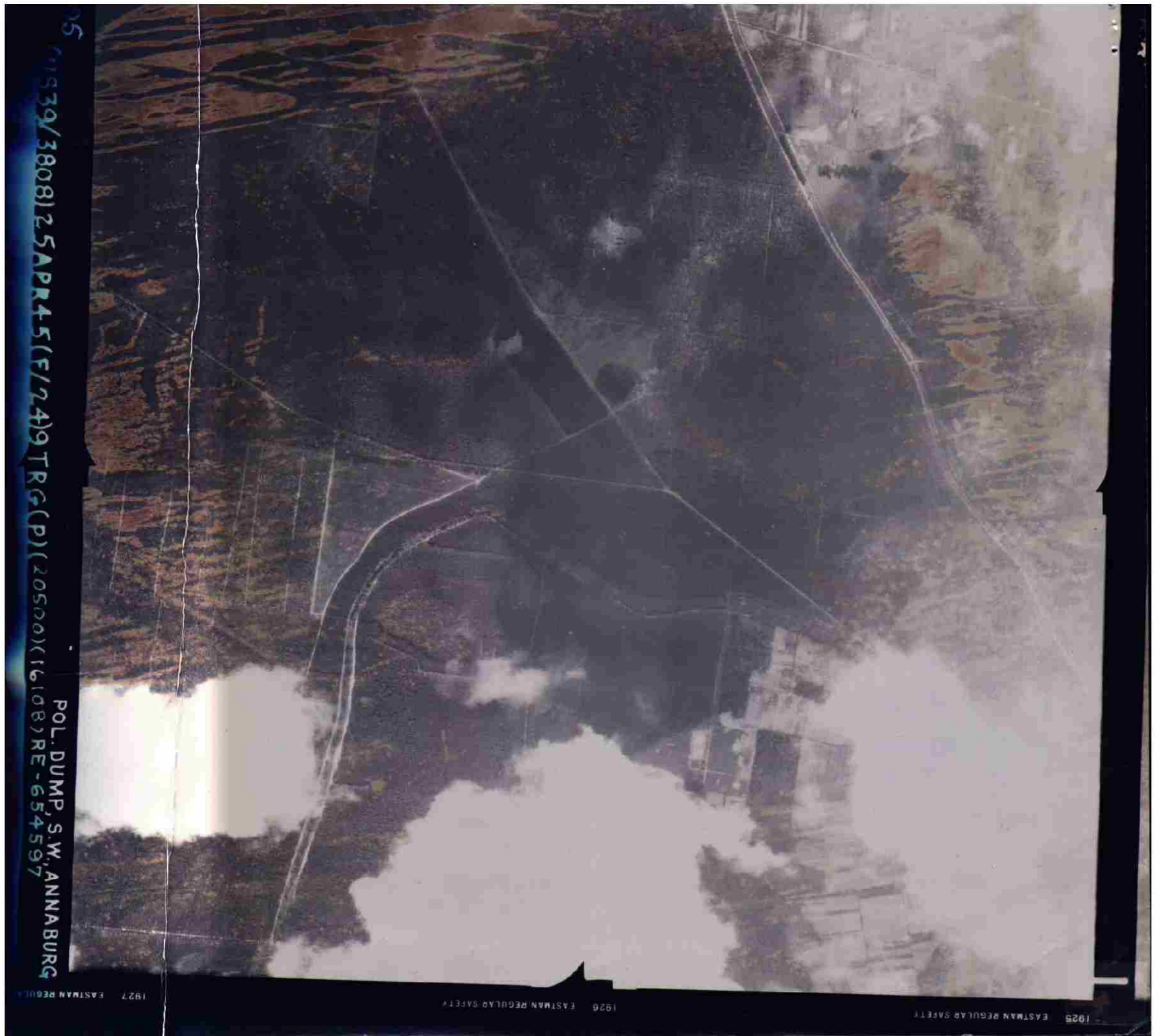
NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH BD / SA 1376

(A) TARGET: ANNABURG GAF FUEL STORAGE 4416/37 - RE/654597(B) SORTIE: US 416/30 THRU 35(C) DATE: 20 APR 45TIME: 1819 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1823 B(D) ATTACKING A/C: 42 A-26's BY 6's(E) BOMBS: 916/100 GP 1/100 T. ONLY(F) COVER: TARGET IS SEEN ON PRINTS OF FAIR QUALITY.(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: ONE FLTS BOMBS BLANKETED DESIRED MPI, COVERING THE S SECTION OF THE TARGET AREA. TWO FLTS BOMB PATTERNS WERE APPROXIMATELY 1000' N OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DESIRED MPI'S. II-A & III-A HAD NAO, THEIR PATTERNS BEING RESPECTIVELY 2000' SE & 2000' N OF THE TARGET. I-C ALSO HAD NAO & ITS SPLIT PATTERN ONE PART BEING 500' N, THE OTHER 4500' ENE OF TARGET. I-B HAS A PATTERN OF BURSTS 3300' NW OF THE DESIRED MPI BLANKETING THE ALTERNATE MPI AIMED AT DUE TO HAZE. SEVERAL FIRES WERE STARTED IN THE AREAS BOMBED.(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5015 SORTIE: US 416/32NOTE: RECTANGLE ENCLOSES BOMB PATTERN AREA.DISTRIBUTION: S/ACONFIDENTIALDET "C" 20th PID
AT HQ. 9TH B.D.



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(US339/3808)25APR45(F/24)9TRG(P) (20500)(16108)RE-654597
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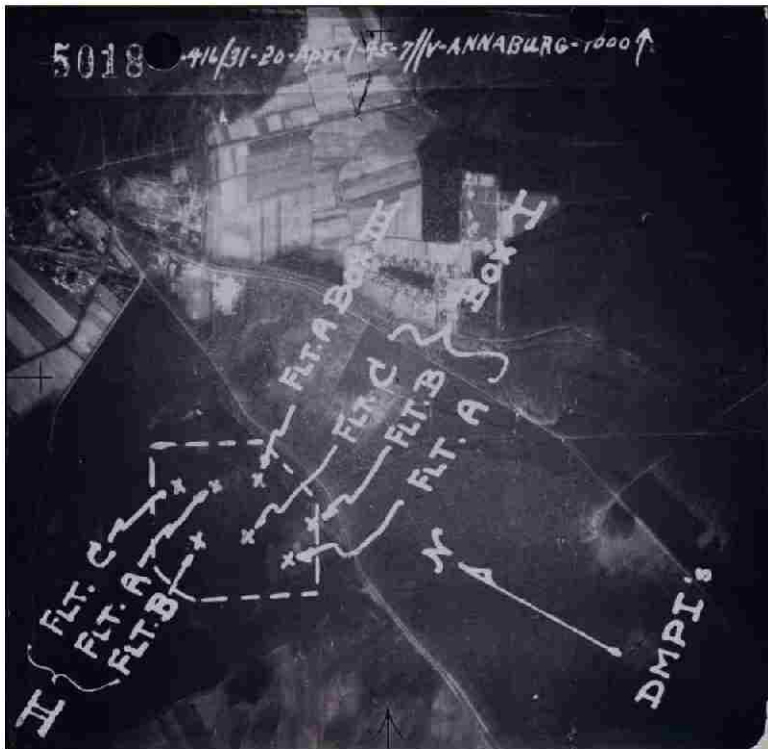
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Mission #279 - Target - Annaburg Fuel Storage Depot
 30 April 1945

Box I FLT A - B-24 - M57: All Bombs within 1000 ft (visual) of DMPI with center of pattern on DMPI causing large fires in fuel depot.

FLT A - B-24 - M57: Due to base and similarity of terrain bombardier misidentified target. Bombs fell in long pattern with center of bursts 3200 ft NW of DMPI.

FLT C - B-24: After normal run only 2 bombs went away as time of release; 2 w/c bombed on these bombs. Pilot then ordered gunner to toggle out remainder; 3 w/c dropped on this release. 1st release hit in target area, 2nd in fields little W.

Box II FLT A - B-24: Because of smoke and haze covering (visual) target area bombardier was unable to see DMPI. Estimated and released, bombs fell in long pattern 2100 ft SE of DMPI in woods, fields and across road.

FLT B - B-24: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 490 ft N in long pattern.

FLT D - B-24 - M57: 40% of bombs within 1000 ft of DMPI with center of pattern 400 ft W.

Box III FLT A - B-24: Because of smoke and haze covering (visual) target area bombardier was unable to see DMPI. He estimated and released, bombs fell 2700 ft W.

PM

15 min.
T/O
TOT
L/D

Box #	CpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader
I		20 APRIL 45				DUNN
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Lisp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.
Pos No.	Reason	F E O	T S J F R	M D A A C B E D P D K W M		
1 497			RR			497 DUNN
2 2352			RR			328 COCKE 2352 MOONEY
3 328			RR			286 O'BRIEN
4 286			RR			356 SIMPSON 326 WALLMAN
5 326			RR	RR		
6 356			RR			
1 304			RR			
2 314			RR			
3 354			14	8		
4 252			RR			487 TURNER 304 JORDAN
5 319			RR			
6 229			RR			212 HARPER 313 WEINERT 354 HACKLEY 314 MARTIN
1 487			RR			
2 393			RR			338 DU BOSE 252 ALLEN
3 212			RR			
4 338			RR			362 WILLS 383 HOUSLEY
5 383			RR			229 DEPNER 319 SMITH
6 362			RR			

Dropped 916 X100
Returned 30 X100

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J'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.T. _____ (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).

PM

15 min.
T/O
TOT
L/D

505
PRUCHA
9352
ROBERTS CARVER
264
RUSSELL
310
385
NATHANSON PARKHURST

Box #	Opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O
III		20 April 45				PRUCHA	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pos No.	Reason	F S O	P S J T R	M D A A C B E D	P D K W M		
1			22				
2			22				
3			22				
4			22				
5			22				
6			22				

ITA JEA V JKI

JKI 24/20

P - P

FROM COBOMGR #16 20/2200B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATT: SIGNAL OFF.
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL #16BG P-377-J

A - YS - 106

B - 20 APRIL 1945 (1606-2530)

C - R-ROGER REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE FOR BOTH BOXES. E-EASY
REPORTED THAT PARADE WAS TOO WEAK TO BE READABLE.

D - E-EASY CHECKED IN TO RIPS AW ACCORDING TO SOP.

E - THRU K - NONE

AYLESWORTH

BT 20/2200B

JF AR

ITA R 20/2214B CLEV AR K

JEA R 20/2213B SS AR

V

To: CG, 9th Bomb. Div., A# A-21
 CG, 9th Combat Wing, A# A-2
 From: 416th Bomb Gp.

Opflash for 20 April 1945. Afternoon Mission
 Operational Priority: Secret

- A. 416 Bomb Gp.
- B. ANNABURG FUEL STORAGE DEPOT (RE 654597)
- C. 43 A-26's
- D. 42 A-26's attached primary
- E. 1 A-26 did not bomb due to malfunction of bomb release mechanism. Cause ~~is as yet undetermined~~ TUBE IN
- F. ~~314~~ ⁹¹⁶ INTERVALOMETER BURNT OUT.
~~30~~ X 100 LB. GP on primary
 30 X 100 LB. GP returned
- G. Bot I Flight A Excellent Bot II Flight A UNOBSERVED
 Flight B Good Flight B Excellent
 Flight C UNOBSERVED (See Para X) Flight C Excellent
 Bot III Flight A FAIR ~~Flight D FAIR~~
- H. 1 A-26 blew tire upon landing at base on return. Propeller damaged.
- I. nil
- J. ~~Intense heavy flak observed~~
 MODERATE heavy flak observed in distance from WITTENBURG (E-385740) well out of range of this formation
- K. nil
- L. Bot I Flight A 9500 ~~Flight II~~ Flight A 8900
 Flight B 9300 Flight B 8700
 Flight C 8950 Flight C 8500
 Bot III Flight A 8300

M. Bot I Flight A 1819 1/2 Bot II Flight A 1820 3/4
 Flight B 1820 Flight B 1821 1/2
 Flight C 1820 1/2 Flight C 1822

Bot III Flight A 1822 1/2

only
 X two bombs dropped on leaders to release.
 Two A/C dropped on these bombs.
 Gunner salvaged remaining 20 bombs
 on pilot's order 3 to 5 seconds after
 original release. Balance of flight
 dropped on these bombs.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 25/20 OP - OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 20/2240B
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATTN: A-2

BT
 SECRET 416BG P-378-D OPSFLASH FOR 20 APRIL 1945 - AFTERNOON MISSION.

- A - 416TH BOMB GP
 B - ANNABURG FUEL STORAGE DEPOT (RE 634597)
 C - 43 A-26'S
 D - 42 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY
 E - 1 A-26 DID NOT BOMB DUE TO MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM.
 TUBE IN INTERVALOMETER BURNED OUT.
 F - 916 X 100 LB. GP ON PRIMARY
 30 X 100 LB. GP RETURNED
 G - BOX I FLT A EXCELLENT BOX II FLT A UNOBSERVED
 FLT B GOOD FLT B EXCELLENT
 FLT C UNOBSERVED (PARA X) FLT C EXCELLENT
 BOX III FLT A FAIR
 H - 1 A-26 BLEW TIRE UPON LANDING AT BASE ON RETURN - PROPELLOR
 DAMAGED.
 I - NIL
 J - MODERATE HEAVY FLAK OBSERVED IN DISTANCE FROM WITTENBURG (E385740)
 WELL OUT OF RANGE OF THIS FORMATION.
 K - NIL
 L - BOX I FLT A - 9500 BOX II FLT A - 8900
 " B - 9300 " B - 8700
 " C - 8950 " C - 8500
 BOX III FLT A - 8300
 M - BOX I FLT A - 1819 1/2 BOX II FLT A - 1820 3/4
 " B - 1820 " B - 1821 1/2
 " C - 1820 1/2 " C - 1822
 BOX III FLT A - 1822 1/2
 X - ONLY TWO BOMBS DROPPED ON FLIGHT LEADER'S RELEASE. TWO A/C DROPPED
 ON THESE BOMBS. GUNNER SALVOED REMAINING 20 BOMBS ON PILOT'S ORDER
 3 TO 5 SECONDS AFTER ORIGINAL RELEASE. BALANCE OF FLIGHT DROPPED
 ON THESE BOMBS.

CAPT., LURIA

BT 20/2240B

JF AR

ITA R 202333B
 JEA R 20/2340B

REV AR
 WCB AR

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 04/21 OP OP

FROM HQ 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI ~~XXXXXX~~ 210345B
 TO HQ 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
 HQ 97TH COMBAT WING (L) ATT: A-2 DUTY OFFICER.

BT
 SECRET 416BG P-382-D 21 APRIL 1945.

B. ANNABURG GAF FUEL STORAGE DEPOT.

G. 1819 - 1823

K. BOX I FLT B - AMPI - SUPER - BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY AND SIMILARITY OF TARGETS.

FLT C - NAO - MALFUNCTION OF RELEASE MECHANISM, CAUSE AS YET UNDETERMINED, BUT BEING INVESTIGATED.

BOX II FLT A - NAO - DUE TO POOR BXXX VISIBILITY OVER TARGET AREA, BOMBARDIER SYNCHRONIZED ABOVE TARGET AREA AND ROLLED CROSS HAIRS ON TO APPROXIMATION OF AIMING POINT. NO AIMING OPERATION WAS MADE.

BOX III FLT A - NAO - DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY OVER TARGET AREA, BOMBARDIER SYNCHRONIZED ABOVE TARGET AREA AND ROLLED ACXXXXX CROSS HAIRS ON TO APPROXIMATION OF AIMING POINT. NO AIMING ORXXXXX OPERATION WAS MADE.

BOX I FLT A - DMPI - SUPER: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI. ~~XXXXXXX~~ (VISUAL) BOMBS BLANKETED DMPI IN LONG PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS ON DMPI, CAUSING LARGE FIRES IN FUEL DEPOT.

FLT B - NAO: AMPI - SUPER: DUE TO HAZE AND SIMILARITY OF TERRAIN BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET. BOMBS FELL IN WOODS IN LONG PATTERN WITH CENTER OF BURSTS ON AMPI, BOMBS HIT 3300 FT NW OF DMPI.

FLT C - NAO: AFTER NORMAL RUN ONLY 2 BOMBS WENT AWAY AT THIS TIME OF RELEASE. 2 A/C BOMBED ON THESE TWO BOMBS. PILOT THEN ORXXX ORDERED GUNNER TO TOGGLE OUT REMAINDER OF BOMBS. 3 A/C BOMBED ON THIS RELEASE. 1ST BOMBS TO BE RELEASED HIT IN TARGET AREA WHILE REMAINDER OF BOMBS HIT IN FIELDS JUST S OF TOWN OF ANNABURG, 1 MILE NE OF TARGET.

BOX II FLT A - NAO: BECAUSE OF SMOKE AND HAZE COVERING TARGET AREA WHILE ON BOMB RUN, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE DMPI. (VISUAL) HE ESTIMATED DMPI AND RELEASED, BOMBS FELL IN LONG PATTERN 2100 FT SE OF DMPI IN WOODS AND FIELDS AND ACROSS ROAD.

FLT B - DMPI - EXCEL: ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 495 FT N OF DMPI. LONG PATTERN OF BURSTS HIT IN TARGET AREA PROBABLY DAMAGING FUEL STORAGE AREA.

FLT C - DMPI - EXCEL: 95 PERCENT OF BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 500 FT NW OF DMPI. LONG PATTERN OF BOMBS HIT IN TARGET AREA PROBABLY DAMAGING FUEL STORAGE DEPOT.

BOX III FLT A - NAO: BECAUSE OF SMOKE AND HAZE COVERING TARGET AREA WHILE ON BOMB RUN, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE DMPI. HE ESTIMATED DMPI AND RELEASED, BOMBS FELL IN GOOD PATTERN 2700 FT N OF DMPI IN FIELDS.

M. (A) 13 100 PERCENT
 (B) 0 0 "
 (C) 0 0 "

N. CUTS ON ROADS - 20 BUILDINGS DESTROYED - 12 HITS ON FUEL STORAGE AREA - 500.

BT 210345B
 DM AS AR AR

JEA R.....21/0443B LCB AR
 ITA R.....210441B AL AR

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

AUTH: CO Sta
A-69
DATE: 22 April 1945
INIT: _____

21 April 1945

SUBJECT: A-26 OPREP No. 208 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 April 1945

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

Mission No. 379, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 766-866

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 1945 type mission bombing T.O.T. 1945
Targets (primary) (secondary)
Landing time 1945 Oper. hours (a) 037:30 Oper. hours (b) 03:35
Weather

2. Effort:

Dispatched 43 A-26's Sorties 43 Effective sorties 42
A/C expending bombs 42 Non-effective sorties 1
Failed to release due to malfunction of bomb release mechanism (accidental)
A/C returning early

3. Bombs carried into air: 246 x 100 lb GP's Fused 1/3000 only.

Expended 246 x 100 lb GP's fused N 1/3000 T Alt. 2000
target results
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results
Expended fused N T Alt.
target results

4. Ammunition carried: 60,000 x .50 calibre

Ammunition expended:

5. None.

6. Flak encountered: None

Location amount accuracy type

7. Enemy a/c encountered: None

a. type and model of a/c
b. individual air claims
c. individual ground claims

8. Claims against miscellaneous ground targets: None

9. U. S. Aircraft casualties: None

Destroyed Missing Damaged

10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None

No. type cause

11. Remarks:

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II

1. Efforts:
 Dispatched 87 Sorties 87 Effective Sorties 86
 Non-effective sorties 1 : mechanical

2. Bombs carried into air: 175 x 1000 lb G's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
344 x 100 lb G's fused N 1/100 T
1 x 1000 lb G's fused N T
1 x 1000 lb G's fused N T

Expended on operations: 175 x 1000 lb G's fused 1/10 N 1/100 T
344 x 100 lb G's fused N 1/100 T
1 x 1000 lb G's fused N T
1 x 1000 lb G's fused N T

Jettisoned 1 x 1000 lb G's

Lost on wrecked a/c None

Returned 30 x 100 lb G's

3. Ammunition expended None

Ammunition lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

For the Commanding Officer:

WALTER A. SANDERS,
 Lt. Col., Air Corps,
 Deputy Group Commander.

Mission # 279-20 April '45 (PM)

The German air force fuel storage at Annaburg was attacked in the afternoon of the 20th. Dropping 100-pound bombs, the attack was highly successful as far as accuracy was concerned, however, the bombing caused no violent explosions as might have been expected on a target such as this. Of the 43 planes that were dispatched, 42 attacked the target.

There was no flak en route, although ^{another group} a formation, flying over Wittenburg, was experiencing intense flak.

There was no enemy aerial opposition.

The boxes were led by Major Dunn and Lt. Brown.

Lt. Hale landed his plane with a flat tire. The prop was bent, but there was no further injury to the crew or plane.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

MISSION SUMMARY #122

(afternoon Missions)

Section IField Order 866
867

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
416 BG	annaburg (RE-654597) Fuel Storage Depot	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior (SMPI) Flight C - N.a.O. Box II - Flight A - N.a.O. Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Box III - N.a.O.
391 BG	" "	A.B.
306 BG	Wittenberg (RE-391743) Rail Center	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Unsat. Flight C - Fair Box II - Flight A - Unsat. Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Superior.
322 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - N.a.O. Flight B - Excellent (SMPI) Flight C - Superior Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Superior
409 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - No attack Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Flight D - N.a.O.
323 BG	Werdlingen (WF-025316) Marshalling Yard	Box I - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Fair Flight C - Undet Box II - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Superior Flight C - Excellent
397 BG	" "	Box I - Flight A - Superior Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Excellent Box II - Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Superior.
394 BG	Kemberg (E-370640) Wurzen (L-480190) Lilenburg (L-390290) Bad Beulberg (L-450550) Lilenburg (E-420390) Tornau (L-390480) Schmiedel (L-340470) Duisen (L-350440) Gruna (E-390370)	Satisfactory (LEAFLET MISSION)

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Seven groups attacked a fuel storage depot, a marshalling yard, and a rail center, recording superior to undetermined results. One of the above groups employed area bombing methods. An eighth group dropped leaflets in the Leipzig area, with satisfactory results.

Annaburg (Fuel Storage Depot)

416 BG: 43 A-26 a/c dispatched, 42 dropping 916 x 100 GP on and in vicinity of primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8500 - 9500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombs blanket DMPI in long pattern, with center of bursts on DMPI, causing large fires in fuel depot.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to haze and similarity of terrain bombardier identified target. Bombs fell 3300 feet NW of DMPI, in long pattern centered on DMPI.

Flight C. W.A.C. after normal run only 2 bombs went away at time of release. 2 a/c dropped on these two bombs. Pilot then ordered runner to toggle out remainder of bombs. 3 a/c failed on this release. 1st bombs to be released hit in target area, while remainder of bombs hit in fields just S of town of Annaburg, 1 mile SW of target.

Box II - Flight A. W.A.C. Because of smoke and haze covering target area while on bomb run, bombardier was unable to see DMPI. He estimated DMPI and released. Bombs fell in long pattern 2100 feet SE of DMPI, in woods and fields, and across road.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Center of pattern 495 feet S of DMPI. Long pattern of bursts hit in target area, probably damaging fuel storage area.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bombs within 1000 feet of DMPI. Center of pattern 530 feet NW of DMPI. Long pattern of bombs hit in target area, probably damaging fuel storage depot.

Box III - Flight A - W.A.C. Because of smoke and haze covering target area while on bomb run, bombardier was unable to see DMPI. He estimated DMPI and released. Bombs fell in pod pattern 2700 feet N of DMPI, in fields.

391 BG: 57 A-26 a/c dispatched, 56 dropping 224 x 1000 GP on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Area bombing by boxes from 7000 - 9200 feet.

Box I - A.B. About 70% of bombs fell in target area. Good concentration, covering center of target area from NW to SE corner, hitting 5 possible tanks and cutting the sidings and main rail line in several places.

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Box II - a.B. Bombs fell outside target area, centered about 1400 feet NW from nearest edge of target area. Good concentration along one main and one secondary roadway and in woods.

Box III - a.B. About 40% of bombs fell in target area. Good concentration hit 3 possibly tanks and cut 3 roadways in woods.

Wittenberg (Rail Center)

386 BG: 42 A-26 a/c dispatched, 36 dropping 144 x 1000 GP on primary. 6 a/c dropped 120 x 120 Frag on flak positions in target area, with reported fair to good results - no photo coverage available. 22 a/c flak battle damaged; no losses, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 9500 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 350 feet W of DMPI, falling in residential area alongside M/Y, with hits and probable damage to residential type houses.

Flight B. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 1900 feet SW of DMPI, falling across junction of two railroad tracks leading into m/y. Hits on tracks with very probable damage to same. Reason for unsatisfactory bombing unknown.

Flight C. DMPI - FAIR. Over 30% of bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of long pattern is 1000 feet E of DMPI, falling E of m/y, with portion of pattern falling on residential area. Probable hits on houses.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Pattern falls 1 3/8 miles S of DMPI, near road junction and across open fields. Reason for unsatisfactory bombing unknown.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of closely concentrated pattern is 700 feet E of DMPI, covering edge of choke point, with probable hits on edge of m/y.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of closely concentrated pattern is 175 feet S of DMPI, falling across southern choke point of m/y, with hits on tracks, probably damaging same.

322 JG: 42 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 66 x 2000 GP on and in vicinity of primary. 6 a/c dropped 113 x 100 Frags on flak positions in target area. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which landed at Fritzlar.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

25 a/c flak battle damaged; 1 crewman wounded. No losses.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 12,250 feet.

Box I - Flight A. N.A.O. Bombardier hit by flak on bomb run. Sight gyro tumbled by same burst. Pilot believed loss of one engine imminent and ordered bombs dropped. Bombs landed 3.75 miles S of target.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier sighted on DMPI until last twenty seconds of run. Saw low flight directly under him and was forced to choose new MPI. All bombs within 1000 foot of DMPI. Scattered pattern centered 375 feet S of DMPI, with strikes just to S of choke point, falling across a large bldg, with near misses to RR over-pass.

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Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Strikes observed on badly fogged negative indicate concentration is centered about 140 feet S of DMPI. Bombs trailed across w/y, and a very violent explosion occurred among the RR cars in sidings.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration centered 190 feet S of DMPI. Bombs fell across RR cars, the passenger station, and goods depot.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration centered about 125 feet S of DMPI. Strikes centered on station, siding, and goods wagons.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration centered 140 feet S of DMPI. Bombs cover all through lines and road leading to station.

Flak Positions - 1st element. Bombs fell in open fields 3.5 miles SE of riefed DMPI (flak position at RL-383701). Bombardier could not find flak position and attempted bombing run on Rackith (RL-410880). Sight gyro tumbled due to sharp turn, and bombs went over town.

2nd element. Bombs fell in fields and across roads 1350 feet SE of DMPI (flak position at RL-394743). Bombardier could not find target due to smoke of bombing. Flak position was active at time of attack.

499 BG: 26 A-26 a/c dispatched, 21 dropping 54 x 1000 GP on primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 1 a/c which was lost.

4 a/c failed to bomb: 3 other (1, could not identify target due to haze and smoke; 2, leader did not drop); 1, mechanical failure.

1 a/c lost to flak; shot down on target approach. A/c was seen to crash in lake at RL-388558; no chutes observed; 2 crewmen missing.

16 additional a/c flak battle-damaged; 3 crewmen wounded.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,300 - 11,900 feet.

Box I - Flight A. NO ATTACK. Bombardier could not identify target area because of haze and smoke.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 75% of bombs are probably within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Probable center of pattern apparently starts in smoke of previous strikes and extends N to cover a main street intersection S of target area. Smoke prevents further target assessment.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Because of poor visibility, bombardier was not able to pick up his DMPI. Selected rail-over-rail bridge at W end of target area as DMPI, approximately 1130 feet SW of DMPI. 95% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is W corner of target area, rail line, and main street W of target area, and approximately 10 and entitled W of railroad and street.

Flight D. N.A.O. Prep wash and intense flak tumbled gyro after almost complete synchronization. Since trigger was not up, bombardier waited until in area passed each other and then toggled bombs. Bursts are in open fields approximately 650 feet SE of DMPI.

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Nordlingen (Marshalling Yard)

323 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 64 x 2000, 8 x 1000 GP on primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8700 - 10,300 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 80% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration. MPI of bursts 770 feet W of DMPI. Bombs fell in built-up area immediately SW of M/Y. Since bomb bursts appear only on photos of subsequent flights, further interpretation is impossible.

Flight B. DMPI - FAIR. Approximately 35% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration. MPI of bursts 975 feet NE of DMPI. Bombs fell in open fields, with one bomb on or near a secondary road.

Flight C. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to both camera-carrying a/c doing a sharp turn off target, only a few bombs from this flight are visible. These are in n/y near DMPI. Since the bomb smoke has spread greatly, it is impossible to assess these bombs.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. All visible bombs are within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern, with many bombs falling in smoke of previous bombing, 95 feet N of DMPI. All bombs are within boundaries of n/y, and blanket DMPI.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to smoke over DMPI, bombardier aimed at wagons in n/y, 650 feet SE of DMPI. All visible bombs within 1000 foot of DMPI. Excellent concentration. MPI of bursts 215 feet S of DMPI. Bombs fell in and on edge of n/y, and early bombs in built-up area S of n/y.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. All visible bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good concentration. MPI of bursts 445 feet NE of DMPI. Through smoke of previous bombing, bomb bursts are seen in n/y and in built-up area just W of n/y. One salvo is seen in built-up area in N of town.

397 BG: 35 a/c dispatched, all dropping 70 x 2000 GP on primary.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8500 - 9500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 107 feet SE of DMPI. Bombs fell across RR tracks, RR overpass (DMPI), and among RR cars.

Flight B. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage due to camera installed having film fog. Cause unknown. Crews report excellent results on primary.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Good pattern 530 feet SW of DMPI. Bombs fell among buildings W of M/Y, evidently setting off an explosion.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Smoke obscured pattern is 300 feet SW of DMPI. Bombs believed to have hit roads and tracks.

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Flight B. DMPI - UNDBERLIND. No photo coverage due to smoke from previous bombing. Crews report excellent results on primary.

Flight C. DMPI - SUPLIKOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Large pattern 125 feet N of DMPI. Bombs hit across "V" fork of RR (DMPI), tracks, cars, bridge, roads, and turntable.

Leaflet Mission

Kemmer
Wurzen
Eilenburg (A-390290)
Bienburg (A-220300)
Bad Schmiedberg
Tornau
Schemsal
Duxen
Gruna

394 BG: 6 a/c dispatched, all dropping 54 x A-3 leaflets on primaries.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by individual a/c from 11,000 - 12,000 feet.

Crews report satisfactory results.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS
20 April 1945



A/C OFF		594
A/C Bombing		
A/C Failing to Bomb		
Bombs of 7 a/c Unaccounted for	573	
	14	
	7	
TOTAL		594

Bombs on Enemy Territory		1,066.15
Total Bombs to Date		150,304.04

A/C Lost (323 BG-3; 409 BG-1)	4	
A/C Missing (344 BG)	1	
A/C Crash-Landed (409 BG, 323 BG)	2	
A/C Battle Damaged	80	13.60%
Killed	0	
Wounded	6	
Missing	28	
Injured	0	
Claims	1-2-0	

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A/C CRT		286
A/C Bombing	276	
A/C Failing to Bomb	8	
Bombs of 2 A/C Unaccounted for	2	
TOTAL		286

Bombs on Enemy Territory	490.65
Total Bombs to Date	150,304.04

A/C Lost (409 BG)	1	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	66	23.32
Killed	0	
Wounded	4	
Missing	2	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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FAILURES TO DROB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/S</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
416 BG	1	Mechanical	Bomb release malfunction.
391 BG	1	Mechanical	Fuel leak.
322 BG	1	Mechanical	Bomb bay doors would not open.
409 BG	1	Mechanical	Oil leak.
	3	Other	1 - Could not identify target due to haze and smoke. 2 - leader did not drop.
323 BG	1	Mechanical	Engine cutting out.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Annaburg 416 BG: 2-3/10 cirrus at 20,000 feet. 2-4/10 altostratus at 11,000 feet. Visibility 10-15 miles.

391 BG: Clear. Visibility 8 miles in haze.

Wittenburg 323 BG: 2/10 altostratus on a 9000 feet, tops 10,000 feet. 8/10 cirrus at 14,000 feet. Visibility 3 miles up sun, 5-6 miles down sun air to ground.

322 BG: 2-3/10 cirrus at 20,000 feet. Visibility 2-3 miles up sun, 5-6 miles down sun.

409 BG: Heavy smoke layer at 10,000 feet. Visibility 2-3 miles through smoke air to ground.

Norlingen 323 BG: 3-4/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Visibility 10-12 miles on one run in light haze.

397 BG: 2/10 cirrus above 20,000 feet. Nil low or medium clouds. Visibility 13 plus miles in very light haze.

Leaflet Mission 394 BG: 2-3/10 thin cirrus at 20,000 feet. Visibility 20 miles down sun, 10 miles up sun.

FLAK ANALYSIS ANEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	283
A/C LOST TO FLAK	1
A/C FLAK DAMAGE DAMAGED	65
% A/C FLAK BATTLE DAMAGED	23.32%
<u>Annaburg Fuel Secrets Desert</u>	<u>416, 391 Gs.</u>
A/S Lost to Flak	0
A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Flak Battle Damaged	0

Flak was neither anticipated nor experienced enroute or at the target. However, crews of 416 Group observed moderate heavy flak fire in the distance, coming from Wittenburg (E-385740) and well out of range of their formation.

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Wittenberg Marshalling Yard 386, 322, 409 Gps.

a/c Lost to Flak	1
a/c Flak Battle Damaged	65
% a/c Flak Battle Damaged	60.55%

All three groups encountered flak at target only, the 386 Gp reporting moderate accurate heavy flak fire while the other two groups received fire that was intense and accurate. The 322 Gp experienced intense, accurate heavy flak fire beginning at Konberg (L380640) on the bomb run, and continuing to track the flts on to the target. Crews reported observing what was believed to be rocket fire intermingled with the normal flak fire, and numerous red flak bursts, in a ratio of about 1 red to 20 normal black bursts.

The 409 Gp reported intense accurate heavy flak fire from six miles south of target to just after the turn off target. The lost a/c was shot down on the target approach before bombs away and was seen to crash in a lake at L-388558, five miles south of Konberg. No chutes were seen.

SUMMARY: Flak defenses at this target were known to be vigorous and active. Our experience of 1 April indicated that a determined reaction should be expected. It is believed that the enemy has been reinforcing his flak cover in this area. The 32 guns plotted within range of this target have almost undoubtedly been supplemented by other positions as yet unplotted.

The full effect of the bombing of flak positions is not apparent when only a small part of the entire defense is thus treated, leaving a considerable number of guns free to engage our formations.

Merlinian Marshalling Yard 323, 397 Gps.

a/c Lost to Flak	0
a/c Flak Battle Damaged	0
% a/c Flak Battle Damaged	0

Although the target is within extreme range of 5 plotted heavy flak guns, neither group experienced any flak at the target. No flak was encountered or observed enroute by the 323 Gp.

The 397 Gp reported 10 to 15 bursts of light flak fire observed 1000 feet below the formation after the turn off target, north of Spadingen (S-920330). Elements of the formation were flying as low as 8500 feet. One crew reported three bursts of heavy flak fire observed at the front lines enroute to the target, far below the formation. It was believed to have been fired at a P-47 flying low.

Leaflet Mission (1st Army Front) 397 Gp.

a/c Lost to Flak	0
a/c Flak Battle Damaged	0
% a/c Flak Battle Damaged	0

Although some of the targets were within range of known plotted flak defenses no flak was experienced or observed. Single aircraft are rarely engaged by heavy flak defenses.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

F.O.F.'s 1819 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1909
 1737 to 1741 (leaflets)

Four Me 109's made a pass at 8 flight, Box II of the 397 Group in the Laupheim (S-840340) area at 1903. Although the a/a closed to within 100 yards from out of the sun at 11-12 o'clock high, they were not observed to fire. One raider's gunner fired, but makes no claim. The a/a were being hotly pursued by the escort, which was observed to destroy at least one of the four a/a.

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S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
	<u>PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
415	100%	0	0	0	0
391	90%	1	10%	0	0
388	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
323	85%	0	0	2	15%
327	100%	0	0	0	0

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 20 -- In their morning offensive, three hundred Marauders and Invaders carried out heavy attacks on a large ordnance depot at Straubing and an oil storage depot at Deggendorf, both located on the Danube River about 75 miles northeast of Munich, and a rail yard at Memmingen, 70 miles west of Munich.

Taking advantage of excellent visibility, all formations hit their targets with superior results. A huge oil fire at Deggendorf sent flames and smoke to a height of 9,000 feet, according to returning crewmen. Twelve large buildings of the ordnance depot at Straubing were covered by bomb blasts.

As the force attacking the Memmingen rail yard turned away from the target, three Me 262 jet propelled enemy fighters attacked the formation.

Destruction of two of the attacking fighters was claimed by S. t. Edward S. Tyszkiewicz, Hamtramck, Mich., turret gunner of a B-26 Marauder of the 323rd Bombardment Group. The first Nazi fighter had exploded under fire from the sergeant's guns when the second plane challenged and was crippled by a long burst. The second fighter narrowly missed crashing into S. t. Tyszkiewicz's Marauder and a moment later struck the engine of a B-26 piloted by 1st Lt. James H. Hansen of St. Paul, Minn. The propeller chewed off the tail of the Me 262 and it was seen to crash and explode. The third attacker withdrew. One Marauder was lost in the encounter.

-30- News Room 1600, Press Camp 1640.

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, Belgium, April 20 -- Fuel Supplies for the German Air Force, a railway center, both in the narrowing corridor south of Berlin, and a railway yard at Nordlingen, southwest of Nurnberg, were attacked late this evening by Ninth Bombardment Division medium bombers, closing today's operations with 590 individual bombing and leaflet sorties.

In the late bombing attacks, all carried out after 6:00 p.m. in daylight, Marauders and Invaders hit their targets with generally excellent results. In the area south of Berlin, they bombed an oil depot at Annaburg, containing fuel for the German Air Force, it was reported, and the important rail center at Wittenberg, on main lines from Halle to Berlin. A heavy attack was made on the Nordlingen railway yard southwest of Nurnberg.

More than one million copies of "Front Post", German language newspaper containing the latest war news, was dropped by six Marauders in the Leipzig area.

Six Me 109s and FW 190s were seen by Marauder crews near Nordlingen. One enemy fighter was shot down by escorting P-47s, crews said, and one Me 109 attempted an unsuccessful attack on the bombers. One Invader was lost to intense flak over Wittenberg.

Earlier, Marauders and Invaders attacked an ordnance depot at Straubing, an oil storage depot at Deggendorf and a rail yard at Memmingen, all in southern Germany. In an encounter with three Me 262 jet propelled fighters, Marauder gunners claimed two destroyed and the other probably destroyed. One Marauder was lost as a result of the encounter.

TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Targets for Ninth Bombardment Division bombers today included railway and supply points in Southern Germany and in the sector south of Berlin. Attacks in the south had a twofold purpose: to hamper movement of supplies and reinforcements to the enemy's front opposing the Seventh Army and to cripple Nazi party plans for its "twilight defensive" in the Bavarian hills.

South of Berlin, the Wittenberg railway center was attacked to prevent a build-up of German forces in the Dessau sector, where the Third Armored Division has encountered enemy pressure. Destruction of fuel in the Annaburg Depot would aid in keeping German planes grounded.

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PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEAD QUARTERS, BELMONT, April 20 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combined missions of A-26 Invaders, A-20 Havocs and B-26 Marauders of the Ninth Bombardment Division Friday:

Aircraft dispatched	594
Aircraft over enemy territory	588
Bomber losses	2
Bomb tonnage	1066
Claims against enemy aircraft	1-2-2
Marshalling yards attacked	3
Ordnance depots attacked	1
Oil storage depots attacked	2
Railroad cuts	76
Highway cuts	52
Goods wagons destroyed	39
Buildings destroyed or damaged	177
Ordnance buildings damaged	15
Railroad overpasses damaged	1
Railroad work-hops damaged	1
Oil tanks destroyed or damaged	8
Freight depots damaged	2

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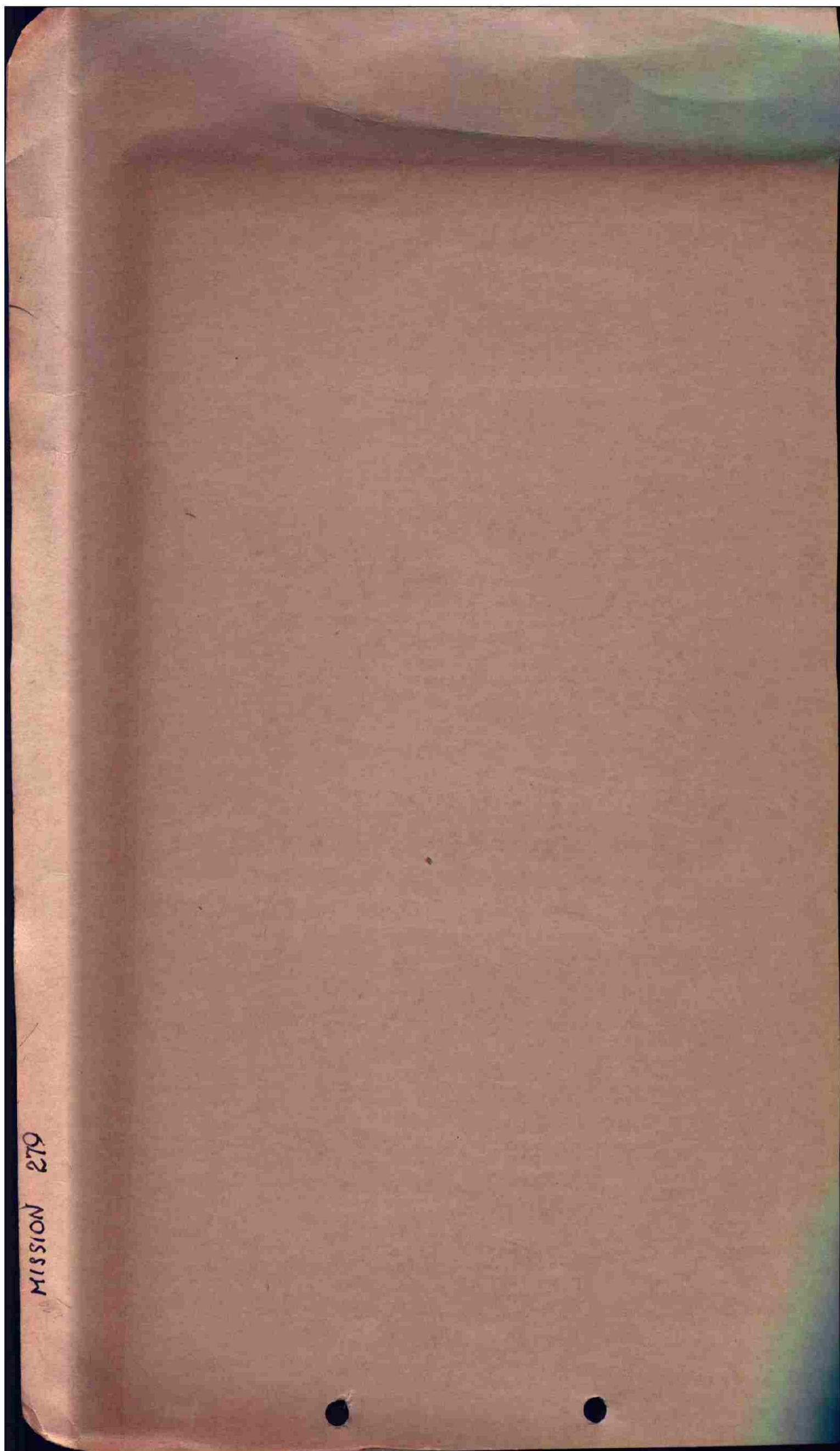
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