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

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

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

Ref : Oprep A No. 317 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 14 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 204 97TH CBW FO #165-747

A. Short Narrative of Operation:
Target Mechernich Repair Depot
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0850 Landing time 1125
Time over target 1000 Bombing Altitude 13300
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 5/10's clouds - 1 cloud directly over target area.
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition Moderate to intense accurate HFF.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 37 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
15 Mechernich Repair Depot
4 (see below) Leader failed to release and pilots knowing they were over enemy territory dropped as briefed.
HIT TOWNS - 5000 MAJ RAIL
1 Missing in vicinity of Heimersheim

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 returned early - electrical trouble. 3 A-26's mechanical malfunction of bomb release mechanism.
(4) Other: 13 A-26's failed to bomb because bombs of box leader would not release.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 1 A-26 believed hit by flak; last seen going down in flames.

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) 9 category "A" - flak
2 category "AC" - flak

8. Sorties 36 A-26's-73-~~55~~ 72 55
Aborts 17 mech (1 Elec 16 Bomb Rel. mech)
1 other (missing a/c)
Missing - 1 A26 - UNK
Pers. - 3 MIA - UNK
21 Cat "A" - flak
9 Cat "AC" - flak
1 Cat "B" - flak
Crew 3 MIA flak

1 a/c on Heimersheim
2 a/c on Kalkor
1 a/c on Flerzheim

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500 GP's 276-168- 6-10 Tons 42.00
250 GP's 378-375- 9- 3 Tons 46.875

D. Total operational flying hours
a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-26 1:10

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:
a. Total carried into air A-26 11,000 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 30 x 500 lb GP 1/10N 1/100T

b. Expended on operations: None
(List targets seperately)

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned A-26 30 x 500 lb GP 1/10N 1/100T

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

| Type of Casualty | Pilot | Co-pilot | Nav | Bomb | R.Gun | B.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 Schenkein

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