

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

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 324a for 24 hrs. ending midnight 21 February 1945  
Mission or Operation No. 209 97th CBW FO# 173-755

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Large Railroad Bridge  
Place of take-off Station A-69  
Place of landing Station A-69  
Take-off time 1328 Landing time 1718  
Time over target 1528 Bombing Altitude 8,600 - 9,700  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather 5/10's clouds. Extreme ground haze. Visibility 3 miles.  
Results Undetermined, PNB, Undetermined, PNB  
Enemy opposition Moderate accurate HFF at turn off target. Moderate in-accurate HFF at Hillerbeck.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 24 - A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
 

<u>22 - A-26's</u>	<u>Town of Lage (Casual)</u>
<u>2 - A-26's</u>	<u>Casual (Exact target unknown)</u>
3. Abortive due to:
  - (1) Weather: None
  - (2) Personnel: None
  - (3) Mechanical: None
  - (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) 1 - A-26 - category E - crashed at A-69 pilot made approach on single engine, overshoot runway and crashed. This a/c had been flak damaged over the target.
8. Sorties 24 - A-26's

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) 88:55

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air 15600 x .50 calibre

b. Expended on operations 625 x .50 calibre (testing) - 750 ✓

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c 2175 x .50 calibre 2175 ✓

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: 96 x 1000 lb GP's Fused 1/10M 1/100T

b. Expended on operations: 88 x 1000 lb. GP's (Primary)  
 (List targets separately) 8 x 1000 lb. GP's (Casual)

c. Jettisoned None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned None

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

1 Pilot - Seriously Injured  
 1 Engineer Gunner - Seriously Injured

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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