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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 A No. 266 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 25 Dec. 1944
 Mission or Operation No. 176 97th C.B.W. PO #103-682

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Munsteriefil, Communication Center.
 Place of take-off AAF Station A-55
 Place of landing AAF Station A-55
 Take-off time 0912 Landing time 1254
 Time over target 1110 Bombing Altitude 12,000 feet
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None
 Weather No clouds, heavy ground fog, visibility 4 miles.
 Results Exc. on casual, Sup on primary, Exc. on casual, No attack, No attack,
 Enemy opposition Moderate to extreme heavy accurate flak. No attack.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 6 - A-20's
29 - A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
1-A-20 & 4-A-26's Munsteriefil, Communication Center.
1-A-20 & 5-A-26's Krimm, Communication Center.
1-A-20 & 6-A-26's Kronenburgerhutte, Communication Center.
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: 2-A-20's - Faulty navigation - failed to pick up target -
1-A-26 - Improper use of booster pump.
 - (3) Mechanical: 1-A-26 Malfunction of bomb door safety switch - 1-A-26
landing gear failed to retract.
 - (4) Other: 1-A-26 hit by flak at IP and returned to base - 9-A-26's failed
to bomb because leader did not bomb, 1-A-20 shot down by flak before
reaching target. 1-A-26 shot down by flak before reaching target.
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target 1-A-20 and 1-A-26 hit by flak before
giving cause where known reaching target.
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
 target giving cause where known _____
7. Damaged (give category & cause) 2-A-20's - 11-A-26's - Cat. A - Flak.
1-A-20 - 7-A-26's - Cat A/C - Flak.
1-A-26 - Cat. B - Flak.
8. Sorties 6 - A-20's
27 - A-26's



D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20's - 19:30
A-26's - 92:20

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20 9,000 x .50 cal.
A-26 63,800 x .50 cal.

b. Expended on operations None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c A-20 - 1500 x .50 cal.
A-26 - 2200 x .50 cal.

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20's - 24 x 250 lb G.P., 1/10N & 1/100T
A-26's - 362 x 250 lb G.P., 1/10N & 1/100T

b. Expended on operations: A-20's 4 A-26's 28 x 250 lb G.P., Kriss.
 (List targets separately) A-20's 4 A-26's 38 x 250 lb G.P., Munsteriefil
A-20's 4 A-26's 103 x 250 lb G.P., Kronenburger-
hutte.

c. Jettisoned None ¹² ¹⁰⁷

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c A-20's 4 x 250 lb G.P.
A-26's 14 x 250 lb G.P.

e. Total Returned A-20's 8 x 250 lb G.P.
A-26's 179 x 250 lb G.P.

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	2	0	1 B/N	0	0	1	2
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. Down None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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