

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: Oprep A No. 286 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 14 January 1945
Mission or Operation No. 185 97th CBW FO 127-707

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Schleiden Village
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-69 (1 A/C landed at A-55)
Take-off time 1016 Landing time 1300
Time over target 1200 Bombing altitude 13,000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Clear, slight haze. Visibility 10 plus miles
Results Excellent
Enemy opposition Weak very inaccurate heavy flak in turn off target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 6 - A-20's *6 = 5:55 / mech - Eng*
17 - A-26's *17 - 16-16 / other - misc*

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
2 - A-20's Window
3 - A-20's Schleiden Village
14 - A-26's Schleiden Village
2 - A-26's (Bombed with Etburg
409th B.G.)

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 1 - A-20 - Loss of power on left engine.
(4) Other: 1 - A-26 - Crashed and exploded on take-off.

4. Missing (i.o. 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) 4 - A-26's, category E, one from crash, one from belly landing, two from collapse of landing gear.

8. Sorties A-20's - 5
A-26's - 16 *A-26 4 - cat 2 (1 - Take off, 3 - land)*

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's 19:25
A-26's 18:05

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air A-20's - 9000 x .50 calibre
A-26's - 97400 x .50 calibre
b. Expended on operations None
c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c A-26 - 2200 x .50 calibre

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20's - 12 x 500 GP's Fused 1/10N 1/4OT
A-26's - 102 x 500 GP's Fused 1/10N 1/4OT

b. Expended on operations: A-20's - 12 Schleidon Village
(List targets separately) A-26's - 80 Schleidon Village
A-26's - 12 Bithurg

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

A-26 - 6 x 500 GP's

e. Total Returned

A-26 - 4 x 500 GP's

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
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

Injured in landing accident

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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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