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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.
Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 264-A for 24 hrs. ending midnight 23 Dec. 1944
Mission or Operation No. 174 - 97th CBW TO #101-680

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Waxweiler Defended Town
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55
Take-off time 1427 Landing time 1741
Time over target 1604 Bombing altitude 11500
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather No cloud cover. Haze and fog in area. Visibility limited
Results PNB, Undet, Undet, Undet, Undet, PNB
Enemy opposition Moderate accurate HFF from Bitburg
Weak inaccurate HFF from vicinity of Hainerscheid

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched A-20's - 6
A-26's - 31
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
1 A-20 & 5 A-26's Arlon
1 A-20 & 6 A-26's Seffern Area
1 A-20 & 4 A-26's Waxweiler
1 A-20 & 4 A-26's Casual in vicinity of Waxweiler
1 A-20 & 4 A-26's Trum
3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: 1 - A-26 pilot did not see leader drop
(3) Mechanical: 1 - A-26 intervalometer malfunction.
(4) Other: 5 - A-26's - Leader did not drop. 1 - A-26 Actg. Command Pilot ordered pilot to hold bombs. 1 - A-20 B/N did not drop due to frosted bombsight.
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) 4 - A-26's - Category "A" flak
1 - A-26 - Category "AC" flak
8. Sorties A-20's - 6
A-26's - 31

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's - 18:15

A-26's - 91:10

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air

A-20's - 9,000 x .50 calibre

A-26's - 68,200 x .50 calibre

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-20's - 24 x 250 GP - Fused 1/10M 1/4OT

A-26's - 268 x 250 GP - Fused 1/10M 1/4OT

A-26's - 4 x 1000 GP - Fused 1/10M 1/4OT

b. Expended on operations:

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Waxweiler

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Arlon

(List targets separately)

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Seffern Area

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A-26's - 32 x 250 GP - Waxweiler

A-26's - 48 x 250 GP - Arlon

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP's

A-26's - 71 x 250 GP's

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Navy	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

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

a. Destroyed

None

b. Prob. Des

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

A-26's - 50 x 250 GP - Seffern Area

A-26's - 4 x 1000 - Waxweiler

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Vicinity of Waxweiler

A-26's - 32 x 250 GP - Vicinity of Waxweiler

A-20's - 4 x 250 GP - Prum

A-26's - 35 x 250 GP - Prum

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