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

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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. 305 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 2 February 1945
Mission or Operation No. 197 97th CBW FO# 149-730

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Euskirchen
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55
Take-off time 0944 Landing time 1314
Time over target 1114-1121 Bombing Altitude 12,500
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather No clouds, Visibility 10 miles.
Results Excel., Undet., Excel., Excel., Undet.
Enemy opposition Moderate to intense heavy accurate flak.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 11 - A-20's
29 - A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.

9 - A-20's Window
8 - A-20's Euskirchen
22 - A-26's Euskirchen

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: _____

(2) Personnel: 2 - A-26's - Pilots failed to see leader release.

(3) Mechanical: 1 - A-26 - Intervalometer counter relay and ratchet attachment of counter knob out of adjustment. 1 - A-26 - Fire in electrical system.

(4) Other: 1 - A-26 - System functioned properly on ground. Believed that pilot did not allow doors to fully open before attempting to release. 1 - A-26 - Functioned properly on ground, similar failure previously. Under further investigation. 1 - A-26 - *

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) 7 - A-20's & 12 - A-26's - Category A - Flak
3 - A-26's Category AC - Flak. 1 - A-20 Category B - Flak.

8. Sorties 11 - A-20's
28 - A-26's

* possible malfunction of impulse bombing equipment.

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(over)

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20's - 36:55

A-26's - 98:10

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

A-20's 16,500 x .50 Calibre

a. Total carried into air

A-26's 69,800 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 32 x 250 GP's Fused 1/10W 1/LOT

A-26's 406 x 250 GP's Fused 1/10W 1/LOT

b. Expended on operations:

A-20's - 32 x 250 GP's

(List targets separately)

A-26's - 307 x 250 GP's

c. Jettisoned

A-26's 14 x 250 GP's

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

A-26's - 85 x 250 GP's

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	1	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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. Doo None

c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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