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

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

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

Ref: Cprep A No. 317 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 14 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 204 97TH GHW TO #165-747

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Mechernich Repair Depot
Place of take-off Station A-69
Place of landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0850 Landing time 1125
Time over target 1000 Bombing Altitude 13300
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 5/10's clouds - 1 cloud directly over target area.
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition Moderate to intense accurate HFF.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 37 A-26's
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
15 Mechernich Repair Depot
4 (see below) Leader failed to release and pilots
HIT TOWNE - knowing they were over enemy terri-
3000 MAF tory dropped as briefed.
1 Missing in vicinity of Heimersheim
3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 returned early - electrical trouble. 9 A-26's
mechanical malfunction of bomb release mechanism.
(4) Other: 19 A-26's failed to bomb because bombs of box leader would
not release.
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 1 A-26 believed hit by flak; last
seen going down in flames.
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) 9 category "A" - flak
2 category "AO" - flak
8. Sorties 36 A-26's 73-55-55
about 17 mech (1 Elec. 16 Bomb Rel. Mech)
1 other (missing o/c)
missing - 1 A-26 - UNK.
Pres. 3 MIA - UNK

1 a/c on Heimersheim
2 a/c on Kalkor
1 a/c on Flerzheim

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500 GPs 276-168- 6-10 7m 42.00 9 Cat 100 - flak (over)
25000' 378-375- 4- 3 7m 46.875 1 Cat 15 - flak
Crew 3 MIA
flak

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-26 1:10b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air A-26 11,000 x .50 cal.b. Expended on operations Nonec. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, Flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-26 30 x 500 lb GP 1/10N 1/100Tb. Expended on operations: None
(List targets separately)c. Jettisoned Noned. Lost or wrecked on
missing a/c Nonee. Total Returned A-26 30 x 500 lb GP 1/10N 1/100T

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

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

a. Destroyed Noneb. Prob. Destroyed Nonec. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

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