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T (LTA PASS TO JJF)FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/1215A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409
COBOMGP 410 (INFO)
COBOMGP 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQ.OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

97CBW F-216-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O 140
25 FEBRUARY 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 130-765

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REFER. CURRENT BOMBLINE. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WILL BE
PROVIDED AGAINST ENEMY FLAK POSITIONS WITHIN RANGE.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR: 25/1630A
PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR: 25/1630A

PLAN "A"

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) RHEINDAHLEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-039842)
- (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C
- (4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
BELOW 8,000 FEET.
- (7) K-8764
- (8) GEN. SW TO NE
- (9) M.P.I. - G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 4804, TWO FLIGHTS ON EACH
GRID. COORD. 03678414, 03758451 AND 03808441. 1 FLIGHT
ON EACH GRID. COORD. 03358395, 03908420 AND 04158400.
- (10) 8 X 500 G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/40 SEC. TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM
- (11) K-8764
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 05 MINUTES.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET,
AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOM. DIV.
CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE BOMBED.

3. B. 416TH BOMB GROUP.

- (1) ~~NORVENICH ROAD JUNCTIONS~~ NORVENICH ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-231459)
- KME (2) MAXIMCT EFFTRT

OMZING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C

- (4) BASE TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- LOW (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASZ;2 , (6) BOMB ATB 12,000 FEET OR
CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
BELOW 8,000 FEET.
- (7) K-9748
- (8) GEN. W TO E
- (9) M.P.I. - G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5105. 3 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF
THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD: 23004570, 23134595 AND
23374612.
- (10) 8 X 500 GP FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL.
INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM
- (11) K-9748
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MIN.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, AN
ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMBER DIV CIPHER
F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE BOMBED.

" PLAN "B" "

- (1) RHEINDAHLEN ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-039842)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD
- (4) BASE TO K-4829 TO K-6942 TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO K-8764 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414, SHEET 4804 IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHT, M.P.I.'S IN PLAN "A" WILL BE USED. ONE FLIGHT ON EACH GRID. COORD. GRID. COORD. 0375845, AND 03808441 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF M.P.I. 03908420
- (10) 8 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/40 SECOND TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 05 MINUTES.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE K-8764 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX Bomber Div CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) NORVENICH ROAD JUNCTIONS (F-231459)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 1 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO K-5652 TO K-6661 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO K-9748 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 13,500 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 8,000 FEET.
- (9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET 5105 2 FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GRID. COORD. 23004570, 23134595 AND 23374612 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. GRID. COORD. 23134595 AND 23374612 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF M.P.I. 23134595
- (10) 8 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SECOND NOSE, 1/40 SECOND TAIL. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET.
- (12) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND USE K-9748 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET AND PPF EQUIPMENT FAILS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE BOMBED.

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) BRADCAST
- (4) ROSELEE

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (2) NINEPIN
- (4) ROSELEE

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (11) 409TH LEADER WILL CALL FLYPAPER AND 416TH LEADER WILL CALL XNNHUNTER 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO I.P. REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE AND WILL REPORT TO SAME STATIONS UPON LEAVING TARGET AREA.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 25/1215A

AR JMB/RL

CC: PARA. 5 A.XX1)(2) MAKE READ BROADCAST RPT BROADCAST

ITA R.....25

JPO R/1301A SK AR

JKI R25/1310A EW AR

CC'S: UNDER PLAN "A" 416TH PARA. (3) (4) (6) PLSE

OK JES NEEDS SOME ALSO SO WILL RPT SOME FOR THEM ALONG WITH
YOURS

NEED TWO CC'S BOTH IN PLAN A

IN PLAN A 3. B. IMI (2) K

3. B. (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C

IMI IN PLAN A 3. B. (5) K

(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO BASE K

OK T B F R

3

. B. (2) MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C

(4) BASE TO I.P. TO ARXXXX TARGET

(5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO AS XXXX AXXXX BASE

(6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
BELOW 8,000 FEET. TIC

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/1400A
TO COBOMGP 416

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE BT

97CBW F-217-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT 1 FIELD ORDER 180-765:

- (1) TARGET: NORVENICH F-231459 COMMUNICATION CENTER.
SEE GROUP G.L.O. FOR TACTICAL SIGNIFIGENCE
- (2) PHOTO COVERAGE:
US7/1593 PRINTS 3007, 3008, 3009
IX TAC T/265
5006E/5105
- (3) MAP COVERAGE:
G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 5105
- (4) TARGET IS ON THE CURRENT BOMBLINE (CHANGE NO 1 TO BOMBLINE 163)
TROOP LINE AT THE NEAREST POINT IS APPROX. 7 MILES WEST OF
TARGET. (FRONT LINES AS OF 241600 FEB) DEFINITE POSSIBILITY OF
TROOPS BEING CLOSER THAN THE LAST REPORT.
- (5) FLAK: SEE PLOTTED POSITIONS. THERE WILL BE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE
ON BOTH PLANS.

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 1400A
RL AR K

JKI R.....1000.....25/1415A

EW

AR

DV

OX

ITA JES JPO JKI JJF V-SEA 11/25 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 25/1533A
TO COMBOMDIV IX
COBOMGP 409TH
COBOMGP 410TH (INFO)
COBOMGP 416TH
1ST PATHFINDER SQDN. (PROV)

FX 567

1615
25 Feb 45
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
A P O - 140
25 FEBRUARY 1945.

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 180-765 97CBW F-220-E

CANCEL PLAN "A". PLAN "B" IN EFFECT.

CHANGE PARA. 3. A. (9) ON PLAN "B":

(9) M.P.I. GSGS 4414 SHEET 4804. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND
BY FLIGHTS, M.P.I.'S IN PLAN "A" WILL BE USED. ONE FLIGHT
ON EACH GRID. COORD.
GRID. COORD. 03808441 AND 03908420 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS
VISUAL AND BY BOXES.
PPF M.P.I. GRID. COORD. 03908420.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 25/1533A
LEG AR

JES R	25/1555A	DJP	AR
JPO R	25/1555A	SK	AR
JKI R	25/1555A	I EW	AR
ITA R	25/1555A	DON	AR

1500,000 Europe (And)

SECRET

Target
Nuremberg

416th Bomb (Gp) (L)

25 Feb 1945 FG 100-715

Target Nuremberg Red Location

TOT 14.55 AM 13,000-13,500

Windows Not Used

No Battle Damage

Weather 1000 Clouds

2 Boxes of 18 AC

SECRET

MISSION NO. 215

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

25 FEBRUARY 1945

Intel

1. 505 Y
Major R.F. Price
Lt. E. Fenn
Lt. T.M. McCartney
S/S C. Petho

2. 521 H
Lt. Col. J.G. Napier
Lt. D.F. Moore
S/S R.P. Shary

3. 305 D
Lt. L.J. Fruchs
T/S C.D. Wilcox

4. 305 U
Lt. L.E. Cannon
S/S W.P. Bracinski

5. 321 T
Lt. G.J. Perkhurst
Sgt F. Newman

6. 416 O
Lt. J.W. Elovins
Cpl F.L. Gerene

FLIGHT II

1. 503 X
Lt. R.J. Rooney
Lt. R.L. Kirk
S/S E.R. Gaudell

2. 2315 L
Lt. J.F. Wallace
Sgt J.G. Evans

3. 215 H
Lt. J.R. Warren
S/S S.H. Turpin

4. 320 S
Lt. W.R. Downing
Sgt A.T. Sigel

5. 224 E
Lt. R. Ford
Sgt R.J. Hanische

6. 206 D
Lt. J.V. O'Brien
Sgt H. Wright

FLIGHT III

1. 501 W
Lt. W.R. Heineke
Lt. M.C. McHitt
S/S J.O. Ottaviano

2. 9345 F
Lt. W.G. Bishop
S/S L.V. Hudault

3. 334 O
Lt. J.G. Sewall
S/S A. Torm

4. 330 P
Lt. W. Macgrove
S/S N.O. Seighman

5. 307 H
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
Sgt J.H. Vellinga

6. 223 B
Lt. A.R. Turman
S/S C.D. Harrah

SPARE

297 F
Lt. J.F. Henny
Lt. A.V. Evans
S/S J.J. Sittarich

MISSION NO. 215
25 FEBRUARY 1945
BOX I

MISSION NO. 215

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

25 FEBRUARY 1945

1. 401 P
Capt. G.J. Anderson
Lt. W. Rebbage
Lt. R.E. Shaft
S/S E.L. Schaefer

4. 361 M
Lt. R.C. Buchanan
Sgt C.L. Calabrese

2. 499 G
Lt. J.A. Buckitt
Lt. R.G. Hanna
S/S G.H. Corbitt

5. ~~325 L~~
~~Lt. J.E. Phillips~~
~~Sgt L.J. Brown~~

3. 271 R
Lt. W.W. Annin
Sgt G.J. Rivard

6. 213 A
Lt. R.H. Long
Sgt D. Yenliss

FLIGHT II

1. 496 J
Lt. R.H. Cornell
Lt. R.E. Hanna
Sgt K.A. Reid

4. 252 B
Lt. M.W. Dumas
S/S J.H. Walters

2. 229 E
Lt. G.H. Anderson
Sgt J.H. Deatherage

5. 344 C
Lt. R.H. Mackley
Sgt O.T. Mack

3. 381 G
Lt. G.B. Jordan
Sgt K.F. Jones

6. 354 D
Lt. E.R. Hayter
S/S F.P. Sanford

FLIGHT III

1. 490 X
Capt. R.J. Tate
Lt. J.T. Beck
Sgt D. Schwarzsiegel

4. 339 M
Lt. F.H. Henderson
Pvt A.E. Scholz

2. 300 E
Lt. W.R. Johnson
Sgt E.J. Grendon

5. 250 A
Lt. J.R. Grobe
S/S V.A. MacGarity

3. 249 F
Capt. L.J. Sutton
S/S D.C. Gilliam

6. 332 P
Lt. D.M. Eastman
S/S A.E. Eaton

SEAL

237 D
Lt. J.H. Montross
S/S R.S. Gandy

MISSION NO. 215
25 FEBRUARY 1945
BOX II

FLUK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

2 - 9/10

gunner that hit 7/A O.K.

POSITION IN FORMATION

$\begin{array}{ccc} & & X \\ & \circ & X \\ & & X \\ & & X \\ & & X \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

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X X
X
X X

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PILOT HACKLEY A/C# 344 BOX II

CASUALTIES nil

BOOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:		:	
		X		RETURNED	:		:	"A-C"	:	"E"
		X		JETTISONED	:	<u>nil</u>	:		:	

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X							
		X		X					
			X						
		X		X					
	X					X			
X		X				X	X		
	X					X			
X		X				X	(X)		

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PILOT TUTT A/C# 490 BOX TP

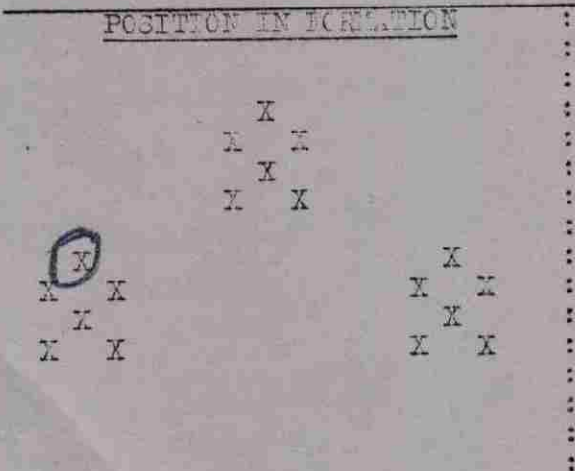
CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		<u>5</u> X <u>500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		<u>1</u> X <u>500</u>	RETURNED	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
		X	JETTISONED	:		:	

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:
Hang up



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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 9315 BOX I

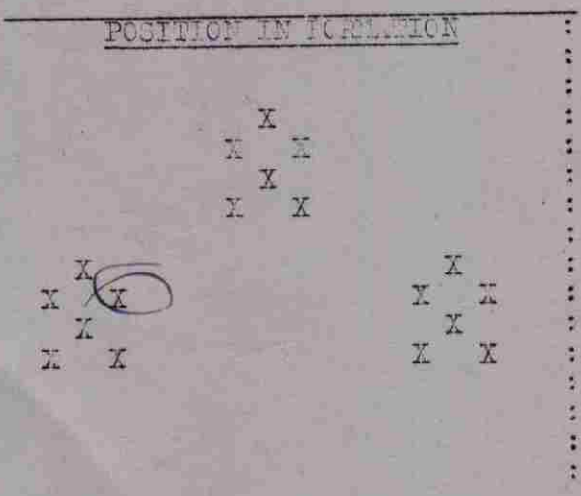
CASUALTIES nil

BOIES :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED	<u>nil</u>	"L-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED			:	

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 9 - to 10/10



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PILOT WARREN

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BOX

CASUALTIES

BOLEBS : 6 x 500 ON

: BATTLE DAMAGE

2

RETURNED

K

JETTISONED

FLUK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X X
X
X

X
X X
X
X

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PILOT BLEVINS A/C# 416 BOX I

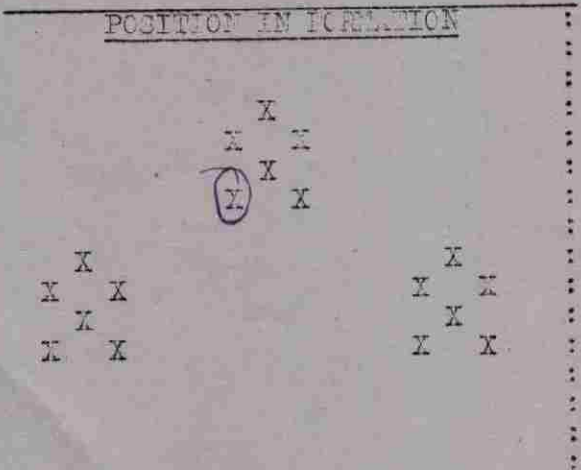
CASUALTIES nil

BOLEBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X 500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED	<u>nil</u>		
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10



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PILOT STAN/KOWSKI A/C# 307 BOX I

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED			"J-C"	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION :

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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    X
  X  X
    X
  X  (X)
  
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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X
  
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PILOT SEWELL A/C# 334 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6 X 500</u>	ON <u>PA</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:		:		:	
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

X  X  X
X  X  X
X  X  X
    
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PILOT TURMAN A/C# 223 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>61500</u>	ON <u>Pf</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 2 losses to ground

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X			
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
X	X			X	
X				X	X
(X)	X			X	X

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PILOT WALLACE A/C# 2315 BOX I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>5-00</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"H"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN RELATION

	X		
X	X	X	
	X		
X		X	
X	X		X
X	X	X	X
X		X	X

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PILOT MUSGROVE A/C# 330 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X500</u>	ON	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	:	"A-C"	:	"E"
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:		:		:	
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:		:		:	

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X			
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
X	X			X	
X	(X)		X	X	
X	X		X	X	

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CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"B-C"	"D"
6	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN CONNECTION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

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PILOT DuBOSE A/C# 252 BOX 11

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X				
X	X			
X				
		X		
	X		X	
		X		

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PILOT BUCHANAN - - A/C# 36T BOX IV

CASUALTIES

BOOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	:	BATTLE DAMAGE	<u>X</u>
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED		:	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED		:		

FLYK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

None 10/10

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X			
	X	X			
		(X)			
	X	X			
X	X			X	
	X			X	X
X	X			X	X

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PILOT ANDERSEN A/C# 481 BOX 71

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>PPF</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED				"L-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED					

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: None 10/10
TOT ~~1640~~ 1639
Alt 12,900
Bomb on PPF

POSITION IN FORMATION

		(X)		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
X				X
X	X			X

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PILOT SDTTON A/C# 249 BOX IF

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON <u>POT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	:	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

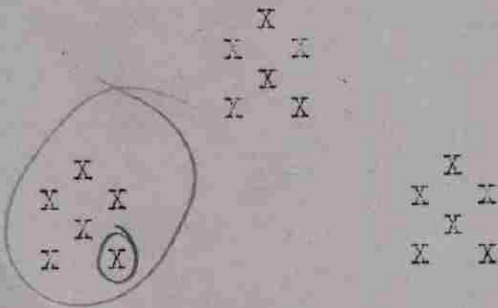
FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS: - 10/10 Covey

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT HENDERSON

$\Delta/C_{II}^{\#}$ 239

BOX

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON Pit

BATTLE DAMAGE

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN CORRELATION

X
X X
X
X X

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ X \\ X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ X \\ X \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

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FLAK:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN CORRELATION

	X	
X		X
	X	
X		X

X
X X
X X

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CASUALTIES

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

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PILOT BUSKIRK

A/C# 499

BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 X 500 ON P.T

BATTLE DAMAGE X

X

RETURNED

X

JETTISONED

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT 1640

Alt - 13000

Drop on P.P.F

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

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PILOT JORDAN A/C# 381 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X</u> <u>500</u> ON <u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u> RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED				

FLAK: X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

X

OBSERVATIONS:

X

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			
X	X			

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FLAK:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN CORRELATION

$\begin{matrix} & X \\ \odot & X \\ & X \end{matrix}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

Y X X
X X
Y X

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PILOT EASTMAN A/C# 532 BOX 4

CASUALTIES

BOOMBS :	<u>X</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"L-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

*Was position for switch
forward too late
Personal error.*

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
X			X	X
X	X		X	X

(A circle is drawn around the 'X' in the bottom left, and a line connects it to a circled '40' in the bottom right.)

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PILOT PRICE A/C# 505 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 6 500 ON PPF BATTLE DAMAGE

	RETURNED	"A-C"	"E"
1 Run	X		
	X		

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

TOT 16 39
alt 13 700
axis - 88° mag.

9/10 cloud

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      (X)
     X  X
      X  X
     X  X

X  X  X      X  X
X  X  X      X  X
X  X  X      X  X
    
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FGC was
not called by A-26
leader. Briefed for
PPF^{to} call.

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PILOT NAPIER A/C# 527 BOX I

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> <u>X</u> <u>500</u>	ON <u>PPF</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

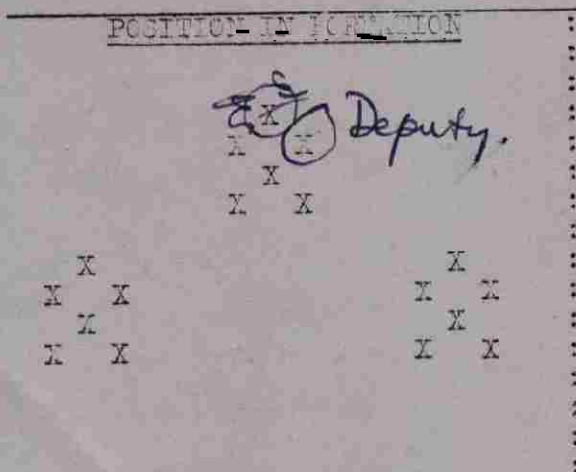
FLAK: nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 8 to 9/10

TOT - 1639
alt 13,700
axis 105°

right
PPF left with ~~left~~
turn off target. Briefed left.



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PILOT CANNON A/C# 305 BOX II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X-500</u>	ON	<u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED					
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED					

FLK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X	X		
		X		
	X	X		
X	X		X	
X	X		X	
X	X		X	

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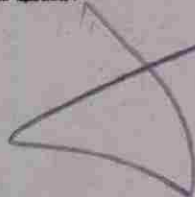
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PILOT PARNHORST A/C# 321 BOX I

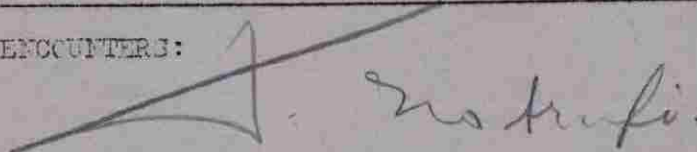
CASUALTIES

BOATS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>50</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED				"A-C"	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED					

FLAK:



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:



OBSERVATIONS:

lot of art. fire

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X		X	X
	X		X	
X			X	X

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PILOT ROONEY A/C# 503 BOX I

CASUALTIES

BOBBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u>	ON <u>P.P.F.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED		"A"	"L-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

2 layers { 3 and 10,000 + one at 13,500

TOT 1639 1/2
alt. 13,000

MH - 110°

P.P.F. "good" on E.T.A.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  
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    X
   X X
  X X
  
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    (X)
   X X
  X X
  
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CASUALTIES

X RETURNED

K JETTICOMED

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:


 Heard nothing on
 channel C.
 ext for how h fell.
 see with coming in.
meal in racks.

POSITION IN FORMATION.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{cc} & X \\ X & \textcircled{X} \\ & X \\ X & X \end{array}$

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PILOT ANDERSON C.M. A/C# 229 BOX IV

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	X	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED			"A-C"	:	"E"
		X		JETTISONED				:	

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION EN FORMATION

		X							
		X		X					
			X						
		X		X					
	X				X				
X	X				X	X			
	X				X				
X	X				X	X			

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C. SUMMARY

BOMBS :	NO.	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	500	P.T.				
X		RETURNED				
X		JETTISONED				

FLK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

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FLY:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN COLLECTION

X
X X
X X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

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PILOT HEINKE A/C# 501 BOX I

CASUALTIES nil

BOBBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>100</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED			"T-C"	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>		

FLAK:

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

nil

OBSERVATIONS:

10/10

Alt 13,300
TOT 1639
axis 1050

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	X		X	
X	X			X
			X	
X		X		X
	X		X	
X			X	X

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SPARE

PILOT MON TROSEA/C# 237BOX ⑤

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	<u>6</u> X <u>500</u> ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X RETURNED			"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED				

FLAK:

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:

OBSERVATIONS:

POSITION IN POPULATION

		X		
	X		X	
		X		
	(X)		(X)	
X				X
X	X		X	X
X			X	
X			X	X


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PILOT KENNEY - A/C# 297 BOX SPARE

CASUALTIES							
BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		<u>X</u>		RETURNED		"A-C"	"E"
		<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK:


ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS:


OBSERVATIONS:


POSITION IN FORMATION				:
				:
		X		:
	X		X	:
		X		:
	X		X	:
				:
				:
	X		X	:
X		X		:
	X			:
X		X	X	:
				:
				:
				:
				:

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PILOT CORNELL A/C# 496 BOX IV

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :	<u>6</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>500</u>	ON	<u>PDF</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>			RETURNED				"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>			JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>				

FLAK: nil 1 burst, 1 mi behind coming off bomb run

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS: nil

OBSERVATIONS: 10/10

YOT - 1640
alt - 13000(I)
afis - @ approx 110° mag.

POSITION IN FORMATION

		X	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X
X			
X	X		
X			
		(X)	
	X		X
		X	
	X		X

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6X500

Box #	CPSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
<i>I</i>						<i>PRICE</i>	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Rel to Bomb	ATT	S O	F S T F R	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pos. No.	Reason							
1 505								
2 321								
3 385								
4 305								
5 321								
6 416								
1 503								
2 315								
3 215								
4 320								
5 224								
6 286								
1 501								
2 9315								
3 334								
4 330								
5 307								
6 223								
297								

114

505
PRICE
385 321
PRUCHA AMBER

416
BLEVINS PARKHURST
305
CANNON

501
HEINKE
303
ROONEY

334 9315
SEWELL BISHOP
215
WARREN
215
WALLACE

390
MUSGROVE
320
DOWNING

223 307 286 224
TORMAN STANNOWSKI ORRIEN FORD

297
KENNEY

Box #	CpsTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II						ANDERSEN	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Reil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Issp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pats.		
As No.	Reason	T	S	O	T	S	T	R
1 481								
2 499								
3 328 371								
4 361								
5 325- Not airborne								
6 213								
1 496								
2 329								
3 381								
4 252								
5 344								
6 354								
1 490								
2 300								
3 249								
4 239								
5 350								
6 332	Not extant							
237								
271								
101								
7								

481 ANDERSEN

371 ~~328~~ 499

ANNIN BOSHIK

361 BUCHANAN

213 325- KEN PHILLIPS

490

TOTI CORNEAL

249 300

SOTON JAHINEN JORDAN ANDERSON C.M.

239 HENDERSON

252 DuROSE

332 250

EASTMAN COCKE HAYTER HAWLEY

337 MONTROSE

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 15755 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GRP. 25/1915A

TO CG 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIV: ATTEN: A-2
CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATTEN: A-2

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OPFLASH FOR 25 JANUARY 1945

- A. 416TH BOMB GRP. (L)
- B. NORVENICH ROAD JUCTIONS
- C. EX 37 A-26'S
- D. 36 A-26'S
- E. 1 A-26 A/C FAILED TO BOMB, PILOT ERROR.
- F. ~~25~~ 215 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
7 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NIL.
- I. NIL.
- J. NIL.
- K. NIL.
- L. 1ST BOX 13,700
2ND BOX 13,500
- M. 1638

BT 1915A
WFG BBBB

ITA R.....251."9APPQKPIKMWMA!0;l;/ 2919/2AIHICPIKMWQ3

IMI ACK PLS LTRS HERE T B F R
NO GOOD

THIS IS JEA ERE IS ITA R FOR THI SIGNAL
I ITA R,25/1935A EEXXX IC AR
KKKK
JEA R.25/1935A FK AR
K

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 19/25 GP OP

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WFC BDBB

ITA R.....251."9APPKPKHWNMA10;1; / 2919/2A1HICPIKMUQ3

IMI ACK PL'S LTRS HERE T B F R
NO GOOD

THIS IS JEA ERE IS ITA R FOR THE SIGNAL
I ITA R29/1939A EXXX IC AR
KXKX
JEA R.29/1939A FK AR
K

Intel
FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

PRIORITY

TO : 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) (INFO COPY)
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) (INFO COPY)
COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV.)

416BG F _____ E CONFIDENTIAL 25 FEBRUARY 1945 2000

MORNING MISSION 25 FEBRUARY 1945 PPT LEAD SATISFACTORY. GROUP BOMBED VISUALLY ON GROUP LEADER. BECAUSE TARGET WAS PICKED UP LATE ON RUN GROUP LEADER DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CONTACT PATHFINDER LEADER AS TO VISUAL BOMBING. AFTERNOON MISSION 25 FEBRUARY 1945 PPT LEAD SATISFACTORY WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION. PPT AIRCRAFT TURNED RIGHT OFF TARGET. GROUP TURNED LEFT OFF TARGET AS BRIEFED.

AYLESWORTH COBOMOR 416

I certify that this is official business:

WILLIAM H. AMES,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 19/25 OP OP
FROM HQS, 416TH BOMB GP (L) APO 140 U.S. ARMY 25/2030A
TO HQS, 9TH BOMB DIV (M) APO 140 U.S. ARMY
HQS, 97TH COMBAT WING APO 140 U.S. ARMY

SECRET BT

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B. NORVENICH ROAD JUNCTION.

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 2030A
WFG BBBB

ITA R.....25/2055A EG
JEA R.....25/2055A LCB

KKK
QQQ

SECRET

USAAF FORM 34A

SECRET**SECRET**AUTH: CO STA-69
DATE: 27 Feb. 1945
INIT:HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding OfficerTO: 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: Oprep A No. 328 a for 24 hrs. ending midnight 25 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 215 97th CG F.C./180-765

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Harwich Road JunctionPlace of take-off Station A-69Place of landing Station A-69Take-off time 1518Landing time 1804Time over target 1628Bombing Altitude 13,500-13,700Nature of mission BombingOther NoneWeather 10/10s cloud coverResults Unobserved due to cloud coverEnemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 37 A-26's

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

36 A-26'sHarwich Road Junction

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None(2) Personnel: 1 A-26 - bomb master switch not turned on(3) Mechanical: None(4) Other: None4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known7. Damaged (give category & cause) None8. Sorties 37 A-26's**SECRET**

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USAF FORM 34A (c) at'd)

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

93:03

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibre:

a. Total carried into air

71800 x .50 cal.

b. Expended on operations

925 x .50 cal (testing)

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air:

222 x 500 lb GP 1/10W 1/10F

b. Expended on operations:

225 x 500 lb GP

(List targets separately)

c. Jettisoned

None

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

7 x 500 lb GP

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	B.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. Destroyed

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKELIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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JES JKI VIA JEA V ITA JUF 06/25 0P 0P

FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. 25/1700A
 TO C G IX BOMB DIV. ATTN A-2
 C G 97TH, 98TH COMBAT WINGS
 C O 409TH, 416TH, AND 387TH BOMB GPs.
 SECRET DR

1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV. T-337-D

"P.N. MISSION"

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 409TH BOMB GROUP
- B. RUEINDAHLEN COMM CENTER WF 0484
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 - ATTACKED PRIMARY ON PFF EQUIPMENT WITH PFF LEAD
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 12,500 - PRIMARY
- M. 1635 - PRIMARY

EXCELLENT GROUP FORMATION FLOWN
 SWEEPSTAKES CALLED AND RECEIVED FIX SIX MINUTES IN TGT AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP.
- B. NORVENICH COMM CENTER WF 2346
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 - ATTACKED PRIMARY ON PFF EQUIPMENT WITH PFF LEAD
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NONE
- L. 13,700 - PRIMARY
- M. 1639 - PRIMARY

EXCELLENT FORMATION FLOWN BY GROUP
 CALL WAS MADE TO ROSALEE BUT SWEEPSTAKES ANSWERED. FIX RECEIVED
 APX SEVEN MINUTES WITHIN TAG AREA. "HUNTER" WAS NOTIFIED AS BRIEFED.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 387TH BOMB GROUP
- B. AHEVEILER RR BRIDGE WF 5215
- C. 1 B-26
- D. 1 - DROPPED ON GROUP LEAD. GROUP TOOK OVER FOR VISUAL RUN.
- E. NONE
- F. 4 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY.
- G. BELIEVED GOOD, OBSERVED HITS IN TARGET AREA.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MIHFF FROM TARGET AREA WF 5215
- K. NONE
- L. 13,000 - PRIMARY
- M. 1630 - PRIMARY

GOOD FORMATION FLOWN BY GROUP
 GROUP MADE CALL, FOR GROUP WAS LEADING.

GO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 25/1700A
 AL AR AR AR
 SS (RELAY)

JKI R 26/0345A
 JES R 26/0345A

BSS AR

SECRET

*Thomson
Zeller*



HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

APO # 140
26 February 1945

MISSION SUMMARY #51
(Afternoon Missions)

25 February 1945

Section I

Field Order 765

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
387 BG:	Ahrweiler (F-521152) Rail Bridge	Box I, Flight A - P.N.D. Flight B - A.P.N.D. Flight C - Unsat. ("GEE") Box II, Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Undet. Flight C - Excellent
309 BG:	Rheindahlen (F-039842) Communication Center	Undet. (PFF)
416 BG:	Norvenich (F-231459) Communication Center	Undet. (PFF)

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Three groups attacked one rail bridge and two communication centers with EXCELLENT to UNDETERMINED results.

Abrweiler (Rail Bridge)

387 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 26 dropping 50 x 2000, 4 x 500 GP on Primary; 5 a/c dropped 10 x 2000 GP on Other target. 3 window a/c.

13 a/c flak battle damaged; 2 crewmen wounded. No losses.

Group leader contacted Ripsaw at bombline and obtained desired fix.

Visual bombing by flights (with the exception of 1 flight which dropped on "GEE") from 11,000 - 12,500 feet. Group reports that there was no radio contact with FFF, which peeled out of formation in vicinity of IP. FFF reports that group took over for visual run.

Box I - Flight A. P.N.B. Haze obscured target until last 20 seconds of bomb run. Bombs were released accidentally when indices crossed 10 seconds before B.R.P. Bursts appear in woods 4500' south of DMPI.

Flight B. A.P.N.B. Due to poor visibility bombardier was unable to identify AP. Selected road and rail converging point as DMPI. Bombs fell in excellent pattern 1800' east of DMPI, blanketing and severing selected DMPI.

Flight C. UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered approximately 4650' south of DMPI. This flight dropped on "GEE" due to poor visibility.

Box II - Flight A. EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered 350' SE of DMPI, scoring probable damage to bridge and hits on bridge approach. Tracks are severed in several places and main highway is cut.

Flight B. UNDETERMINED. Bursts do not appear on photos. Due to haze bombardier could not perform sighting operation on first run. Hydraulic system was shot out on second run and bombs were salvaged approximately 8 miles SW of Primary.

Flight C. EXCELLENT. 85% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern centered 750' SW of DMPI, scoring near misses to west end of bridge. Probable damage.

Rheindahlen (Communication Center)

409 BG: 39 a/c dispatched (including 30 A-26, 8 A-20, 1 FFF), 36 (29 A-26, 6 A-20, 1 FFF) dropping 174 x 500, 24 x 500 GP and 4 x 500 GP, respectively, on Primary. 1 (A-20) window a/c.

1 a/c (A-26) failed to bomb: mechanical failure.

1 a/c (A-20) accidentally dropped 4 x 500 GP - armed - on friendly territory at K-880647, 1/2 mile NE of Geilenkirchen, when bombs fell out as bomb bay doors opened.

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called Ripsaw and obtained desired fix 6 minutes after entering Tactical area.

B - 2

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Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 12,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observations of results due to cloud cover.

Norvenich (Communication Center)

416 BG: 38 a/c dispatched (including 37 A-26, 1 PFF), 37 (36 A-26, 1 PFF) dropping 215 x 500, 4 x 500 GP on Primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb: personnel failure.

No losses, damage, casualties.

PFF called Roselee on entering Tactical Area; Sweepstakes answered and desired fix was obtained 7 minutes later.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 13,500 - 13,700 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

C - 2

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SECTION II

A/C OFF		111
A/C Bombing	104	
A/C Failing to Bomb	3	
Other (Window)	4	
TOTAL		111

Bombs on Enemy Territory	166.25
Total Bombs to Date	113,471.60

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	13	11.81%
Killed	0	
Wounded	2	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

1 - 2
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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
409	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	Left engine cut out.
	1 (A-20)	Mechanical	Accidental release over friendly territory (VK-880647). Due to electrical malfunction when bomb bay doors opened.
416	1	Personnel	Pilot could not find bomb release switch in time to drop. (New modification on a/c

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Ahrweiler 387 BG: 6/10 strato-cumulus, tops 5000'. 8/10 medium cloud, base 15,000'. Visibility 8 miles except 4 miles under cloud in moderate haze.

Rheindahlen 409 BG: 10/10 alto-cumulus, base 10,000', tops 12,000'. Other layers below. 10/10 altostratus, base 15,000'. Visibility air to air unlimited.

Norvenich 416 BG: 9/10 strato-cumulus, tops 4-5000'. 5/10 to 6/10 cirrus, base estimated 20,000'. Visibility 3 to 5 miles. Haze very thick in spots.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
387	86%	0	0	2	14

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	110
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	13
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	11.81%
<u>Ahrweiler R. R. Bridge</u>	<u>387 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	13
% A/C Battle Damaged	38.23%

S E C R E T

Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered on the bomb run and on the turn off target. 21 heavy guns are plotted in a circular pattern within range of the target. This type of arrangement for AA guns is planned so that at least two batteries may engage attacking a/c on the bomb run and all are within range of the target. It is probable that all of these guns were in action at some time during the attack.

<u>Rheindahlen Communication Center</u>	<u>409 Gp.</u>
<u>Norvenich Communication Center</u>	<u>436 Gp.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.F.'s: 1631 to 1653

No e/a encountered during this mission.

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CONSOLIDATED MISSION STATISTICS25 February 1945

A/C Off

472

A/C Bombing

426

A/C Failing to Bomb

25

Other

Window 19

Bombs of 2 A/C Unaccounted for

21

Total

472



Bombs on Enemy Territory

749.50

Total Bombs to Date

113,471.60

A/C Lost (394 BG - 2, 416 BG - 1, 323 BG - 1)

4

A/C Missing (323 BG)

1

A/C Crash-Landed (409 BG - 2, 323 BG - 1)

3

A/C Battle Damaged

112

(24.22%)

Killed

14

Wounded

8

Missing

14

Injured

0

Claims

0

S E C R E T

PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France—In their second operation of the day, approximately 100 medium bombers of the Ninth Bombardment Division attacked two communications centers ahead of the Ninth and First Armies and a railway bridge south of Bonn late Sunday afternoon.

Invaders bombed the communications centers of Rheindahlen, 28 miles northwest of Cologne, and Norvenich, seven miles east of Duren. Marauders attacked the railway bridge at Ahrweiler, 16 miles south of Bonn, spanning the Ahr River. Results were unobserved because of clouds that made pathfinder technique necessary.

Rheindahlen is an important communications center on the north flank of the advancing Ninth Army. Norvenich is the junction of main roads in the path of the advancing First Army. The four-span Ahrweiler bridge is on a rail line that could be used by the Germans for movement of troops from the static front northeast of Luxembourg to the battle area in the north.

Earlier in the day, nearly 340 Marauders and Invaders bombed other communications centers in the Cologne plain and bridges east of Cologne. Two bombers were lost and one is missing in these attacks.

Flak was encountered over the Ahrweiler bridge but no losses were reported in the late afternoon operation. No enemy aircraft were seen during the day.

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25 February 1945: Phoned to Paris 1930, Press Camp 2030.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

HEADQUARTERS, NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, France, Feb., 25 -

Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for the medium and light bomber operations for the Ninth Bombardment Division on Sunday:

Aircraft dispatched.....	472	
Aircraft over enemy territory.....	464	
Aircraft lost.....	4	
Aircraft missing.....	1	
Defended communications centers hit.....	5	(Crevenbroich, Herren, Quadrath and Medrath)
Marshalling yards hit.....	1	(Crevenbroich)
Rail cuts.....	21	
Highway cuts.....	35	
Railway cars destroyed.....	20	
Railway cars damaged.....	10	
Locomotives destroyed.....	1	
Railway bridges damaged.....	1	
Highway bridges damaged.....	4	
Factory bridges damaged.....	9	
Other buildings damaged or destroyed.....	135	
Bomb tonnage.....	749.50	

Results could not be observed due to cloud cover over a number of the targets, necessitating the use of blind bombing technique by approximately half of the bombers participating in the day's operations. This prevented the taking of strike photographs for preliminary damage assessments.

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