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Veteran Memorials:

- Roland Dullnig's 100th Birthday Celebration Photos
- 44 Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) added, plus IDPF summary page
- Honors received by Individual Soldiers in the 416th BG pages
  - Individual Awards, Honors and Commendations
  - Individual Medals Details
  - Campaign Medals
- Updated Group and Squadron Awards, Honors and Commendations page

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Celebration of Roland's 100th Birthday, December 3, 2021



Carolyn, Ron and Roland



Awarded Congressional Record recognition certificate



Congressional Record recognition



Blowing out his candle



Alicia Neaves Interviewing Roland for San Antonio KENS5 News



San Antonio KENS5 News Interview



CONGRATULATIONS Roland!!!

See also:

Roland Dullnig Honor Flight, May 19-20, 2017

Video interview with Roland Dullnig

Taped during the September, 2010 416th BG Reunion at Branson, MO by Wayne Sayles.

San Antonio WWII veteran celebrates 100th birthday

San Antonio KENS5 News article on Roland's 100th Birthday

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Base: AAF-170 Wethersfield RAF Station, England

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Date	Name	Rank	Duty	Bomb Sq	S/N	Status	Report		Mis-sion #	IDPF File
Feb 14, 1944	Minnicks, William Daniel	2Lt	Pilot	671st	O-747856	Fatal	AAR 44-2-14-501			
Apr 10, 1944	Cramsie, William Edward	1Lt	Pilot	671st	O-025895	MIA, KIA	MACR 3747		10	Yes
Apr 10, 1944	Henshaw, Charles R.	S/Sgt	Airplane Armorer-Gunner	671st	32452886	MIA, KIA	MACR 3747		10	Yes
Apr 10, 1944	Steward, Jack NMI	S/Sgt	Airplane Mechanic-Gunner	671st	18097398	MIA, KIA	MACR 3747		10	Yes
Apr 10, 1944	Raines, Arthur A. Jr.	2Lt	Pilot	669th	O-747891	MIA, KIA	MACR 3746		10	Yes
Apr 10, 1944	Bender, Glenn J.	S/Sgt	Airplane Mechanic-Gunner	669th	39553380	MIA, KIA	MACR 3746		10	Yes
Apr 10, 1944	Nielsen, Jack O.	S/Sgt	Airplane Armorer-Gunner	669th	19139615	MIA, KIA	MACR 3746		10	Yes
Apr 23, 1944	Schouten, Joseph Thomas	1Lt	Pilot	671st	O-747902	MIA, KIA	MACR 4095		26	Yes
Apr 23, 1944	Williamson, Robert Ray	S/Sgt	Airplane Mechanic-Gunner	671st	19139625	MIA, KIA	MACR 4095		26	Yes
Apr 23, 1944	Feistl, Joseph E.	Sgt	Airplane Armorer-Gunner	671st	7021806	MIA, KIA	MACR 4095		26	
Apr 24, 1944	McDonald, Arthur Allen	2Lt	Pilot	669th	O-806285	Fatal	AAR 44-4-24-513		Recalled	Yes
Apr 24, 1944	Barnard, Leroy NMI	S/Sgt	Gunner	669th	6391061	Fatal	AAR 44-4-24-513		Recalled	Yes
Apr 24, 1944	Shields, Joseph John	S/Sgt	Gunner	669th	13099665	Fatal	AAR 44-4-24-513		Recalled	Yes

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The United States of America was the only country which repatriated their Valiant Deceased Service Personnel (Soldier Dead) after WWII, as well as foreign wars before and after.

When the U.S. entered WWII, the Government made the determination that we would not return our Soldier Dead from overseas until after the cessation of hostilities. Following victories in both Europe and the Pacific, the global initiative "The Return of the World War II Dead Program" was launched by the USA to locate aircraft crash sites, comb former battlefields for isolated graves, and disinter temporary military cemeteries around the globe. This program was intended to be completed within 5 years.

The sacred responsibilities for locating, identifying, moving, notification and, based on the wishes of the Next Of Kin (NOK) - either returning their U.S. Army Soldier Dead back to the USA or providing final resting in a Permanent American Military Cemetery Overseas - were honorably born by the personnel of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS, or often just GRS) of the U.S. Army QuarterMaster Corps (QMC).

Individual Deceased Personnel File

When a Soldier was declared Missing or Killed In Action, an Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) was initiated with his Name, Rank, Army Service Number and other pertinent information. Throughout the care and handling of the Soldier Dead, his IDPF was continually updated and added to. IDPFs are sometimes called "Mortuary Files" or "Casualty Files".

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In addition to the Group and Squadron Awards, Honors and Commendations, many Soldiers in the 416th Bomb Group received Individual Awards, Medals, Ribbons and Commendation Letters in honor of their service.
While these individual awards vary for each Soldier, some of them known to have been awarded are described below.

A number 416th BG Soldiers also served in other units before and/or after their time in the 416th. Some served in the Pacific Theater of Operations, some with other units in the ETO, some with the Canadian and or British Royal Air Forces, etc. These men may have recieved Awards during their service with these other units, but those Awards are not described on this web page because the focus is on the Individual Honors awarded during an Individual's 416th BG service.

Additionally, Soldiers who served in Units Supporting the 416th BG may have recieved Awards not described here.

American and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals

Executive Order (EO) No. 9265, November 6, 1942 (Announced in War Department Bulletin 56, 1942, Amended by: EO 9706, March 15, 1946)
Established the American, European-African-Middle Eastern and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals.

Soldiers who fulfilled the defined requirements of service within these areas during WWII, should have been Awarded the corresponding Campaign Medals/Ribbons.
Because the 416th BG did not serve in the Pacific Theater, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal/Ribbon is not included on this page.

Click on the image or name hyperlink for more details.

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Details on Individual Awards to Soldiers in the 416th Bomb Group are included below.

U.S. Military Decorations	U.S. Service (Campaign) Medals and Service and Training Ribbons	Special Skill Badges	French Medals
Distinguished Service Cross Silver Star Legion of Merit Distinguished Flying Cross Soldiers Medal Bronze Star Medal Purple Heart Air Medal	Prisoner Of War Medal World War II Victory Medal	Motor Vehicle Driver and Mechanic Badge	French Croix de Guerre French Legion Of Honor Medal

U.S. Military Decorations

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Campaign Medals:

American,

European-African-Middle Eastern,

and Asiatic-Pacific

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American Campaign Medal/Ribbon





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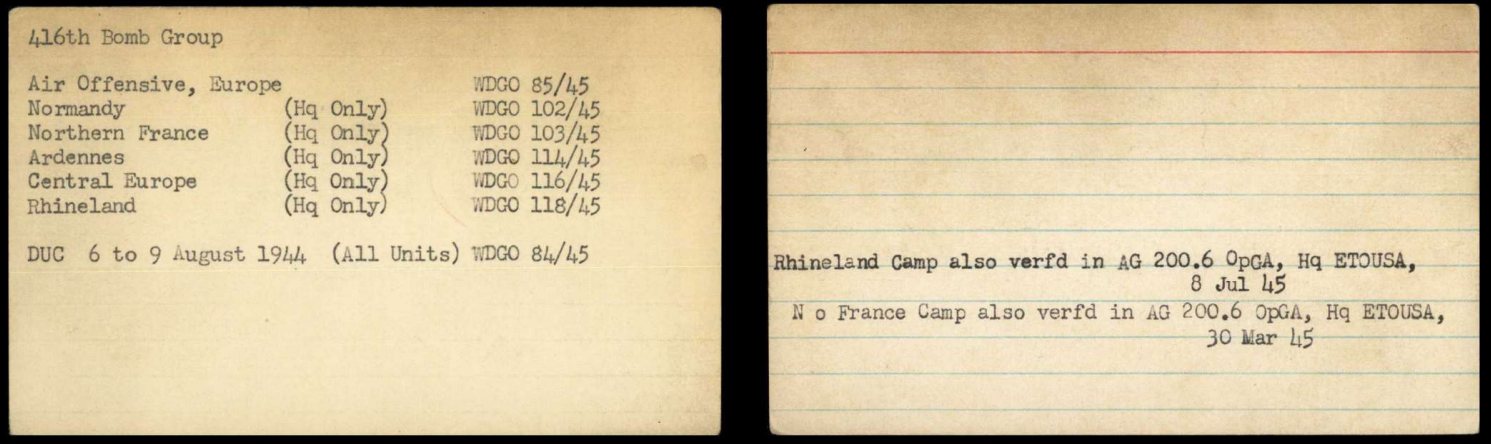
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The 416th Bomb Group and Squadrons received numerous Awards, Honors and Commendations during their time in the European Theater of Operations.

Note, this web page identifies Honor awarded at the Group and Squadron level.
For Honors awarded at the Individual Soldier level, see Individual Awards, Honors and Commendations.



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Air Offensive, Europe		WDGO 85/45
Normandy	(Hq Only)	WDGO 102/45
Northern France	(Hq Only)	WDGO 103/45
Ardennes	(Hq Only)	WDGO 114/45
Central Europe	(Hq Only)	WDGO 116/45
Rhineland	(Hq Only)	WDGO 118/45
DUC 6 to 9 August 1944	(All Units)	WDGO 84/45

Rhineland Camp also verfd in AG 200.6 OpGA, Hq ETOUSA, 8 Jul 45

N o France Camp also verfd in AG 200.6 OpGA, Hq ETOUSA, 30 Mar 45

416th BG Air Force Award summary card
"WDGO" = War Department, General Orders

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416th Bomb Group Related Research:

- WWII Maps
- 416th BG NOBALL Targets (V1 Flying Bomb Launch Sites)
- Case History of A-26 Airplane

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Maps were a critical component of the successful Allied War effort during WWII.

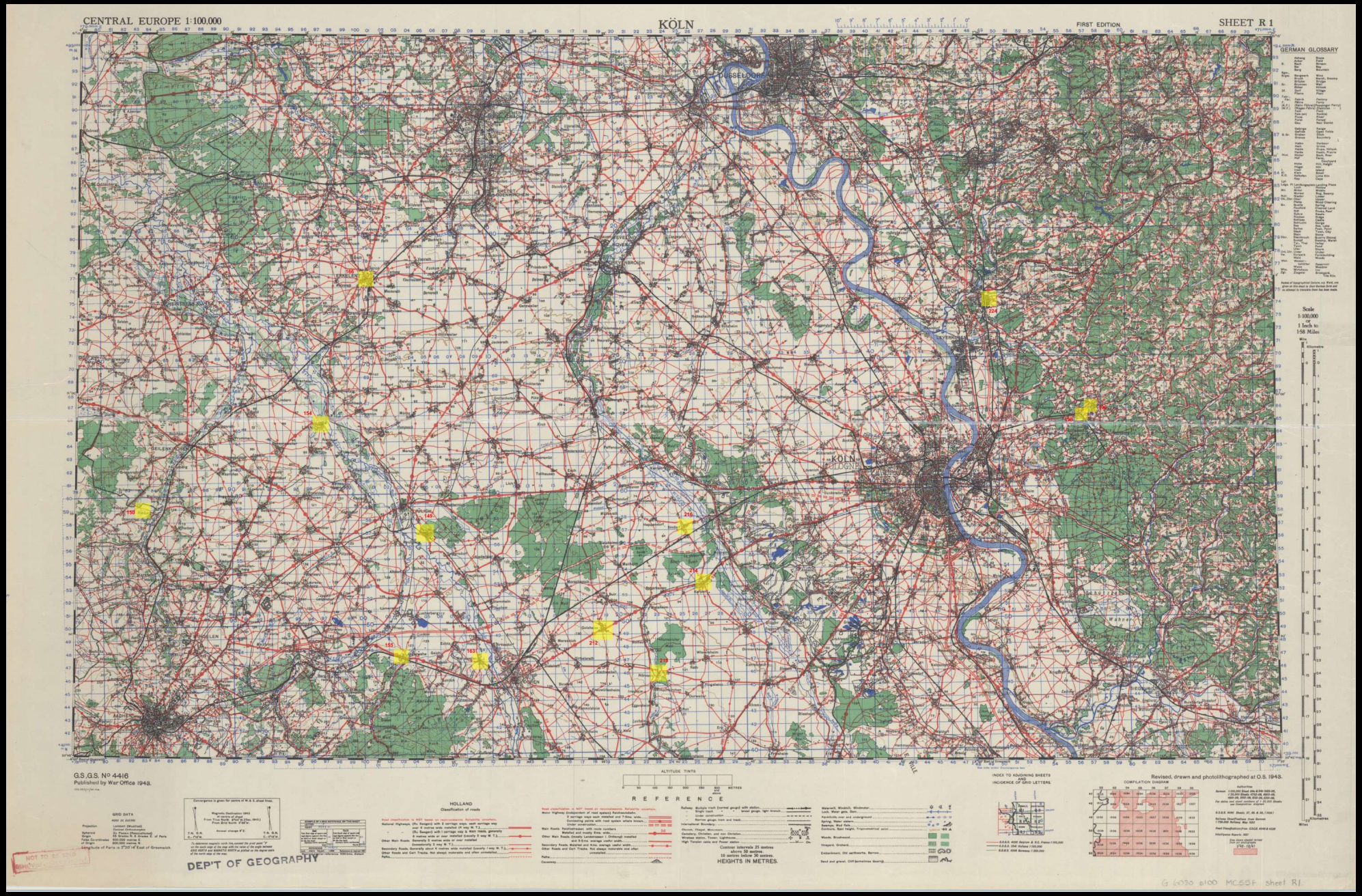
Two organizations held primary responsibility for producing most maps for the Allied Forces -- the British Geographical Section, General Staff (GSGS) and the U.S. Army Map Service (AMS). GSGS, also known as MI 4, operated under the British Director of Military Operations and Intelligence while the AMS was part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and operated under the U.S. Department of War. The Loper-Hotine Agreement, reached in May, 1942 between the GSGS and AMS, detailed the responsibilities of each organization and ensured the same, consistent maps were produced.

Many types of maps were produced for the War effort to support various needs (examples: Aeronautical and Hydrographic Charts, City Plans, Escape and Evasion, Geologic, Land Classification, Recreation, Strategic, Topographic, Transportation, etc.). Those used most frequently for Target Identification were Military Topographic Maps.

The GSGS produced numerous different Map Series, covering various geographical areas at multiple map scales. In preparation for the invasion of Sicily in 1943, the GSGS produced an illustrated guide detailing the mapping situation. As the War progressed, they produced additional guides: "Notes on the G.S.G.S. Maps of France, Belgium and Holland, December 1943" and "Notes on the G.S.G.S. Maps of Germany, Denmark and Central Europe, March 1944", ("Notes" PDF files courtesy of U.K. Defence Surveyors' Association and McMaster University Digital Archive)

The following Map Series were used for 416th Bomb Group Target references/identifications:

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416th BG NOBALL Targets

"NOBALL" ("No Ball") was the Allied codename for operational use of any German Vengeance Weapon ("V-weapon", German *Vergeltungswaffe*). Two of the primary V-weapons were the V1 Flying Bomb or pilotless aircraft (Allied codename "Diver") and the V2 long range rocket (codename "Big Ben"). Other secret German weapons were also developed such as the *Rheinbote* ("Rh", "Rhine Messenger") solid-fuel rocket and *Hochdruckpumpe* ("HDP", "High Pressure Pump") Super-Gun (Henshall, 2002).

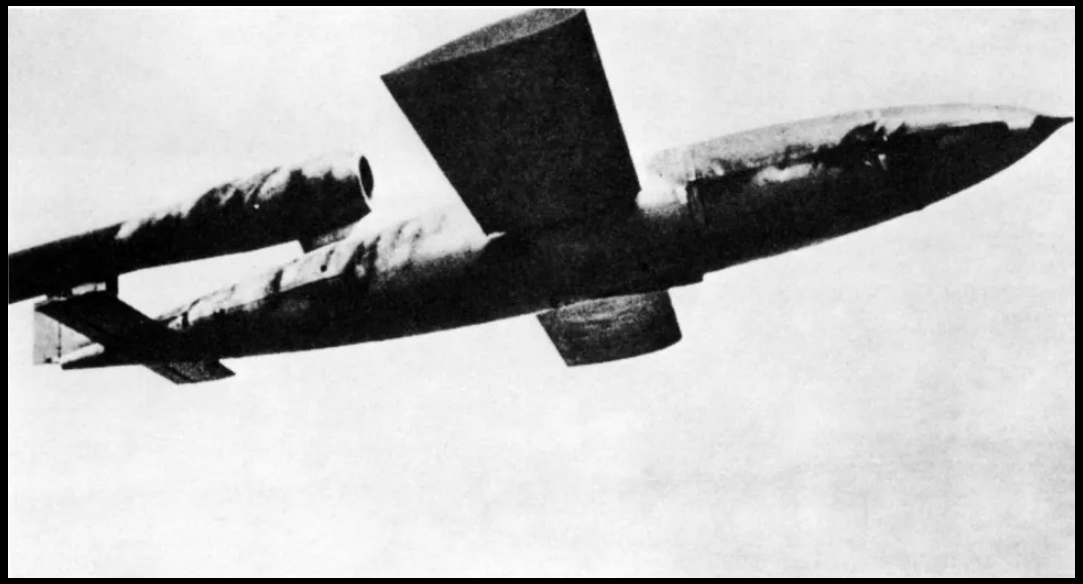
The term "NOBALL" is believed to have been coined as a reference to "the ungentlemanly delivery of a ball in the game of cricket" (Williams, 2014).

The 416th BG flew 30 NOBALL Missions against 17 different Allied Central Interpretation Unit (ACIU) Plan No. R/41 V1 "'A' Constructional Works" launch sites and 1 NOBALL mission (90) targeting "NOBALL 'E' Headquarters". All 416th BG NOBALL targets were in France, the first was Mission Number 5 (18-Mar-1944) and last was Mission 90 (5-Jul-1944). Several V1 targets were attacked by the 416th BG multiple times, and a few 416th BG Missions were flown against two different V1 sites.

All of the NOBALL missions flown by the 416th BG were against V1 Flying Bomb V-weapon sites, none against other types; hence this web page focuses on the V1.

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A-26 Airplane

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Case History Of A-26 Airplane

In October, 1945 the Historical Division, Intelligence, T-2, Air Technical Service Command at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio produced the "Case History Of A-26 Airplane" study. This Case History summarized the initial planning and development of the Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc. A-26 Invader aircraft, through evaluations and subsequent deployment during WWII. 124 Original Supporting Documents were also provided.

The "Case History of A-26 Airplane" is available from the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA) on Microfilm as PDF REEL: 3830, IRISREF: A2062, IRISNUM: 00142056, indexed at Air Force History Index.org. Many microfilm pages were very difficult to impossible to read. Our sincere thanks go to Ms. Tammy Horton at the AFHRA for graciously re-scanning the original paper pages which have been extracted from the PDF file she provided, digitally enhanced in an attempt to improve legibility, recombined into multiple PDF files by subject included below.

The "Case History Of A-26 Airplane" includes the following (click the link to view the corresponding PDF):
Introduction, 4 page Summary of the A-26 Airplane, and 29 page Supporting Documents Summaries
Photographs of XA-26A (DE) Prototype S/N 41-19505 (3); XA-26B (DE) Prototype S/N 41-19588 (1); and A-26B-1-DL S/N 41-39100 (2)
A-26B Light Bomber Performance Characteristics (February 7, 1946)
124 Original Supporting Documents (VERY large, 287 page PDF file - see also individual document list below)
All 345 "Case History of the A-26 Airplane" pages, graciously rescanned from the original paper copy by Ms. Tammy Horton of the AFHRA are also available in a single PDF file, but please be aware this file is VERY large.

For additional information on Prototype XA-26 aircraft, see the "Experimental Models" section of the Invader Historical Foundation Invader Models page.

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Individual Combat Mission Pages:

- GSGS Military Topographic Map information added to 156 Combat Missions
- Combat Mission pages updated from NOBALL/V1 research
- Ed Renth D-Day article

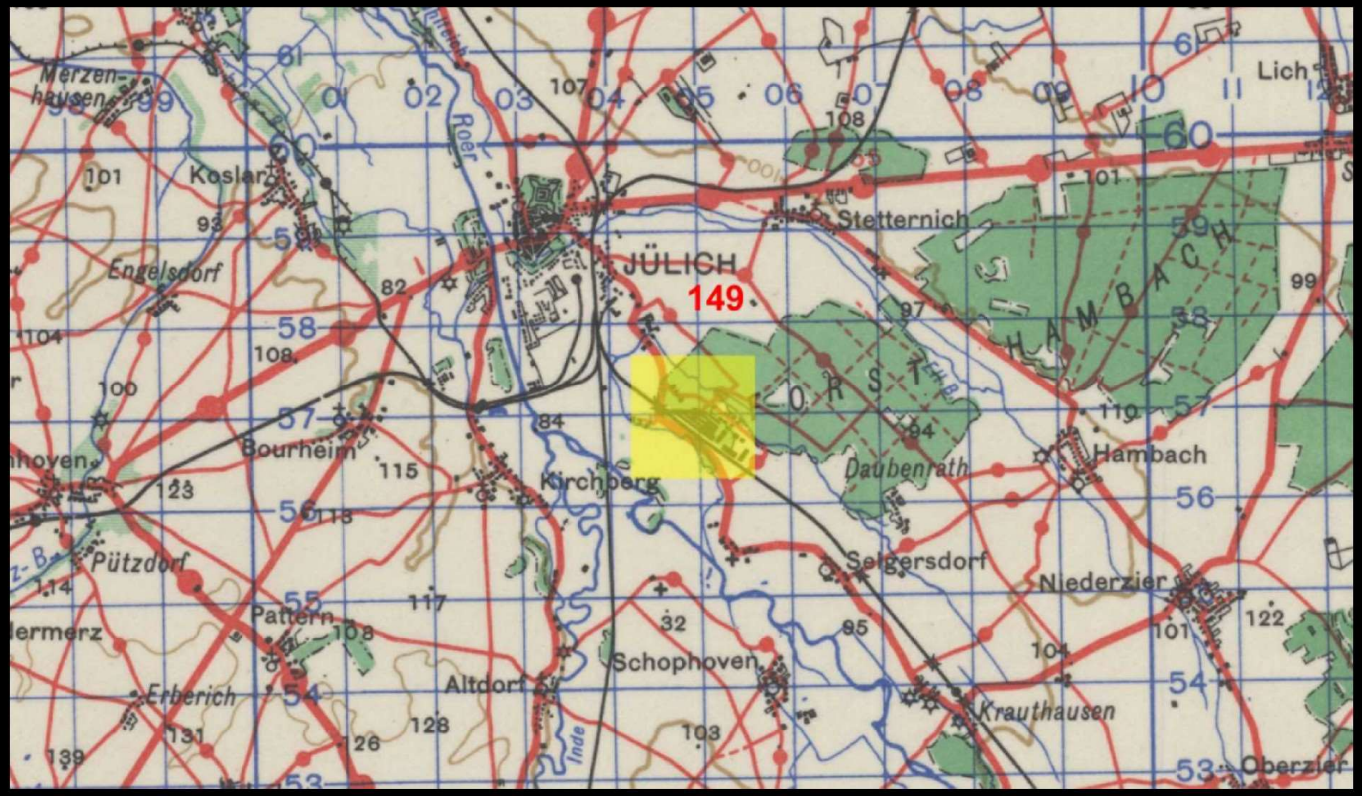
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Base: A-55 Melun/Villaroche, France

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Mission Number	Date	Primary Target	Target Type	Status	Duration Hrs:Min	# and Type A/C Dispatched
146	Sep 27, 1944 Wednesday AM	Foret De Parroy, France	Troop Concentration	No Attack	2:50	32 A-20G's 6 A-20J's
147	Sep 28, 1944 Thursday AM	Foret De Parroy, France	Troop Concentration	Attacked	2:49	27 A-20G's 9 A-20J's
148	Sep 29, 1944 Friday AM	Bitburg, Germany	Warehouse and Marshalling Yard	Attacked	3:10	26 A-20G's 10 A-20J's
149	Sep 29, 1944 Friday PM	Julich, Germany	Marshalling Yards	Attacked	3:27	27 A-20G's 9 A-20J's
150	Oct 2, 1944 Monday AM	Ubach Area "A", Germany	Buildings	No Attack	3:14	28 A-20G's 8 A-20J's
151	Oct 3, 1944 Tuesday AM	Duren, Germany	Marshalling Yards	No Attack	2:45	27 A-20G's 9 A-20J's
none	Oct 5, 1944 Thursday AM	Duren, Germany	Marshalling Yards	Recalled	2:24	32 A-20G's 9 A-20J's
152	Oct 6, 1944 Friday AM	Duren, Germany	Marshalling Yards	Attacked	2:57	32 A-20G's 9 A-20J's
153	Oct 7, 1944 Saturday PM	Trier, Germany	Warehouses	Attacked	2:48	29 A-20G's 7 A-20J's
154	Oct 8, 1944 Sunday AM	Linnich, Germany	Town	Attacked	2:59	32 A-20G's 6 A-20J's
155	Oct 12, 1944 Thursday AM	Langerwehe, Germany	Town	Attacked	3:41	34 A-20G's 7 A-20J's
156	Oct 13, 1944 Friday AM	Langerwehe, Germany	Town	Attacked	2:43	31 A-20G's 8 A-20J's
157	Oct 14, 1944 Saturday AM	Mayen, Germany	Railroad Bridge	No Attack	3:04	31 A-20G's 7 A-20J's

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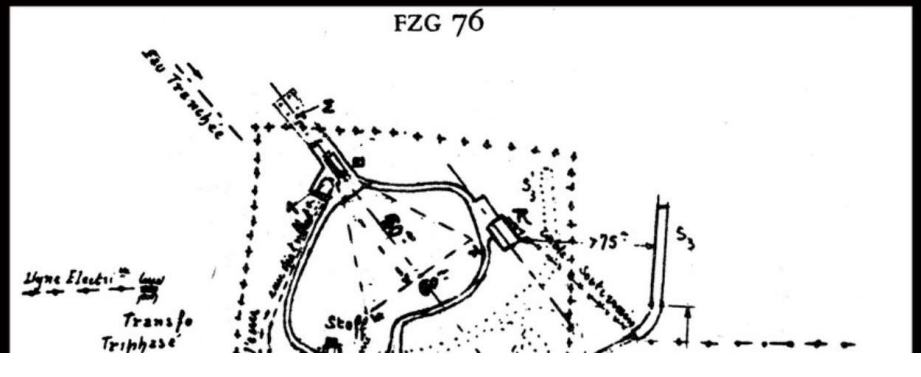
Primary Target area around MBS Coordinate (NGZ) wF049569
Extracted from GSGS-4416/AMS-M641 Sheet R1 - "Koln" 1:100:000 Military Topographic Map
(Downloaded from Map Archive of Wojskowy Instytut Geograficzny 1919 - 1939, GSGS 4416 / AMS M641, 651, 671 Germany, Poland, Middle Danube 1:100,000, Koln sheet)
(Note: This coordinate and map display represent the Primary Target Location, the Location actually attacked my differ)
(Annotated Full Map PDF)

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Vertical photographic-reconnaissance aerials of a flying-bomb launch site at Bois Carre, near Yvrench, Somme, France, discovered and documented by the agents of the Reseau AGIR.
Left: Site under construction (HU 92983),
photographed 3-Nov-1943 by RAF Flight Sergeant James McGinn Aitken of 541 Squadron, Sortie E/463. (Williams, 2014)
Right: 6 July 1944 after Allied air attacks (HU 92984).
The Left photograph confirmed intelligence reports that flying-bomb sites were being constructed in the Pas-de-Calais area.
ROYAL AIR FORCE: OPERATIONS BY THE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE UNITS, 1939-1945.
copyright: IWM (HU 92983 and 92984)



D-DAY AND THE 416TH BOMB GROUP

By Ed Renth

Our reunion this year, on the 50th anniversary of D-Day, and the plethora of books, magazine articles, TV commemorative programs and other references to that momentous occasion, inspired me to read and learn as much about this tremendous event as I could. Many details of that D-Day mission to Argentan, France are frozen in my memory, but I have wondered whether the results of our attack may have had a decisive effect on the outcome of this day's mighty battle. I will relate the essence of our participation in this operation and you can decide for yourself. Some of the players in our part of the drama were:

The "JABOS" - R.A.F. Typhoons and 9th A.F. P-47 Thunderbolts.

The Panzer Lehr Division (Wehrmacht)

The 12th Panzer Division, S.S. (Hitlerjugend)

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- 2022 Reunion Announcement page
- 2021 Newsletter by Kathe and Gary Rensner
- 2021 Reunion Summary from Newsletter
- 2021 Reunion Photos from David Andrews and Jean Sittarich
- "Mail Call" Quarterly Newsletters

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Tucson, Arizona

October 26-30, 2022

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June 4, 2022

Registration for the 2022 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group Reunion in Tucson, Arizona on October 26-30, 2022 is NOW OPEN!

Please Click the link to view and download the Registration, Agenda and Information Packet PDF file.

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The Registration, Agenda and Information Packet PDF file includes multiple pages.
Please print, fill-out and mail the Registration page #1 (along with Registration fee) to Chris Adams.
The second page includes the Day-by-Day Reunion Agenda.
The remaining pages have information on the DoubleTree Hotel Website and Reunion Room Reservations, Pima Air & Space Museum, Mt. Lemmon Skycenter (DRESS WARM!) and Visiting Tucson, Arizona.

Questions? Contact Chris Adams at 317 688-7320 / 612 554-2529 (cell) or email: "adamscr000@gmail.com".

Thank you,
The Friends of the 416th Bomb Group Reunion committee ...
Steve Bisel, Steven Roy, Chris Adams

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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021

What a Great Time We Had at Our 2021 Reunion in Windsor Locks, CT!



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Windsor Locks, Connecticut

October 13-16, 2021

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THANKS to the Friends of the 416th Bomb Group Reunion Committee for another WONDERFUL Reunion!



The Friends of the 416th Bomb Group 2021 Reunion Visiting the
416th Bombardment Group (Light) Memorial at the New England Air Museum

Included below are the 2021 Reunion Summary pages extracted from the 2021 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group Newsletter,

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graciously provided by David Andrews and Jean Sittarich.
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Wednesday, 13-Oct-2021










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Q2 2022 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group "Mail Call" Quarterly Newsletter
Q1 2022 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group "Mail Call" Quarterly Newsletter

Annual Reunions and Newsletters

Reunion Year -- Location -- Dates	Annual Newsletter
2022 -- Tucson, Arizona -- October 26-30, 2022	
2021 -- Windsor Locks, Connecticut -- October 13-16, 2021	2021 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group Newsletter

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Q3 2022 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group "Mail Call" Quarterly Newsletter (PDF)

Q2 2022 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group "Mail Call" Quarterly Newsletter (PDF)

Q1 2022 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group "Mail Call" Quarterly Newsletter (PDF)

2021 Friends of the 416th Bomb Group Reunion (Windsor Locks, CT, October 13-16, 2021) and 2021 Annual Newsletter (PDF)

416TH.COM Counts

1,035 Individual Web Pages
(17 more than 2021)

10,381 Images (Photos/Documents)
(671 more than 2021)

2,699 PDF files
(411 more than 2021)

41 Videos
(Same count as 2021)

Total Website Size is 28.7 GB, 22,647 Files
(7 GB and 1,341 Files more than 2021)

(Above counts do not include 311 Carl Sgamboti Website files
or "thumbnail" image versions)

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27 March 1945

"Too much credit cannot be given to these men of the 12th Army Group, Ninth Air Force tactical team who are relentlessly battering our foe on the ground and from the air. They beat him on the beachhead, drove him from the occupied nations, crushed him in his own Rhineland, and next will destroy him in the heart of his Fatherland. It is these fighting men who are responsible for our past successes, and it is their indomitable spirit which assures a speedy and crushing victory for our cooperating arms."

//s// Omar N. Bradley, Lt. General, U.S.A. Commanding.

THANKS to our amazing group of past and present
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