

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

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, (MAIN), APO 696, U. S. Army.
Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 166 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 16 September 1944
Mission or Operation No. 145 97th CW FO 216-554

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Viaduct, RR and Road over Bergen Op Zoom

Place of take-off AAF Station 170

Place of landing AAF Station 170

Take-off time 1704

Landing time 1935

Time over target 1809 - 1811

Bombing altitude 11000 - 12000

Nature of mission Bombing

Other None

Weather clear. Visibility 10 miles plus.

Results Good, exc, good, no attack, fair, gross.

Enemy opposition Moderate to intense accurate flak lasting until turn off target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 32 A-20G

7 A-20J

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

27 A-20G

Bergen Op Zoom

6 A-20J

Bergen Op Zoom

3. Abortive due to:

(1) Weather: None

(2) Personnel: None

(3) Mechanical: None

(4) Other: 5 A-20G and 1 A-20J. Lead bombardier had to alter course to avoid colliding with another flight and could not correct course in time to make bomb run.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 1 A-20G left formation after leaving target area.

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) 5 A-20G category A - flak

1 A-20J category A - flak

2 A-20G category AC-flak

1 A-20G category B - flak - crash landed.

8. Sorties 32 A-20G

7 A-20J

D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) A-20G 80:05
A-20J 17:20

b. Night (Sunset to-sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

A-20G 100,800 x 50 cal.

a. Total carried into air A-20J 14,700 x 50 cal.

b. Expended on operations A-20G 768 x 50 cal. A-20J 164 x 50 cal. (testing)

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c A-20G 6200 x 50 cal.

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20G 170 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T

A-20J 34 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T

b. Expended on operations: A-20G 141 x 500 lb GP
 (List targets separately) A-20J 28 x 500 lb GP

c. Jettisoned A-20G 6 x 500 lb GP

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c A-20G 6 x 500 lb GP

e. Total Returned A-20G 17 x 500 lb GP
A-20J 6 x 500 lb GP

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	N.v	Bomb	R.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
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:

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