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

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

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

Ref: Oprep A No. 129a for 24 hrs. ending midnight 29 Sept 44
 Mission or Operation No. 149. 97th CW FO 5 - 573.

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Julich M/Y.
 Place of take-off AAF Station A-55.
 Place of landing AAF Station A-55.
 Take-off time 1503 Landing time 1830
 Time over target 1639 Bombing Altitude 12000 feet.
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None
 Weather 9/10 cloud cover at 5000 ft. heavy haze.
 Results Unobserved due to weather.
 Enemy opposition Intense heavy accurate HFF from IP to target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 27 A-20G
9 A-20J
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
15 A-20G Julich M/Y.
6 A-20J Julich M/Y.
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: 2 A-20J's and 10 A-20G's.
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (4) Other: 1 A-20J and 2 A-20G's hit by flak before reaching target area.
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) 2 A-20G last seen losing altitude in target area.
5. Destroyed - before reaching target 1 A-20J was seen to explode in giving cause where known mid-air near the target.
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
 target giving cause where known
7. Damaged (give category & cause) 1 A-20J and 2 A-20G out AG - flak
2 A-20J and 11 A-20G out A - flak
8. Sorties 27 A-20G
9 A-20J

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D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20G 84:50

A-20J 27:55

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

E. Ammunition by calibres:

A-20G 85,050 x 50 cal.

a. Total carried into air A-20J 18,900 x 50 cal.

b. Expended on operations None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c A-20G 5300 x 50 cal.

A-20J 2100 x 50 cal.

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air: A-20G 150 x 500 lb GP 1/10 M 1/100 T

A-20J 52 x 500 lb GP 1/10 M 1/100 T

b. Expended on operations: A-20G 83 x 500 lb GP

(List targets separately) A-20J 34 x 500 lb GP

c. Jettisoned

A-20G 2 x 500 lb GP accidentally released.

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

A-20J 6 x 500 lb GP

A-20G 10 x 500 lb GP

e. Total Returned

A-20G 55 x 500 lb GP

A-20J 12 x 500 lb GP

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	1
Missing in Action	3	0	1 Bomb - Nav. 0			3	3
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:

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