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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 : Oprep A No. 312 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 9 Feb. 1945
Mission or Operation No. 201 97th CBW FO #161-739

A. Short Narrative of Operation:
Target Kempen Communications Center
Place of take-off Station A-55
Place of landing Station A-55 (3 A-64, 1 B-75, 1 A-92, 1 A-89, 1 Sittard, Holland)
Take-off time 1250 Landing time 1657
Time over target 1503 Bombing Altitude 12500
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 8 to 10/10's clouds in target area.
Results Unobserved
Enemy opposition Moderate accurate HFT from Cologne Area. Intense accurate HFT at Dusseldorf and Dortmund.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 41 A-26's 41-39730 41 2 Del 2 more used 8 more oth

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

1	Kempen Comm. Center
3	Window
1	B-26 Target Viersen M/Y
25	Vicinity of Scherfede, Germany

6 Aff TE other

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: 2 - returned early. Lost formation in overcast.
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: 1 - malfunction of right bomb door safety switch in box leader's aircraft.
(4) Other: 8 - did not bomb due to box leader's failure to bomb.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause w here known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause w here known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 6 category "A" - flak. 1 category "E" crash landing.

8. Sorties 39

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D. Total operational flying hours
a. Day (Sunrise to sunset) 143:00

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise) None

E. Ammunition by calibres:
a. Total carried into air 78200 x .50 calibre
b. Expended on operations None
c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c None

F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:
a. Total carried into air: 152 x 1000 GP's Fused 1/10N 1/40T

b. Expended on operations: 100 x 1000 GP's - Vicinity of Scharfbdo
(List targets seperately) 3 x 1000 GP's - Bergen
4 x 1000 GP's - B-26 Target Viersen M/Y

c. Jettisoned 1 x 1000 GP's - Arbonne Range

d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None

e. Total Returned 44 x 1000 GP's

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G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	R.Gun	L.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. Dest None
c. Damaged None

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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