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NUMPAGE 87**Title Extensions:****Abstract** CONTAINS TARGET DATA. TARGET: MUNCHEN/BERNSDORF RAILROAD SIDING AND OIL STORAGE TANKS. MISSION REPORT.**Descriptive Notes:****Title** MISSION 262**Added****Entries****Author:****Subject:****Major Command:****Administrative Markings**

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ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 17/07 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 07/2215E
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-61-E

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 07 APRIL 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 242-839

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE.
 (2) THE XIX T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A TARGET IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR: 08/0830B

3. A. 409TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT G-6721 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 60 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 1(A)(IV)57/2. COVER ANNOTATED STORAGE TANKS. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 - (11) 20 X 150 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/100 SEC. NOSE ONLY.
- B. 410TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT G-6721 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 1(A)(IV)57/2. COVER ANNOTATED AREAS 1, 2 AND 4.
 - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/10 SEC. NOSE, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT G-6721 AT 8,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE YELLOW FLARES.
 - (9) M.P.I. ILL. 1(A)(IV)57/2. COVER ANNOTATED STORAGE TANKS. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
 - (10) 20 X 150 LB. G.P. FUSED: 1/100 SEC. NOSE ONLY.
- X. (1) - (3) NO CHANGE
 (4) Y-57 WILL BE USED AS AN EMERGENCY SHORT FIELD.
 (5) TARGET: MUNCHEN-BERNSDORF R.R. SIDINGS AND OIL STORAGE TANKS (WJ-940541)
 (6) A/C REQ: MAXIMUM EFFORT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
 (7) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO G-6721 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
 (8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO G-6721 TO BASE.
 (9) ALTITUDES: BOMB 9,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUDS DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET.

- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SSW TO NNE
- (12) R.P.: WJ-72A0
- (13) IF CLOUDS PREVENT VISUAL BOMBING AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:
 - (A) ALTERNATE VISUALLY
 - (B) PRIMARY ON "GEE"
 - (C) ALTERNATE ON "GEE"
 - (D) PRIMARY ON TARGET E.T.A.
 - (E) ALTERNATE ON TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) GROUPS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
- (15) ONE GROUP OF A-26'S FROM THE 99TH WING WILL ATTACK THIS TARGET 20 MIN. BEFORE THE 410TH BOMB GROUP.

4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

PLAN "A"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP. (940541)

- (2) FISHLOCK
- (3) EVENING
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP. (940541)

- (2) MANGO
- (3) CABMAN
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP. (940541)

- (2) BESTMAN
- (3) BISHOP
- (4) SWEEPSTAKES

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 2215B

RLBBBBB

JES R..... 07/2255A EJK AR
 JPO R..... 07/2259B SK KK
 JKI R..... 07/2255B EU KK
 ITA R..... 07/2259B CLEV BBBB TO ALL O O O

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TO

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA 18/07 OP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 07/2245B
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409TH
 COBOMGP 410TH
 COBOMGP 416TH

BT

SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH: COL. MC AFEE

97CBW P-62-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 242-839.

(1) TARGET: MUNICHEN BERNSDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT (J-940541).

(2) PHOTO: 1(A)(IV)57/2 ✓

~~CG 1722~~

106G/2142 PRINT 7020 ✓

MAPS: GSGS 4416 - R - 6

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 07/2245B

LEG AR

JES R

PO R.....07/2312B LB AR

JKI R.....07/2312B EW AR

JES R.....07/2312B JAB AR

ITA R.....07/2313B BBB CLEV BBBB

(SCHLEIZ)

also get photo of IP and alternate

LOBENSTEIN

(WJ-773131)

ITA JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 2/08 GP OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 08/0730B
 TO COMBOMDIV IX
 COBOMGP 409
 COBOMGP 410
 COBOMGP 416

97CBW P-64-E

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH. COL. MAC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 A P O 140
 8 APRIL 1945

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 242-839

CHANGE PARA. 3. B. (10) TO READ: 4 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC.
 NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL

IN PARA. 3. A. (9) CHANGE INTERVALOMETER SETTING TO READ 70 FEET

IN PARA. 3. C. (9) CHANGE INTERVALOMETER SETTING TO READ 70 FEET

ADD TO PARA. 3. X. (4) ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SHORT FIELDS A-93,
 Y-55, B-85, B-78 AND B-90

COMCBTWIC 97

BT 08/0730B
 LCB AR

ITA R.	08/0758B	RJS	Z	AR
JES R.	08/0758B	JW		AR
JPO R.	08/0758B	DB		AR
JKI R.	08/0758B	AMM		AR

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division, Attn. A-2
Commanding General, 97th Combat Wing, Attn. A-2

From: 416th Bomb Group

SECRET OPS PRIORITY

MPI'S BY FLIGHTS (ILLUS. NO. I (a)(IV)57/2)

02790885

03280915

03450935

03860986

03821069

04321035

04301113

MPI'S BY BOXES (SAME ILLUS.)

03450935

04321035

ALTERNATE TARGET: POSSNECK - G.S.C.S. NO. 4416 S-6 REF. 722398

Harold W. Anderson
Captain A.C.

ITA JEA V JKI JKI 1/08 OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 080800Z
TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, ATTN: A-2
CG, 97TH COMBAT WING, ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET 416BG ~~XXXX~~ P-119-D
MPI'S BY FLIGHTS (ILLUS. NO. 1 (A) (IV) 57/2)

02790885
03280915
03450965
03860986
03621069
04321035
04301113

MPI'S BY ~~XXXX~~ BOXES (SAME ILLUS.)

03450965
04321035

ALTERNATE TARGET: POSSNECK - G.S.G.S. NO. 4416 S-6 REF. 722398

BT 080800Z

KX EJ AR K

ITA R.....08/0816B MD AR

JEK R.....;8/16 08/0816B

BJP

AR

Lgt - Importance
Troopship
PW Camp
Fighters - Flak
E and E
Security
Inner bombing

SECRET

HL 10000 (R/L)
5 AUG 1945 E.O. 12958
CHURCH-TERMINAL DIA
10000 (R/L) TONAL TANKS
TOT 0745-0938 1/2
ALT 2000-1500
NO LITTLE DAMAGE
WEATHER CLEAR
42.0% ATTACHED P/A



SECRET

MISSION NO. 262

LOADING LIST

BOX I

FLIGHT I

APRIL
8 MARCH 1945

1. 528 T
Major C.H. Ferris
Lt. F.G. Royalty
Lt. M.G. McHatt
S/S D.J. Rio

4. 232 N
Lt. E.O. Turner
W/S J.O. Belcan

2. 564 V
Lt. W.D. Chitty
Sgt V.B. Rascio

5. 394 G
Lt. J.F. Stankowski
Sgt J.R. Sellingen

3. 286 D
Lt. A.G. Hanson
Cpl R.R. Howler

6. 9315 F
Lt. J.O. Curtis
Sgt J.M. Matthews

FLIGHT II

1. 508 E
Capt. C.W. Stanley
E/O J.H. Blount
S/S C.B. Collier

4. 321 T
Lt. J.M. Colquitt
S/S C.M. Mohr

2. 310
Lt. L.E. Cannon
S/S R.S. Gandy

5. 274 S
Lt. L.J. Frucha
T/S G.C. Wilson

3. 325 L
Lt. W.L. Hale
S/S D.H. Bentzler

6. 352 J
Lt. R.J. Leckner
Sgt W.H. Widler

FLIGHT III

1. 484 G
Lt. F.E. Parker
Lt. R.E. Shaft
S/S S. Kochan

4. 305 U
Lt. F.W. Harris
S/S W.F. Fuchrer

2. 640 H
Lt. W.H. Lesater
Lt. M.P. Schlefer
Sgt R.M. Cross

5. 264 I
Lt. A.V. Everts
Sgt C.D. Fagen

3. 188 R
Lt. T.D. McGready
S/S W.E. Lemonds

6. 233 F
Lt. E.D. Drum
S/S R.G. Hindman

SPARE

269 G
Lt. R.E. Hackley
S/S F.P. Basford

CAMERA REEL

398 Q
Lt. R.B. Singletary
W/O M.E. Scheuerman
S/S G.J. Snider
S/S H.C. Wiggins

MISSION NO. 262 - 8 APRIL 1945 - BOX I

MISSION NO. 262

LOADING LIST

8 APRIL 1945

1. 501 W
Lt. F.S. Brewster
Lt. L.W. Dennis
F/O F.J. Conley
S/S W.O. Clark

2. 469 A
Lt. F.P. Barnumsky
Lt. E.L. Sheehan
S/S M. Hall

3. 330 P
Lt. W. Masgrove
S/S D.E. Burns

4. 205 M
Lt. E.G. Bishop
S/S M.O. Harris
S/S D.E. Richards

5. 212 X
F/O S.B. Boomer
Cpl M.W. Showers

6. 223 B
Lt. S.H. Sholey
S/S D.V. Paladino

FLIGHT II

1. 497 E
Lt. J.J. Lackovich
Lt. R.C. Muir
Cpl R.M. Barry

2. 492 E
Lt. D.A. Faro
F/O H.L. Langsam
S/S T.W. Shelton

3. 249 F
Lt. A.J.P. Winn
S/S G.C. Stephenson

8. 239 M
Capt. A.C. Sears
W/S J.J. Wells
F/O S.J. Przywitowski

5. 300 X
Lt. T.H. Greaser
Sgt A.H. Miller

6. 297 T
Lt. J.R. Wright
Sgt D.O. Simen

FLIGHT III

1. 609 M
Lt. G.B. Jordan
Lt. R.P. Mulgrew
Lt. D.L. Moore
S/S R.R. Brinkman

2. 244 I
Lt. R.W. Van Rope
S/S W.H. Klingman

3. 914 H
Lt. G.E. Weinert
Sgt R.D. Francis

4. 252 D
~~252~~
Lt. J.F. Allen
S/S L.R. Getzen

5. 271 B
Lt. R.B. Happer
Sgt R.M. Black
Sgt D.K. Hansen

6. 362 X
Lt. O.H. Housley
~~Sgt R.M. Black~~
Sgt F.J. Black
S/S C.J. Kruger

SPARE

229 B
Lt. B.A. Smith
Sgt D.A. Richards

BOX III - FLIGHT I

1. 499 G
Capt. R.J. Tutt
Lt. L.A. Orr
Sgt D. Schwartzapel

2. 356 G
Lt. G.L. Milhorn
Sgt D. Chest

3. 360 L
Lt. J.G. Gary
Cpl A.E. Schoen

4. 313 B
Lt. D.L. Withington
S/S A.B. Eaton

5. 328 D
Lt. D.L. Price
Sgt J.F. Reicher

6. 250 A
Lt. R.L. Simpson
Sgt V.E. Stypenski

MISSION NO. 262
8 APRIL 1945
BOXES II & III

INTER, FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK :

mid. 1 burst target area
was probably 1 bomb exploding
in air

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OBSERVATIONS :

M/V before I.P. - active.
dam or bridge near M/V has con-
siderable traffic.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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INTERFORM

PILOT CHITTY A/C# 564 BOX I FLT _____

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 20 X 100 ON Bombay

BATTLE DAMAGE			
	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X RETURNED			
X JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Doctry at 95-53 - much activity.
Results excellent
Entire top area burning.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X		
X	⊗	
X		
X	X	

X		X
X	X	X
X	X	X

X (SPARE)

L. S. R.

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PILOT CANNON A/C# 370 BOX I FLT _____

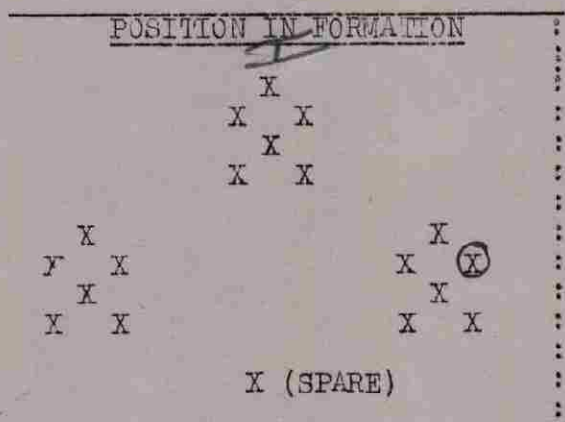
CASUALTIES _____

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

FLAK : one burst

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Bombing good to excellent -
3 flights seen to hit in target area.



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PILOT LURNER A/C# 232 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : 29 x 150 lb primary

		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Denner reported lots of smoke + flame in top area - smoke to S, and fl -

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 (SPARE)
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PILOT DRUM A/C# 233 BOX I FLT _____

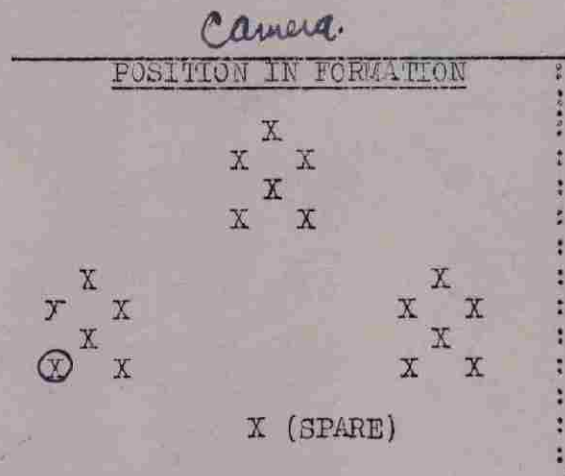
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20 X 150</u> ON <u>Tgt</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : bombs in woods
7-8' after Tgt lot of activity on Dam.



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INTER. FORM

PILOT STANKOWSKI A/C# 334 BOX I FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>21</u> X <u>150</u> ON <u>P</u>			BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	<u>"A"</u>	:	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:	:	:	:	:

FLAK : nil

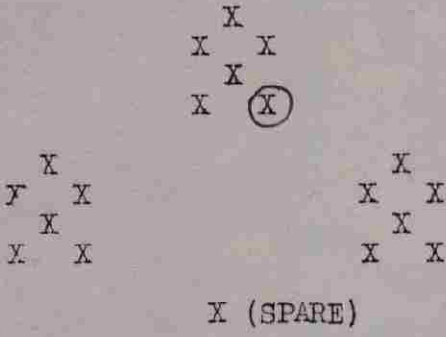
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Explosions - lots from previous bomb
hits in woods.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT HARRIS A/C# 305 BOX I FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20 X 150</u> ON <u>P</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>hole</u>		

FLAK : heard one burst.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

lots of smoke - hits across woods

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 (SPARE)
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INTERFORM

CASUALTIES-

FLAK 5

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Prior to 10 (5) a large dam, with a
train heading East & of the dam.
Bomb bay doors would not open in
time to bomb primary
pulled out of formation at over
made a circle and then dropped bombs at 1002
~~Reinhardt~~ J 641527 8300
Reinhardt

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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$$\begin{array}{r} 180 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 360 \\ 19 \\ \hline 379 \end{array}$$

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INTERFORM

PILOT HACHLEY A/C# 263 BOX I FLIP _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>20 X 150</u> ON <u>P</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nie</u>		

FLAK : 1 Burst - (105 etc) at B. area

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nie

OBSERVATIONS :

M/Y near RP - 4 engines with steam - lots of cars. Train moving into yards. on left going in & we crossed it on our way out.

Balloon barrage & smoke at Lakes at 1 P. between there & target.

lot of balloons (50) Flames & smoke at

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

(X) (SPARE) →

target area -

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INFRAR. FORM

CASUALTIES

FLAK : 1 Burst - below - accurate,
at tgt - just above tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

TOT - 0955 1/2

alt. 9,300

as - 210

- 25°

-25°
 photo ~~not~~ to left (w) 76 P. very good.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT STANLEY A/C# 508 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : <u>20 X 150</u> ON <u>Primary</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK : one burst at tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Tgt obscured by smoke believed to have hit 300 ft left of A/P

Bomb 9,100

Head 23°

T.O.T. 0957

Convoy 0932 between 60 & 33- vehicles heading into Germany

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	
	X	
X	X	
X		(X)
X	X	X
	X	
X	X	X
	X (SPARE)	

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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT FERRIS A/C# 528 BOX I FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u>	<u>X/50</u>	ON	<u>RT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>		RETURNED		"A"		"A-C"		"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			<u>nil</u>			

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

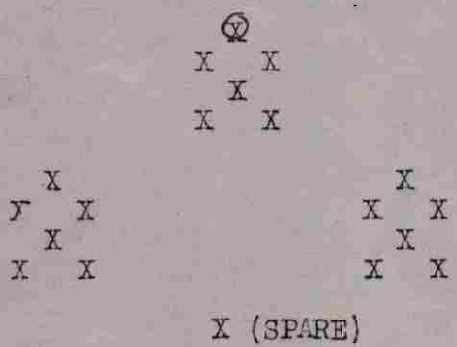
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OBSERVATIONS :

Bombed vertically by flts. on 1st run. This fl bombed into smoke of previous groups - estimating briefed ~~fl~~ about 0900 hrs
Called FGC - Sweepstakes said we were 3 mins late - (Parade week in Germany) Fighters were ~~not~~ late.

TOT ~~455~~ 0955
alt 9500
IAS 210
acc 20°

POSITION IN FORMATION



Luna

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INTERFORM

PILOT HENSON A/C# 286 BOX I FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>2</u> <u>1</u> X <u>150</u> ON <u>PH</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK :

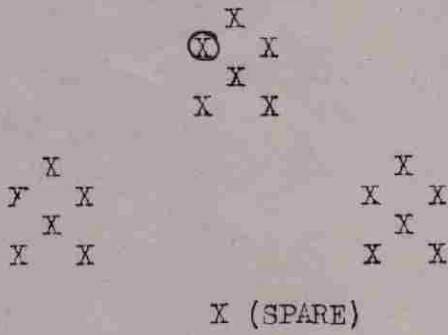
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs hit fuel area.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERVIEW FORM

PILOT LACKNER A/C# 352 BOX I FLE _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20 X 150</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 1 burst + target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

artillery fire near bomb line

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
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 X (SPARE)

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CASUALTIES

FLAK 5

OBSERVATIONS *

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT EVARTS A/C# 264 BOX I ELP _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>150</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Believed one or more bombs exploded about 500 ft from ship. Saw bombs hit on edge of target.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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X X X
X X X
X (X)

X (SPARE)

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PILOT HALE A/C# 325 BOX I FILE _____

CASUALTIES _____

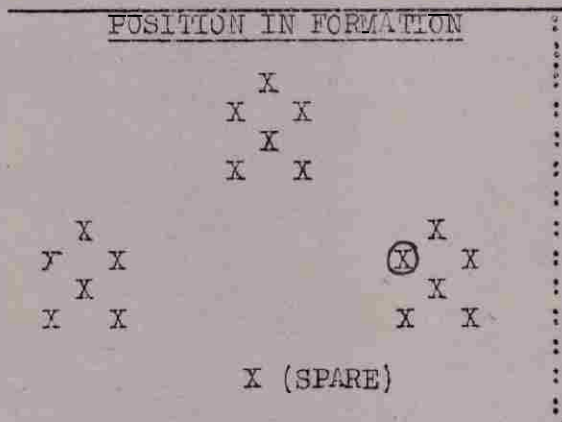
BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>150</u> ON <u>PT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS :

*Bombs 3 bursts of flock at target
flock hit falling bomb causing some
to explode. Bombs hit in target
area*



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BATTLE DAMAGE

21E 97

JETTISONED

FLAK : one burst on boat run -
2 very inacc. (low)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

fine

OBSERVATIONS :

Black smoke + hot fire in top.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X
X X
X (X) X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT BARAUSKY A/C# 469 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>19</u> X	ON <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
	X	JETTISONED				

FLAK : 

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :  P-47 encnt.

OBSERVATIONS : hit to left of P.P. covering
circle in woods - lot of small exp.
fast in turn at I.P.
In main antiaircraft traffic N -
about 8 trucks
smoke off to rt. and way out.

TOT - 0956
A/T - 9,100
IAS - 210 MPH
M.H. - 032°

POSITION IN FORMATION

X			
X	⊗		
X			
X	X		

X		X	
X	X	X	X
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X	X	X	X

X (SPARE)

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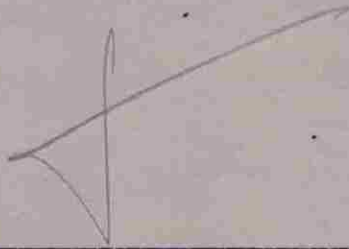
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PILOT WEINERT A/C# 314 BOX II FLT _____

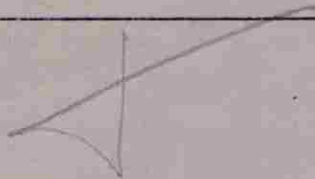
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u> X	ON <u>PT.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :



OBSERVATIONS :

hits in woods - lots of fire

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT MILHORN A/C# 356 BOX II FLT _____

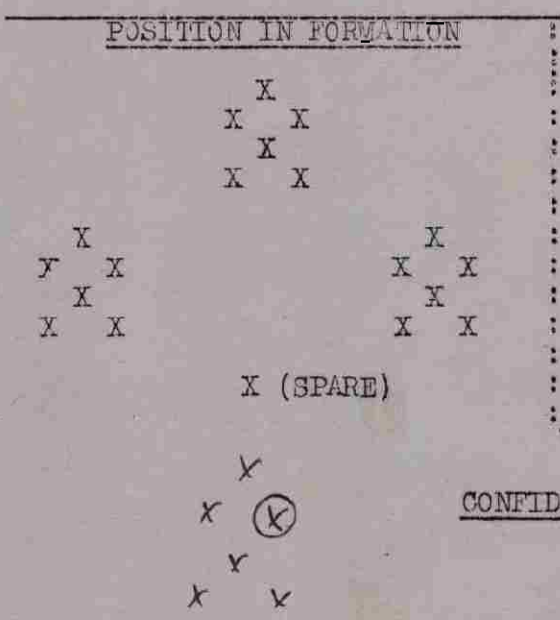
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u> X	ON <u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : one burst - 1/2 mi. ahead on B.P.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : [Signature] P-47's

OBSERVATIONS : exp. & burning when reached
Target, lots of flames.
trucks on 11 lane highway - 5 of them, one
st. apart pulled off rd. (bridge standing
just after trucks - on course on turn off).



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BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
X	RETURNED					
X	JETTISONED					

FLAK: The burst on B.P. - KH/1
way ahead.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

ERS :  P-475

OBSERVATIONS : his flames from center of unopened
bud of little flowers.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT WINN A/O# 249 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20 X 150</u>	ON <u>P</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>			

FLAK : 1 Burst. at tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

the rem.
hit in woods across
road abt at 4 P.
flight ahead
caused flame & explosion

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT FERO A/C# 492 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20 X 150</u> ON <u>4</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : 1 Burst - 105 at tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

Good results - 2 fires on one left tgt.
TOT - 0956.
alt - 8250
- 23°
210

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 X X
 X
 X X

 X X
X X X
 X X
X X X

 X (SPARE)

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PILOT SHELEY A/C# 223 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>20</u>	<u>X</u> <u>150</u> ON <u>P</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u> RETURNED			
	<u>X</u> JETTISONED	<u>Nil</u>		

FLAK : None seen

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Bomb hits across road. No fires from this flight in woods.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
(X) X

X X X
X X X
X X X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT BREWSTER A/C# 501 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>150</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>	

FLAK :

nil

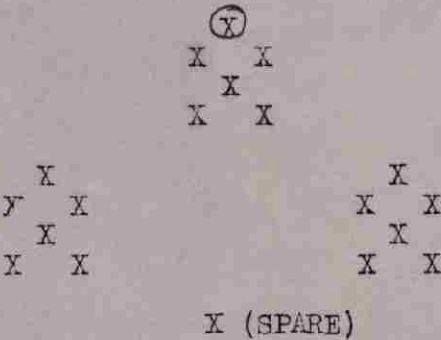
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

TOT 0955
alt 9000
IAS 210
afw 220

Bombed into smoke of previous bombing.
(B/1) on ground - looked like whole - 30 mis west of Xobbing
BB - below 8500 ft from wooded area vicinity of SA ALBURG in area of IP. Clearing in wooded area - white house in center.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT SINGLE TARY A/C# 398 BOX II FLT

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : 21 X 150 ON P

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED"A""A-C""E"X JETTISONEDNoneFLAK : 1 burst (155) abt 1 min from Bombs away
accurate.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

hole yellow panels on trucks
along highways in area.13 barrage balloons around
dam & lake between
IP & target. - Barges
with balloons on themMy with 12 trucks
filled with cars.
Between RP & tgt.
233° - 5 min from
tgt. Very busy.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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

X (SPARE)

Our bombs hit
a tank - flames up to
4000 - smoke seen for
25 miles away.

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MBBwith last flight as #4.
Made 2d run to get more
photos. Should be good.

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PILOT BISHOP A/C# 205 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>20</u> X <u>150</u>	ON <u>P</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

~~10 miles~~
10 miles from D/L a liaison p/c observed
on ground.

bombs ~~in~~ in a part of woods

0945 3 bridges intact over river with lot of activity

0945 a town, separated by a river with a M/Y on east with
activity and 2 boats with steam up

5' after bombs away a good sized town with a large
M/Y in fair shape with activity observed.

all bridges in the area ~~in~~ seem to be
in good condition and lots of
activity

POSITION IN FORMATION

	X	
X	X	
	(X)	
X	X	
X		X
X		X
X		X
	X (SPARE)	

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PILOT LACKOWICH A/C# 497 BOX II FLTCASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : <u>20 X 150</u> ON <u>Primary</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : one burst on bomb run - NE of tgt.ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nilOBSERVATIONS : Bomb then smoke with excellent results -8 barage balloons at 2000 ft. over T.P. at about 4000 ft.T.O.T. 0957Alt. 8000head 028°A/S 210P-47 dive bombing air strip 8 miles of West of tgt.POSITION INFORMATION

	X	
X	X	
	X	
X	X	
X		(X)
X	X	X
X	X	X
X	X	X
	X (SPARE)	

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PILOT SIMPSON A/C# 250 BOX II FLT

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED		nil	

FLAK : 1 burst over target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

white ~~Mark~~
14 BB below 8500 ft in bend of river just before turning on I.P.

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

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

X (SPARE)

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X
X X
X
(X) X

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PILOT TUTT A/C# 499 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

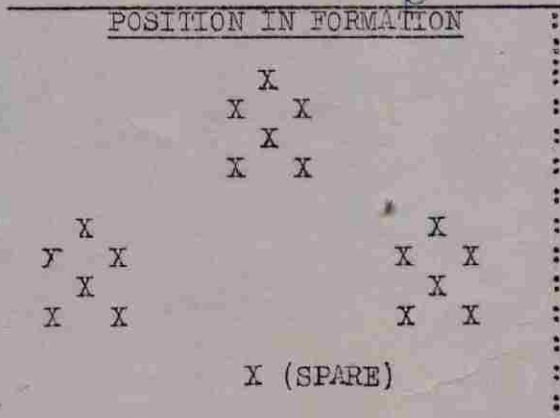
BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>150</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
_____ X _____	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
_____ X _____	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>	

FLAK : 1 burst at target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS : Oil tanks hit

TOT 1058^{1/2}
alt. 8000
drift 20°
IAS 210
GS 216



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CASUALTIES

BOMES :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
20 X 150	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

OBSERVATIONS : RR activity near I.P.
TOT 0955
alt 8750

POSITION IN FORMATION

X (SPARE)

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PILOT SMITH A/C# 229 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>150</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : nil

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

X

X X

X

X X

X X

X X

X X

(X) (SPARE)

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PILOT MUSGROVE A/C# 330 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>1</u> <u>10</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Black smoke after bombing.

POSITION IN FORMATION

 X
 ⊗ X
 X
 X X

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 X X X X
 X X
 X X X X

 X (SPARE)

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PILOT WRIGHT A/C# 297 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u>	X	<u>150</u>	ON	<u>PI</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
		X		RETURNED		"A"	"A-C"	"E"	
		X		JETTISONED					

FLAK : Big-burst of greyish red smoke
at Altitude between I. P + Tgt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : Bomber landed in tgt. and
started his fire-

No german traffic-

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X X
X X
X X

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT WITHINGTON A/C# 313 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

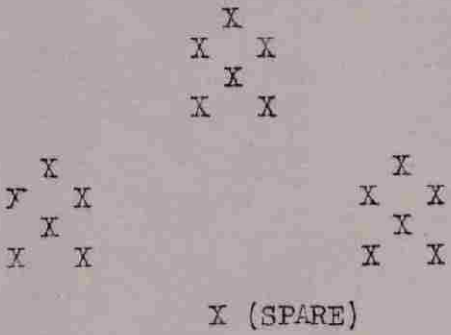
BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>1.50</u> ON <u>Germany</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 1 burst of flak, between I.P. & tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs on tgt - lot of fire

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT BOERNER A/C# 212 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>150</u> ON <u>PIT</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE <u>X</u>		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs went in to Smoke

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POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X X
X (X)

X X X
X X X
X X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT ALLEN A/C# 252 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>180</u> ON		BATTLE DAMAGE <u>X</u>		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs went into Edge of woods -
Vehicles aroundtgt are - 2 or 3 -
moving, East ~~not~~ rapidly -

POSITION IN FORMATION

X
X X
X
X X

X
F X
X (X)
X X

X
X X
X X
X X

X (SPARE)

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PILOT PRICE A/C# 328 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>20</u> X <u>150</u>	ON <u>P.T.</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE			
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>	
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

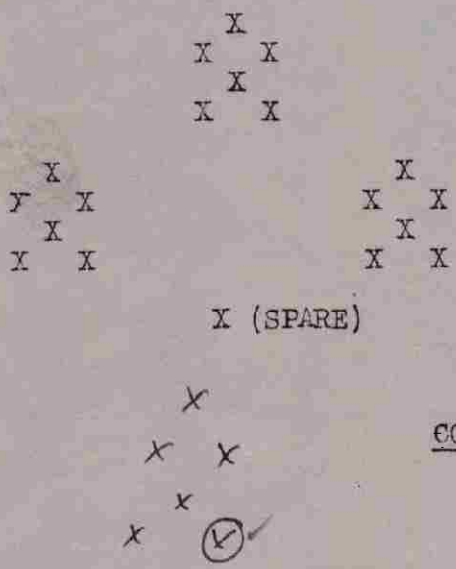
FLAK : 1 - Burst Between I.P + Tgt, —

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : Barroge Balloons to left of I.P. 10 to 15 — at turn on Tgt. Lost sight of Bombs in smoke, big fire in Tgt area —

POSITION IN FORMATION



X (SPARE)

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PILOT HARPER A/C# 271 BOX II FLT _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>20</u> X <u>150W</u> ON <u>P.T.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE <u>X</u>		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

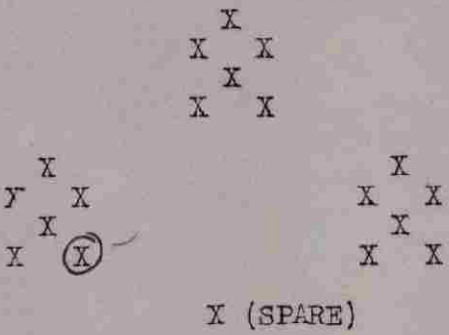
FLAK : X

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X

OBSERVATIONS : Bombs went into forest, but didn't start any fires, 2 fires were already there.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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BATTLE DAMAGE

"A" "A-C" "E"

mit

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P-51's dive bombing after
we turned off target.

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$$\begin{array}{cc} & X \\ Y & \\ & X \end{array} \quad \textcircled{X}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ X & & X \\ & X & \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

X (SPARE)

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PILOT GARY A/C# 360 BOX II FLT

CASUALTIES

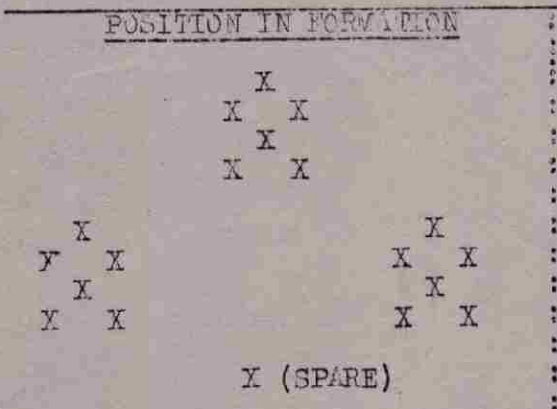
BOMBS :	<u>20</u> X <u>150</u>	ON	<u>PT</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED		<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : 1 burst (bigger than 58) at target

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

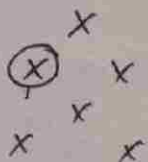
OBSERVATIONS :

Saw bombs hit in target followed by large explosion - target covered by heavy smoke.



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416 TP	9th B.D. (M) WING 9761	B
GROUP	DATE 8 April 1945	Munichen - Bernsdorf
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		RR siding and oil Storage Tanks.
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Munichen - Bernsdorf RR siding and oil Storage Tanks. PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.T.I. 7 points in target area.

A.P.

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 44 A-26's OF A/C ATTACKING 43

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,3,2,4,6,5,7

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 859x150 GP USING 1/100 Nose only.

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED Box I Flt A - 20 deg. 0955

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED Box II Flt A - 22 0956

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET Box III Flt A - 20 0958

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I Flt A - NAO - UNDET: Due to heavy smoke covering target area bombardier was unable to see DMPI. Estimated target area and released. Bombs fell into smoke with undetermined results.

Flt B - NAO - UNDET: Same as Flt A.

Flt C - NAO - UNDET: Due to heavy smoke covering target bombardier was unable to see DMPI. Estimated target area and released. Bombs fell into smoke causing violent explosions and fires.

Box II Flt A - NAO - UNDET: Same as Flt A Box I.

(VISUAL) Flt B - NAO - Due to heavy smoke over target bombardier could not see his DMPI. Approximated target area and released. Bombs fell in wooded area 2100 ft N of target in a long pattern.

Flt C - AMPI - EXCEL: Due to similarity of terrain and smoke in target area bombardier misidentified target. Bombs hit in good pattern in fields and on edge of woods 650 ft NW of AMPI and 4½ miles SW of target (Map R6 Coord. 907474)

Box III Flt A - NAO - Due to heavy smoke covering target bombardier was unable to see DMPI. Estimated target area and released. Bombs fell in elongated pattern across roads and in wooded area 1100 ft NE of target.

CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Intelligence Officer.

Form No. 1084-4 Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OTHER UNITS: TARGET :	IX BC 97TH WING	416TH
:	DATE	GROUP
:	ATTACKING UNITS	
:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY
 _____ SECONDARY
 _____ CASUAL

M.P.I. _____
 A.P. _____

B. TARGET ATTACKED _____ MILES FROM PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

C. COORDINATES _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ A-20's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

E. BOMBING BY _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL
	FUSING	NOSE	TAIL

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____ DEGREES MAG.

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET: _____

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING: _____

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416TH BOMB GROUPMISSION OF 8 APRIL 1945TO MUNCHEN-BERNSDORF

	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX I			
Flt. A	<u>Maj. C.H. Ferrie (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Target completely obscured by smoke. Unable to locate D.M.P.I. due to smoke.
	<u>Lt. F.G. Royalty (B)</u>		
	<u>Lt. H.G. McNutt (N)</u>		
Flt. B	<u>Capt. C.S. Stanley (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I Flt. A.
	<u>F/O J.H. Blount (B)</u>		
Flt. C	<u>Lt. P.E. Parker (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I Flt. A.
	<u>Lt. R.E. Shaft (B)</u>		
BOX II			
Flt. A	<u>Lt. F.S. Brewster (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I Flt. A.
	<u>Lt. L.W. Dennis (B)</u>		
	<u>F/O F.J. Genley (N)</u>		
Flt. B	<u>Lt. J.J. Lackovich (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I, Flt. A.
	<u>Lt. R.C. Muir (B)</u>		
Flt. C	<u>Lt. C.S. Jordan (P)</u>	<u>A.N.P.I. EXCEL</u>	Bombardier misidentified target because of heavy smoke in target area.
	<u>Lt. R.F. Mulgrew (B)</u>		
	<u>Lt. D.L. Moore (N)</u>		
BOX III			
Flt. A	<u>Capt. R.J. Tutt (P)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	Same as Box I, Flt. A.
	<u>Lt. L.A. Orr (B)</u>		

All flights made only one bomb run.

OTTO R. KOCH
2ND LT. AIR CORPS
ASST. GROUP BOMBARDIER

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

CAMERAS INSTALLED 16 GROUP 416th. Bomb Gr. (L)
CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING 16 100 % WING 97th. G.D.
CAMERA FAILURES 0 0 % DATE 8 April 45
PERSONNEL FAILURES 0 0 %
OTHERS 0

236 232 TARGET MUNICHEN HERESDORF
325 321 ALTITUDE 8500 FEET
233 264 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
GROUND SPEED 216 MPH

330 223 TARGET MUNICHEN HERESDORF
314 252 ALTITUDE 7500 FEET
271 297 300 TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
GROUND SPEED 216 MPH

356 313 TARGET MUNICHEN HERESDORF
350 ALTITUDE 7000 FEET
TRUE AIR SPEED 210 MPH
GROUND SPEED 216 MPH

STRIKE ATTACK CAMERAS:							
: BOX :	A/C :	CAM. :	F.L. :	INT. :	PRINTED :	UNPRINT :	EXPLANATION
: NO. :	NO. :	TYPE :	:	:	SORTIES :	SORTIES :	:
1	286	K-24	7	0	929		
1	232	"	6 5/8	0			Duplicate coverage
1	325	"	7	0			" "
1	321	"	6 3/8	0			" "
1	264	"	5	0	928		
1	233	"	7	0			" "
2	330	"	6 5/8	0			" "
2	223	"	7	0			" "
2	300	"	7	0	928		" "
2	297	"	7	0			" "
2	314	"	7	0	925		" "
2	252	"	6 3/8	0			" "
2	271	"	7	0			" "
3	356	"	6 3/8	0			" "
3	313	"	5	0			" "
3	250	"	7	0	927		

K-20 CAMERAS

Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____
Sortie No. _____ Cameraman _____ Reason Failure _____

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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT 9TH BD / SA 1248

- (A) TARGET: MUNCHEN BERNSDORF OIL STORAGE DEPOT
4416/R6 - WJ/940541
- (B) SORTIE: US 416/925 THRU 928
- (C) DATE: 8 APR 45 TIME: 0955 - 0958 B
- (D) ATTACKING A/C: 43 A-26's BY 6's
- (E) BOMBS: 859/150 GP 1/100 N ONLY.
- (F) COVER: PRINTS OF FAIR QUALITY COVERED TARGET PARTIALLY
OBSCURED BY SMOKE.
- (G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: OF SEVEN FLTS BOMBING, BURSTS
OF THREE WERE SEEN IN WOODS N AND NW OF TARGET;
BOMBS FROM II-C STRUCK IN WOODS AT APPROXIMATELY
WJ/9047; AND HITS FROM I-A AND B AND II-A WERE
INDETERMINATE.
SMOKE FROM 410 GROUP'S BOMBING PREVENTS ANY
STATEMENT OF DAMAGE.

(I) ANNOTATED PRINT: 5013

SORTIE: US 416/926

NOTE: RECTANGLE
ENCLOSES BOMB
PATTERN AREA.

DISTRIBUTION: S/A

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DET "C" 20TH PID
AT HQ. 9TH B.D.





Camera

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
I		8 APRIL 46				FERRIS	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fell to Bomb	ATT	Bomb	Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Pas No.	Reason	F	S	O	T	S	J	F
1	528				20			
2	564				20			
3	286				20			
4	232				20			
5	334				20			
6	9315				20			
1	598				20			
2	310				20			
3	325				20			
4	321				20			
5	274				20			
6	352				20			
1	484				20			
2	640				20			
3	188				20			
4	305				20			
5	264				20			
6	233				20			
S	263				20			
	398				20			

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528	FERRIS	286	564	HENSON	CHITTY	232	TURNER	9315	334	CURTIS	STANKOWSKI	484	PARKER	508	STANLEY	188	640	325	310	MCCRENT	LABETER	HALE	CANNON	305	HARRIS	321	COLQUITT	233	264	372	274	DRUM	EVARTS	LOCKNER	PRUCHA	SPARE	263	HOCKLEY	CAMERA	398	SINGLETONARY
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TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20C's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns)
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____
 Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ {cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ {cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	X	_____
Bombs on Secondary	X	_____
Bombs on Other	X	_____
Bombs Returned	X	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	X	_____ Where _____
(Obtained from Recaps)		

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

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Box #	Cpsm	Date	F/O	Target	Alt	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II		8 April 45				BREWSTER	TOT L/D	
A/C	Mail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/O Dam	E/A	Pers.		
1	501		30					501 BREWSTER
2	469		30					330 469 MUSKOVICH BARNES
3	330		30					205 BISHOP
4	205		30					223 212 SHELEY BOERNER
5	212		30					
6	223		30					
1	497		30					409 JORDAN 497 LACKOVICH
2	492		30					
3	249		30					
4	239		30					
5	300		30					
6	297		30					314 244 WINN 492 FERO
1	609		30					
2	244		30					252 271 239 SEARS
3	314		30					
4	252		30					312 271 297 300 HOULEY HOPPER WRIGHT GREENBER
5	271		30					
6	362		30					
5	229		30					379 340 120 239 SPARE 229 SMITH

43
230
860

379
380
719

875

TOTALS FOR MISSION

B.

- (2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 A-20G's _____ A-20J's (obtained from Opns) _____
- (3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 Recall due to weather _____
 Personnel _____
 Mechanical _____
 Other Reasons _____
- (4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 Primary. _____
 Secondary. _____
 Other. _____
 (Obtained from recaps.)

C.

- (1) Time up _____
 T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
 Time Down _____

D.

- (1) No. a/c _____ Missing _____
 Destroyed _____
 Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 Damaged _____ (cat. A)
- (3) No. Crew _____ Killed _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
 (Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	_____	_____
Bombs on Secondary	_____	_____
Bombs on Other	_____	_____
Bombs Returned	_____	_____
Bombs Jettisoned	_____	_____
(Obtained from Recaps)		Where _____

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

Box #	OpSTI	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
III		8 April 45				Brookfield TUTT	TOT L/D	
A/C	Tell to Bomb	ATT	3000 lisp		A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.	
Mo.	Doeson	P	E	O	T	S	J	T
1	499							
2	356							
3	360							
4	313							
5	328							
6	250							
Cancel	398							

120

499
TUTT
360 312
GRAY MILHORN
313
WITHINGTON
250 328
SIMPSON PRICE

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(2) No. a/c off by type: _____
 _____ A-20G's _____ A-20F's (obtained from Opns)

(3) No. of a/c failing to bomb _____ explain each failure.
 _____ Recall due to weather _____
 _____ Personnel _____
 _____ Mechanical _____
 _____ Other Reasons _____

(4) No. a/c bombing. _____
 _____ Primary.
 _____ Secondary.
 _____ Other.
 (Obtained from recaps.)

(1) Time up _____
T.O.T. _____ (Obtained from Tower).
Time Down _____

(1) No. a/c _____ Missing _____
 _____ Destroyed _____
 _____ Damaged _____ (cat. B/C)
 _____ Damaged _____ (cat. A)

(3) No. Crew _____ Filled _____ Wounded _____ Missing _____
(Obtained from Recaps).

E. Results of Bombing. (Obtained from Group Bombardier).

	No.	Type	
I. Bombs on Primary	X		
Bombs on Secondary	X		
Bombs on Other	X		
Bombs Returned	X		
Bombs Jettisoned	X		Where
(Obtained from Recaps)			

(The NCO in charge should fill this out immediately finishing taking the recaps and hand to the Officer making up the Ops Report).

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FROM COBOMGR 416 08/1300B
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

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CONFIDENTIAL 416BG P-123-J

A - YS - 89
B - 8 APRIL 1945 (0747-1120)
C - W-WILLIAM AND T-TARE REPORTED COMPLETION OF OPS TO PARADE.
D - T-TARE CONTACTED SWEEPSTAKES HXENX UPON ENTERING TACTICAL AREA.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

WYLESNORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 08/1300B
FSS AB

ITA R.....08/1317B CJD AB

HEA R.....08 /1317B DJP A

TO: CG, 9th Bombardment Division, Att: A-2
CG, 97th Combat Wing, Att: A-2

From: 416th Bomb. Gp.

Opflash for 8 April 1945. Morning mission.
Operational priority. Secret.

A. 416th Bomb. Gp.

B. ~~44 A-26's~~ MUNICH-BERNSDORF RR SIDINGS AND OIL
STORAGE TANKS (WJ-940541)

C. 44 A-26's

D. 43 A-26's ATTACKED PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS
1 A-26 ATTACKED CASUAL REINSTADT (J 641527)
~~1 A-26 FAILED TO BOMB~~ AFTER BOMBAY DOORS FAILED
TO OPEN IN TIME TO
BOMB PRIMARY.
E. ~~860 X 150 LB G.P. ON PRIM~~

E. 1 A-26 failed to bomb due to claimed mechanical
malfunction of bomb-release mechanism.
Cause as yet undetermined.

F. 8 ~~40~~ X 150 LB GP on primary
20 X 150 LB GP on casual (J 641527)
20 X 150 LB GP returned

G. Results unobserved due to smoke and
flames caused by earlier bombing. All
flights bombed into smoke at primary target.

H. 1 A-26 damaged by explosion of 1 X 150 LB G.P. under
flight immediately after release of bombs
over primary. Damage Cat. A.

I. nil

J. nil

K. nil

L. Bot I: - Flight A - 9500
 Flight B - 9100
 Flight C - 9300
 Bot II Flight A - 9000
 Flight B - 8500
 Flight C - 8750
 Flight D - 80000
 M. Bot I - Flight A - 0955
 Flight B - 0957
 Flight C - 0955 1/2
 ~~Flight D~~
 Bot II Flight A - 0955
 Flight B - 0957
 Flight C - 0955
 Flight D - 0958 1/2

X. Formation leader called Sweepstakes at 0900 to advise ~~that~~ Sweepstakes that formation would be three minutes late at fighter rendezvous.

Y. Balloon barrage observed AT LOW altitude over white building in clearing ⁱⁿ woods near lake in vicinity of SAALBURG
(J835 191)

M/Y, bridges and roads in vicinity of LOBENSTEIN (J ⁷⁷¹¹²⁵ ~~790120~~) very active.

OPSFLASH REPORT

TO: CG 9th Bombardment Division Attn: A-2
CG 97th Combat Wing Attn: A-2

From: 416th Bombardment Grp. (L)

Opsflash for 8 April 1946, morning mission.

Operation priority Secret.

- A. 416th Bombardment Grp. (L).
- B. Munchen-Bernsdorf RR sidings and oil storage tanks (WJ-940541).
- C. 44 A-26's.
- D. 42 A-26's attacked primary visually by flights.
1 A-26 attacked casual, reinstadt ~~XXXXXX~~ (J-641527)
- E. after bombay doors failed to open in time to bomb primary
1 A-26 failed to bomb due to claimed mechanical malfunction of
bomb release mechanism cause as yet undetermined.
- F. 839 X 150 Gps on primary
20 X 150 Gps on casual (J-641527)
20 X 150 Gps returned.
- G. Results unobserved due to smoke and flames caused by earlier ~~bomb~~
bombing. All flights bombed into smoke at primary target.
- H. 1 A-26 damaged by explosion of 1 X 150 gp under flight
immediately after release of bombs over primary, ~~of~~
damaged Cat. A.
- I. Nil.
- J. Nil.
- K. Nil.
- L. Box I flt. A-9500
flt. B-9100
flt. C-9300
Box II flt. A-9000
flt. B-8500
flt. C-8750
flt. D-8000

M. Box I flt. A-0955
 flt. B-0957
 flt. C-0955 $\frac{1}{2}$

Box II flt. A-0955
 flt. B-0957
 flt. C-0955
 flt. D-0958 $\frac{1}{2}$

X. Formation leader called Sweepstakes at 0900 to advise
 Sweepstakes that formation would be ~~late~~ 3 minutes late at
~~target~~. ~~127777~~ fighter rendezvous

Y. Balloon barrage observed at low altitude over white building
 in clearing in woods near lake in vicinity of Saalburg
 (J-835191)

M/Y, bridges and roads in vicinity of Lobenstein (J-771125)
 very active

A- 44

B. 42 primary

1 casual Reinhardt (J 641 527)

C. Primary 63
 casual $1\frac{1}{2}$

D. Gallina

E ~~and~~ F G nil

H 1 Cat A

I nil

J nil

K

1335

839	
150	150
41950	20
839	3000
125850	
110000	
15850	
40000	
1850	

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FROM 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 08/1348B

TO CG 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATTN: A-2

CG 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2

BT

SECRET 416BG P-124-D

OPSFLASH FOR 8 APRIL 1945, MORNING MISSION

- A. 416TH BOMBARDMENT GRP. KY (L)
- B. MUNCHEN-BERNSDORF RR SIDINGS AND OIL STORAGE TANKS (WJ-940541)
- C. 44 A-26'S
- D. 42 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY VISUALLY BY FLIGHTS
 - 1 A-26 ATTACKED CASUAL. REINSTADT (J-641527)
 - AFTER BOMBAY DOORS FAILED TO OPEN IN TIME TO BOMB PRIMARY
- E. 1A-26 FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO CLAIMED MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION OF BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM, CAUSE AS YET UNDETERMINED
- F. 839 X 150 GPS ON PRIMARY
 - 20 X 150 GPS ON CASUAL (J-641527)
 - 20 X 150 GPS RETURNED
- G. ~~RESEK~~ RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE TO SMOKE AND FLAMES CAUSED BY EARLIER BOMBING. ALL FLIGHTS BOMBED INTO SMOKE AT PRIMARY TARGET.
- H. 1 A-26 DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION OF 1 X 150 GP UNDER FLIGHT IMMEDIATELY AFTER RELEASE OF BOMES OVER PRIMARY, DAMAGED CAT. A
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. BOX I FLT. A-9500
 - FLT. B-9100
 - FLT. C-9300
- BOX II FLT. A-9000
 - FLT. B-8500
 - FLT. C-8750
 - FLT. D-8000
- M. BOX I FLT. A-0955
 - FLT. B-0957
 - FLT. C-0955 1/2
- BOX II FLT. A-0955
 - FLT. B-0957
 - FLT. C-0955
 - FLT. D-0958 1/2
- X. FORMATION LEADER CALLED SWEEPSTAKES AT 0900 TO ADVISE SWEEPSTAKES THAT FORMATION WOULD BE 3 MINUTES LATE AT FIGHTER RENDZVOUS
- Y. BALLOON BARRAGE OBSERVED AT LOW ALTITUDE OVER WHITE BUILDING IN CLEARING IN WOODS NEAR LAKE IN VICINITY OF SAALBURG (J-835191) M/Y, BRIDGES AND ROADS IN VICINITY OF LOBENSTEIN (J-771125) VERY ACTIVE

CAPT LURIA

BT 08/1348B

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JEA R.....;;/1418B

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JEA ITA V JKI JKI 12/ OP OP
 FROM HQ, 416TH BOMB GP (L) S-2 PI 08/1930B
 TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIV (M) ATT: A-2 PI
 HQ, 97TH WING (L) ATT: DUTY OFFICER
 BT
 SECRET 416TH BG P-130-D
 8 APRIL 1945

B. MUNCHEN - BERNSDORF RR SIDING AND OIL STORAGE TANKS.

G. 0955 - 0958

J. BOX I FLT A - NAO - UNDET: DUE TO HEAVY SMOKE COVERING TARGET
 (VISUAL) BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE DMPI. ESTIMATED
 TARGET, RELEASED AND BOMBS FELL INTO SMOKE
 WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

FLT B - NAO - UNDET: SAME AS FLT A.

FLT C - NAO - UNDET: SAME AS FLT A WITH BOMBS CAUSING
 VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES.

BOX II FLT A - NAO - UNDET: SAME AS FLT A BOX I.

(VISUAL) FLT B - NAO - SAME AS FLT A BOX I WITH BOMBS HITTING
 IN WOODED AREA 2100 FT N OF TARGET IN A LONG
 PATTERN.

FLT C - AMPI - EXCEL: DUE TO SIMILARITY OF TERRAIN AND
 SMOKE IN TARGET AREA BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED
 TARGET. BOMBS HIT IN GOOD PATTERN IN FIELDS AND
 ON EDGE OF WOODS 650 FT NW OF AMPI AND 4 1/2
 MILES SW OF TARGET. (MAP R6 COORD. 907474)

BOX III FLT A - NAO - SAME AS FLT A BOX I WITH BOMBS IN ELONGATED
 (VISUAL) PATTERN ACROSS ROADS AND IN WOODED AREA
 1100 FT NE OF TARGET.

K. NIL

M. A) 16 100 PER CENT

B) 0 0

C) 0 0

N. 50 HITS ON OIL STORAGE DEPOT CAUSING VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS AND LARGE
 FIRES.
 17 HITS ON ROADS CUTTING THEM.

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

AUTH: CO Sta
A-69
DATE: 9 April 1945.
INIT: _____

9 April 1945.

SUBJECT: A-26 OPRT No. 8 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 April 1945.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), AFO 140, U. S. Army. Attn: Statistical Control Officer.

I

Mission No. 262, 97th Combat Wing Field Order No. 242-849.

1. Operational Factors:

Place of take-off Station A-69 Place of Landing Station A-69
Take-off time 0741 type mission Bombing T.O.T. 0754-0349
Targets Ranchon-Bernardot H/A (primary) Possneck (secondary)
Landing time 1159 Oper. hours (a) 179:30 Oper. hours (b) 4:00
Weather Clear over target area.

2. Effort:

Dispatched 44 A-26's Sorties 44 Effective sorties 43
A/C expending bombs 43 Non-effective sorties 1
failed to release bombs due to faulty tube in interlockster (mechanical).

A/C returning early None

3. Bombs carried into air: 979 x 150 lb GP 1/100 H only.

Expended <u>979 x 150 lb GP</u>	fused <u>1/100</u>	N	—	T Alt. <u>5000 - 9500</u>
target <u>Ranchon-Bernardot H/A</u>	results <u>all five under except flt 3 box 2, 4th.</u>			
Expended <u>20 x 150 lb GP</u>	fused <u>1/100</u>	N	—	T Alt. <u>5500</u>
target <u>causal (J-641577)</u>	results <u>Unknown</u>			
Expended _____	fused _____	N		T Alt. _____
target _____	results _____			

4. Ammunition carried: 82,400 x 50 cal.

Ammunition expended: 1100 x 50cal. (wasting)

5. None.

6. Flak encountered: None

Location _____ amount _____ accuracy _____ type _____

7. Enemy a/c encountered: None

a. type and model of a/c _____
b. individual air claims _____
c. individual ground claims _____

8. Claims against miscellaneous ground targets: None9. U. S. Aircraft casualties: None

Destroyed _____ Missing None
Damaged 1 aircraft damaged by explosion of 1 x 150 lb GP under flight
immediately after release of bombs over primary.

10. U. S. Personnel casualties: None.

No. _____ type _____ cause _____

11. Remarks: None.

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1. Effort:

Dispatched _____ Sorties _____ Effective Sorties _____
 Non-effective sorties _____

2. Bombs carried into air: 500 x 150 lb GPs fused 1/100 N T
 _____ fused _____ N T
 _____ fused _____ N T
 _____ fused _____ N T

Expended on operations: 500 x 150 lb GPs fused 1/100 N T
 _____ fused _____ N T
 _____ fused _____ N T
 _____ fused _____ N T

Jettisoned : _____

Lost or wrecked a/c : _____

Returned : 500 x 150 lb GPs

3. Ammunition expended : 1100 x 50 cal. (training)

Ammunition lost on : _____
 wrecked or missing a/c _____

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Lieutenant.

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Mission # 262--8 April '45 (AM)

The first mission attempted in several days, mostly because of the distance of suitable targets from the base, attacked the Munchen-Bernsdorf RR sidings and oil storage tanks. Bombing visually by flights of sixes, 42 planes attacked the target. One plane attacked a secondary target, at Reinstadt, when his bomb bay doors wouldn't open completely over the primary target. Crews reported violent explosions in the target area and hits on the RR siding.

Only one burst of flak was seen, and that was far ahead of the formation after the IP. One plane was damaged when one of our bombs exploded prematurely under one of the flights.

Weather over the target was extremely good, although the formation dropped down to about 9,000 feet to bombs.

No enemy planes were reported.

The two boxes were led by Major Ferris and Lt. Brewster.

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Mission *filled*
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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

AFD # 140
8 April 1945

Field Order 839

MISSION SUMMARY #103
(Morning Missions)

Section I

GROUP

TARGET

MISSION RESULTS

385 BG Munchen-Bernsdorf
 Oil Storage



Box I - Flight A - Unsat.
 Flight B - Superior
 Flight C - Excellent
Box II - Flight A - Undet.
 Flight B - Excellent
 Flight C - Unsat.

410 BG " "

Box I - Flight A - Excellent
 Flight B - Excellent
 Flight C - Superior
Box II - Flight A - Excellent
 Flight B - Excellent
 Flight C - Unsat.

413 BG " "

Box I - N.A.O.
Box II - Flight A - N.A.O.
 Flight B - N.A.O.
 Flight C - Excellent (AMPI)
Box III - Flight A - N.A.O.

409 BG " "

Box I - Flight A - Superior
 Flight B - Superior
 Flight C - Superior (AMPI)
Box II - Flight A - Excellent (AMPI)
 Flight B - Superior
 Flight C - Excellent.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Four groups attacked oil storage, recording Superior to Undetermined results.

Luncheon-Bernsdorf (Oil Storage)

386 BG: 37 A-26 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 360 x 150 GP on primary.

2 a/c failed to bomb - mechanical failures.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 7600 - 9000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of long pattern is 2 7/8 miles SSW of DMPI, falling across autobahn, and cutting same with at least six direct hits. Bombardier misidentified target.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of closely concentrated pattern is 160 feet West of DMPI, covering target area completely with smoke.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 50% of bomb bursts are within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of concentrated pattern is 1000 feet ENE of DMPI, completely covering DMPI of Box II.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Smoke obscures complete bomb pattern. However, many new bursts can be seen in smoke covering target area.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Over 50% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Split pattern is 1000 feet NNW of DMPI, with upper half of pattern falling in open field causing no apparent military damage, and southern half hitting edge of storage area with probable damage to oil tanks. Heavy smoke in target area prevents more accurate interpretation.

Flight C. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. No bursts within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of large pattern is 2500 feet SW of DMPI, falling across open fields and causing no apparent military damage.

410 BG: 41 A-20 a/c dispatched, 34 dropping 136 x 500 GP on primary. 7 a/c dropped 28 x 500 GP on briefed secondary target.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8000 - 9000 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long tight pattern centered on highway 650 feet SW of DMPI. Bursts blanketed several hundred feet of E-SW highway and extended across pump house to score possible direct hits on control and pump houses. Bursts followed by explosions on ground, starting large fires, and sending columns of smoke into the air.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 75% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Long pattern centered in woods outside target area, 900 feet SE of DMPI.

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Flight C. DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered on DMPI, blanketing pump house, and scoring direct hits and near misses to control and pump house. Bursts started more fired burning inside T/4.

Box II - Flight A. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Excellent pattern centered in smoke of bombs from previous flights, 475 feet SW of DMPI. Bursts followed by explosions on ground, with bursts walking forward to score possible direct hits and near misses to pump house.

Flight B. DMPI - EXCELLENT. 80% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Bombardier was unable to pick up DMPI at primary because of smoke and elected to bomb secondary, Pozna (J-720400). Bursts centered on and blanketed several hundred feet of highway, 795 feet N of DMPI. No photograph of secondary being available, bombardier, with only 1 to 100,000 map, used main intersection in heavily built up area as DMPI.

Flight C. DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Due to smoke over DMPI bombardier shifted his cross hairs approximately 2000 feet SW of DMPI in order to synchronize on road intersection. He then placed cross hairs into smoke on what he assumed to be the approximate location of DMPI. No bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. V-shaped pattern centered in woods and on highway 2500 feet SW of DMPI. First bursts resulted in explosions at edge of highway.

416 BG: 44 A-26 a/c dispatched, 43 dropping 859 x 150 GP on and in vicinity of primary.

1 a/c failed to bomb - mechanical failure.

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

Bombing by flights from 8000 - 9000 feet.

Box I - Flts. A, B, C.)

Box II - Flts. A, B.) N.A.O. Due to heavy smoke covering target

Box III - Flt A.) area, lead bombardiers in these flights estimated DMPI and released. Bombs of Flight C, Box I, caused violent explosions and fires. Bombs of Flight B, Box II fell in wooded area 2100 feet N of DMPI, in long pattern. Bombs of Flight A, Box III, fell in elongated pattern across roads and in wooded area 1100 feet NE of DMPI. All other bombs fell into smoke.

Box II - Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bombardier misidentified primary due to smoke in target area. Bombs fell in good pattern, in fields and on edge of woods, 650 feet NW of DMPI, and 4 1/3 miles SW of primary.

409 BG: 38 A-26 a/c dispatched, 13 dropping 259 x 150 GP on primary. 25 a/c dropped 500 x 150 GP on briefed secondary target.

No losses, damage, casualties.

Visual bombing by flights from 8000 - 9500 feet.

Box I - Flight A. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to smoke at primary, this flight attacked briefed secondary target, Schleiz (J-884277). 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 85 feet W of DMPI. Bombs blanketed intersection of a main N-S street with a secondary E-W street. Many adjacent buildings received direct hits or near misses.

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Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to smoke at primary this flight attacked briefed secondary. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 145 feet SW of DMPI. Bombs blanketed all of one very large U-shaped building and part of another similar structure. There are also direct hits or near misses to smaller buildings, and access streets in area of strikes.

Flight C. AMPI - SUPERIOR. Bombardier misidentified briefed secondary target, selecting as AMPI a road junction in town of Posznack, approximately 12.4 miles NW of Schleiz. This is 19 miles W of the bombing area and in enemy territory. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of AMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 230 feet S of AMPI. Southern edge of pattern scored direct hits on or near the road junction and the main road leading into it. Main weight of pattern is on buildings and streets N of this road.

Box II - Flight A. SAPI - EXCELLENCE. Smoke from oil fires obscured DMPI so bombardier shifted MPI approximately 650 feet SW. 90% of visible bomb pattern is within 1000 foot radius of SAPI. Center of visible pattern approximately 450 feet SW of SAPI. Pattern blankets SAPI which was the western most known tank installation, and it should have sustained some direct hits or near misses. Pattern also covers about 300 feet of the main access road to the depot.

Flight B. DMPI - SUPERIOR. Due to smoke at primary, this flight bombed briefed secondary. 100% of bombs within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 245 feet SW of DMPI. Pattern blankets a large L-shaped building and most of a street intersection W of it. Five large U-shaped buildings, hit by other flights, were blanketed again, as were other streets and buildings in area of strikes.

Flight C. DMPI - EXCELLENCE. What are apparently the last bombs to hit can be seen extending beyond the dense smoke covering the E portion of primary. Giving a general pattern upon these bursts, and the known direction of attack, 100% of bombs are probably within 1000 foot radius of DMPI. Probable center of this pattern is approximately 420 feet S of DMPI. Pattern blankets DMPI, and first hit flashes from first visible strikes indicate that direct hits were probably made on tank installations known to be near DMPI.

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SECTION II

A/C WFF		160
A/C Bombing	157	
A/C Failing to Bomb	3	
TOTAL		160

Bombs on Enemy Territory	204.35
Total Bombs to Date	140,415.31

A/C Lost	0
A/C Missin,	0
A/C Crash-Landed	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
Killed	0
Wounded	0
Missing	0
Injured	0
Claims	0

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FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
386	2	Mechanical	1 - rack malfunction. 1 - landing light in down position. Early return due to vibration.
415	1	Mechanical	Bomb release malfunction.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER: Luncheon-Bernsdorf 386 BG: Patchy 1-3/10 stratus plus haze 5000 feet. Visibility 4-5 miles up sun and 10 miles down sun.

410 BG: Clear. Visibility 10-15 miles.

416 BG: Clear. Visibility 15-20 miles air to ground.

409 BG: Clear. Visibility 10 miles.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>	<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>
		<u>NO.</u> <u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u> <u>PERCENT</u>
386	100%	0 0	0 0
410	100%	0 0	0 0
415	100%	0 0	0 0
409	100%	0 0	0 0

FLAK AND LOSS INDEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	159
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
3 A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	0
Luncheon-Bernsdorf Oil Storage	
	<u>410, 409, 415, 386 G's.</u>
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
3 A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was neither anticipated nor encountered.

LAST AIRCRAFT LOCATION

T.O.T.'s: 0915 to 1031

No e/a encountered during mission.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 8 -- Large quantities of oil were destroyed in attacks by 160 Invaders and Havocs on oil storage depot at Munchen-bernsdorf, 40 miles southeast of Leipzig, before noon today.

Three formations of Ninth Bombardment Division medium and light bombers attacked the vast storage depot at 20-minute intervals starting shortly after 9:00 a.m. A fourth formation of Invaders found the target obscured by smoke from the previous bombings and attacked the town of Schleiz, a road and rail junction 17 miles south of Munchen-bernsdorf.

Crews reported their bombs hit among 12 storage tanks in the depot, throwing debris into the air. Bursts of flames were followed by columns of black smoke rising thousands of feet skyward, they said. One crewman reported he could see the smoke for a distance of 70 miles after his formation bombed the target.

Unopposed by enemy fighters or flak, all bombers returned.

-30- News Room 1330, Press Camp 1630.

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, April 8 -- More than 500 medium and light bombers, striking at the enemy's remaining oil supply and transportation facilities, attacked an oil refinery and railway yard northeast of Hanover and two communications centers northeast of Mulhausen late today.

The late daylight missions brought the total for Ninth Bombardment Division Marauders, Invaders and Havocs to approximately 670 sorties. Earlier, 160 bombers attacked an oil storage depot at Munchen-bernsdorf.

The targets, all reported bombed with good to excellent results, included: an oil refinery at Nienhagen and a railway yard at Celle, 18 and 22 miles northeast of Hanover; and the towns of Sondershausen and Sangerhausen, 22 and 40 miles northeast of Mulhausen.

Returning crews reported haze and smoke obscured the targets after the first formations dropped their explosives and incendiaries on the oil refinery and communications centers. Some flights were forced to bomb from 4,000 to 5,000 feet by clouds and smoke.

Crews said three roads and a railway were cut in Sondershausen and that bombed buildings blocked other roads. Fires raged through the large oil refinery, which included gasoline and oil storage tanks. Airmen participating in the attack on the rail yard reported bomb hits among tank cars, causing explosions and fires.

Some formations encountered strong flak defenses. One Marauder was lost over the Nienhagen target. No enemy aircraft were encountered.

TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

It is probable that fuel in scattered depots is all that remains to the disorganized German army for the movement of troops and equipment. It was indicated that two of these important oil storage depots were at Nienhagen and Munchen-bernsdorf, both bombed today. Their destruction will further weaken the enemy's resistance.

The town of Sondershausen was reported by ground forces to be a center of resistance to elements of the First U. S. Army, fighting in the vicinity of Mulhausen. Its destruction would hamper communications in the area and would probably destroy supplies and personnel in the town.

-30- News Room 2100 & 2240.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 1944-1945

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1944-1945, April 1 - 1945. This statement shows the financial condition of the United States of America, including the Federal Government, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States, for the period April 1, 1944, to March 31, 1945.

Airplane & Pilot	698
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Airplane & Pilot	1
Bank Charge	1000.05
Bill of Exchange	1
Bill of Exchange	1
Bill of Exchange	1
Bill of Exchange	1
Bill of Exchange	3
Bill of Exchange	131
Bill of Exchange	62
Bill of Exchange	5
Bill of Exchange	101
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