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Final Mission Report No. 423

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Woolridge.
Lead Pilot: Major Hayward.

320th Bombardment Group (W).

RASTATT RAILROAD BRIDGE (W/R: (W) R-351288, GOU 4416), Germany.

At 12:00 hours, 29 B-26's took off. 4 B-26's returned early: 2 with sick personnel, 1 with loss of power, 1 with engine cutting-out. No B-26's were lost prior to the target. 25 B-26's were over the target. 16 B-26's dropped 63 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 13:42 hours from 11,100' on an Axis of 107°T. 1 x 1,000# Demolition bombs fell through the bombay door, just after the target having hung up. 36 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base, one Squadron not having dropped, due to bombardiers error. 25 B-26's returned to base at 15:00 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. 2 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

RESULTS: A good pattern of bombs covered the target, with the center of impact slightly right of the center of the bridge. Several hits were probably scored on the South end of the bridge.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOS. ENCL: None.

FLAK: M, H, I, FA - GP type flak encountered from the target area. Encountered from the time of bombs away for 2 minutes on the breakaway.

ROUTE: Base to Rendezvous with escort at Nancy, (V) U-8511; to Sarrebourg, (W) G-5016; to I.P., North, (W) R-0037; to the target on an axis of 107°T; breakaway right to Sultz, (W) R-1138; to Sarrebourg, (W) G-5016; to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Clouds: Widely scattered cumulus at 8,000' to Nancy.
- b. Vicinity of Target: Nancy to North of target 9-10/10ths at 8,000'; scattered to South.
- c. Target Area: Open; covered just to North.
- d. RETURN: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity:
 - (1) 12 F-47's from Nancy provided escort.
 - (2) 1 F-38 followed escort over the target.
- b. REMARKS: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General: White smoke, possibly smoke screen, coming from just south of the target at 13:42 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) Train of 60 cars moving south, train of 25 cars moving North, at the target at 13:42 hours.
- (2) Train with locomotive, stationary, at (S) R-3931 at 13:42 hours.
- (3) 125 M4 cars at the target N/Y at 13:42 hours.
- (4) Train of 20 cars moving South-East at (W) R-4235 at 13:42 hours.

Special Comments: None.

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MISSION #

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Lt. Col. WOOLRIDGE

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RUNWAY LINE UP

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*29 off
4 early
25 over
target*

park over

Long power

Bomber out

Long early out

65	MORAN PARVIS	70	HAYWARD FICKETT	62	SHERWOOD DAVIS
52	LIVSEY Holland	63	VAN LUNDEN	53	PARSONS Newell
61	HOOVER Howe	51	BRATTON Klock	59	HUCKLER Hackney
48	FORCYMALUK Roush	28	ASTES STANN	31	MC DOUGAL BURNS
25	OBAR Youssi	33	STANBACH Wernick	30	STUTLER Miller
47	WELLS Villa	29	SPRADLING Hood	44	LA CHASSE Farwell
10	GRILL Kingsbury	23	C. F. H. GAWLEY	11	BORDEN VOLLMER
14	KUPLMAN Dever	19	SCOTT Posey	18	ROBINSON Williamson
08	PRATT Biddle	07	BEDDARD Horse	22	HOERN Stadwicki

SPARES: 58 WATSON Lussendon 95 JILES Roberts 06 SCHRANE Lever

COLORS OF THE DAY

	FLARE COLORS	ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
		CHALLENGE REPLY
0200-0800	R&D GREEN GREEN	L G
0800-1400	R&D & R&D	H X
1400-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW	O N
2000-0200	P&D & R&D R&D	I J

W/T Call sign 320 THOPEK
 Control center call sign BAGGAGE Channel 90
 W/T call sign for wing 1 net 691
 Escort call STARRY on channel 90

CREW	BLANKING SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HAYWARD, PILOT, MAJBR, BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, Lt. PICKETT, BOMB. CAPT. TOSCANO, NAV. 1st Lt. MC QUEAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. CHARLETON, GUNNER, Sgt. LUTHER, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	70 took off 1200 landed 1500
SHERWOOD, PILOT, Lt. KOTAS, CO PILOT, Lt. DAVIS, BOMB. Lt. BROOKS, NAV. Lt. ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. SUGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SHEW, ENGINEER, Cpl.	443rd	58 took off 1200 + landed 1503
MORAN, PILOT, Lt. HALBERT, CO PILOT, Lt. MURRAY, BOMB. Lt. ROSS, RADIO, Sgt. FORD, GUNNER, Sgt. DEULIN, ENGINEER, Sgt. KIMMICH, GUNNER, T/Sgt. DEVAUGHN, PHOTO, Cpl.	443rd	65 took off 1201 landed 1503 +
VAN KEUREN, PILOT, Lt. KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt. PURVIS, BOMB. Lt. DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt. KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt. HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 1202 landed 1504
PARSONS, PILOT, Lt. ROBERTS, CO PILOT, Lt. NEWELL, BOMB. Lt. FERGUSON, RADIO, Cpl. HASKINS, GUNNER, Sgt. HAZEL, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	<i>early</i> 53 took off 1202 + landed 1300
LIVSEY, PILOT, Lt. DETHMAN, CO PILOT, Lt. HOLLAND, BOMB. Lt. TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt. ORT, GUNNER, Sgt. BOJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARROLL, PHOTO, Sgt.	443rd	52 took off 1203 landed 1505 +
BRAINARD, PILOT, Lt. SHADLE, CO PILOT, Lt. CLARK, BOMB. Lt. ALLEN, GUNNER, Sgt. HANSHAW, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 1202 + landed 1502

HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
UHLIG, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1204
HACKNEY, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1502
CAINNT, RADIO, Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FIELDS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HOOVER, PILOT, Lt.	443rd	61
JONES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1205
LOWERY, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1518
HAMMONDS, RADIO, Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DZIENISZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ESTES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	28
ESNNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1206
SPANN, NAV. 1st Lt.		landed 1514
MENAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt.		
SHEEHY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DELAIRE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MC DOUGAL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1216
BURNS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1618
TRECH, NAV. 1st Lt.		
SHEARER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	48
ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1206
ROUSH, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
SUGARMAN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TURPEN, PHOTO, Sgt.		
STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	33
MAYFIELD, BOMB. 1st Lt.		took off 1207
WERNICK, NAV. 1st Lt.		landed 1516
ISON, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HARRIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	30
KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1208
MILLER, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1524
MC CULLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
CRANSHAW, GUNNER, Pvt.		
OBER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
KITHCART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1208
YOUSSE, NAV. Sgt.		landed 1616
MORROW, RADIO, Sgt.		
VINE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DURHAM, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
MESEROLE, PHOTO, Sgt.		

SPRADLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	87
PEARSON, ENGINEER CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
HOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BLUM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, PHOTO, Sgt.		
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LA CHASSE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	44
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1209 +
FARWELL, BOMB. S/Sgt.	8	landed 1620
PUTNAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BURNS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WELLS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47
WOOLF, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		took off 1210
WELLS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1419
SOLDATI, RADIO, S/Pgt.		
TRIMBOLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VICKERS, PHOTO, Cpl.		
CAHAN, PILOT, CAPT.	441st	23
BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1210 +
HARVEY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1506
GIBSON, NAV. Capt.		
HILL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	04
DICKENY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1211
VOLLMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1507 1507
O'CONNELL, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
MAUSER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SNOW, RADIO, S/Pgt.		
LANK, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GRALA, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
CUDWORTH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1211 +
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1508
GIBSON, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
WILLIAMS, RADIO, Sgt.		
LOFTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POTTS, PHOTO, Cpl.		
SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
LAMOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1212
POSEY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1509
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
FRAZER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
WETZEL, CO PILOT 2nd Lt.		took off 1212 +
WILLIAMSON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1509 +
LUCHANESKY, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
TIPTON, RADIO, Pvt.		
LM DY, GUNNER, Cpl.		

KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt. KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt. HILER, GUNNER, Cpl. HAYS, PHOTO, Cpl.	441st	14 took off 1213 landed 1510
BEDNARA, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. NORDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. WYATT, ENGINEER, Sgt. WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt. RASCHKE, GUNNER,	441st	07 took off 1213 landed 1544
HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. EVANS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. STADWICKI, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. RAHL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	22 took off 1214 landed 1512
PRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt. WALDEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. BIDDLE, BOMB. S/Sgt. SMELAND, ENGINEER, Pvt. HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt. NELSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	08 took off 1214 landed 1330
SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt. KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LIEVER, BOMB. 1st Lt. GARNER, ENGINEER, PFC SMITH, RADIO, Cpl. MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	06 took off 1215 landed 1511
GILES, PILOT, 1st Lt. CHILDS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. YOWELL, NAV. 2nd Lt. SIMEC, RADIO, Sgt. RANICK, GUNNER, Sgt. LEONE, PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	95 took off 1209 landed 1522
WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, CO PILOT, Lt. LUSSENDEN, BOMB. Lt. RUBY, RADIO, Sgt. HOOD, GUNNER, Sgt. PINGLE, ENGINEER, CPL.	443rd	676 took off 1215 landed 1513

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