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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (K)  
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5 December 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 424

Flight Commander: Major Smith.  
Lead Pilot: Captain Mueller.

320th Bombardment Group (K).

RASTATT AIR BRIDGE (M/R: (R) W-351288, USGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 1033 hours 30 B-26's took off. 4 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 2 engineering. No B-26's were lost prior to the target and no B-26's were over the target. No Bombs were dropped. The formation turned back at Ingwiller, (Q) W-8130, at 1203 hours, due to complete overcast enroute and at the target. No Bombs were salvaged. All bombs were returned to base. 26 B-26's returned to base at 1255 hours. No B-26's were lost and no B-26's are missing. No B-26's slightly damaged or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: None.

ARMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: None.

ROUTE: From rendezvous with escort at base, to Sarrebourg, (Q) W-4016; to Ingwiller, (Q) W-8130; curve right over battle line; to base.

WEATHER: a. Enroute: Broken cumulus with 10/10 stratus and altostratus in layers, tops, 8,000' at Dijon, 13,000' at Sarrebourg, 16,000', to the east.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: 16 P-47's rendezvoused at base and provided escort.
- b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

COMMENTS: This is a mission, and combat series.

ROBERT L. FARMAN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Act'g. Gp. S-2 Officer.

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ROLES	"B"	"A"
22 Hader	23 KARKA.V.	04 HONNEY 04 FERDINAND
	"B"	
KLUG 18 Siporen	STALLER 19 Norden	ASHER 10 Mirabella
	"C"	
ANDERSON 06 Ingle	GIGGINS 11 Sacco	MURPHY 14 Martinson
	"B"	
MORAN 65 Cox	AYREY 58 LORAN	WEST 70 GREENE
	"B"	
H. LIBERT 57 German	WATSON 56 Selzer	PARSONS 50 Gooden
	"F"	
PHILLIPS 59 Lele	FELT 52 Montgomery	BLASKO 52 Otto
	"G"	
FORCYN, LUK 48 Fisher 6	LEACH 28 YOUNES	MCDUGALL 25 BURNS
	"H"	
L. CHASSE 44 Linville	STAINO, CH 43 Germano	WYFIELD 32 Woodward
	"I"	
STUTLER 29 Youssi	SPRADDLING 76 Ward	OBER 42 Halfand
	SPARKS SCOTT	
JONES 69 Czechowitz	08 Posey	MCGREGOR 75 Devor
	TOWNSEND 03 Clark	INGHAM 77 Miller
	GOEKE 87 Anderson	
	GROUND SPARES	

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 5 December 1944

TIME	FLAME COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	G R R	P	N

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 5 DECEMBER 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
MUELLER, PILOT, CAPT.	441st	23
LAZO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1033
PENKAVA, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1255
GIBSON, NAV. Capt.		
SMITH, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Major		
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, Sgt.		
MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	04
FORSYPHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1033 +
FERRANDINO, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1256
PERFETTO, NAV. 1st Lt.		
PAGEL, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
COCKRIEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1034
BAUER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1244
GIBSON, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
NELSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
POTTS, PHOTO, Cpl.		
STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
KUENTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1034 +
NORDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1257
SMELAND, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
HILER, RADIO, Cpl.		
LOFTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
DICKEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1035
MIRABELLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1257 +
RAHL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
VANDYKE, RADIO, Cpl.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MESSINGER, OBS. CAPT.		
KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
ZELLMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1035 +
KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.		landed 1258
ZELLMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
SIPOREN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
PURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LUDY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CINIELLA, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		

WIGGINS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st  
ZIERK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
SACCO, BOMB. Sgt.  
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HILL, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/sgt.  
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.

44  
took off 1030  
landed 1258+

TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st  
DINOMES, CO PILOT, P/O  
MARTINSEN, BOMB. Sgt.  
GARNER, ENGINEER, P/O  
THOMPSON, RADIO, Cpl.  
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.

44  
took off 1036+  
landed 1259

PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st  
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
INGLE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
WYATT, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.  
LANE, GUNNER, Cpl.

06  
took off 1037  
landed 1300

AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
LOKAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.  
MURRAY, NAV. 1st Lt.  
SALVATI, RADIO, S/sgt.  
HANSEN, GUNNER, S/sgt.  
LALLY, ENGINEER, S/sgt.  
KNEEN, Lt. col. OBS.

58  
took off 1037+  
landed 1300+

WEST, PILOT, Capt. 443rd  
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.  
GREEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.  
LOWREY, NAV. 2nd Lt.  
KENDRICKS, RADIO, Sgt.  
PECK, GUNNER, S/sgt.  
DEHLKE, ENGINEER, Sgt.

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70-95  
took off ~~NO 70~~, 1050  
landed 1141

MORAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
MC HUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
COX, BOMB. S/sgt.  
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.  
FORD, GUNNER, Sgt.  
DEVLIN, ENGINEER, S/sgt.  
SLATER, PHOTO, Pvt.

65  
took off 1038  
landed 1304+

WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
DETHMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
HARRISON, RADIO, Sgt.  
BOLL, GUNNER, Sgt.  
BROOKS, ENGINEER, Cpl.

56  
took off 1038+  
landed 1302+

STRATTON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd	50
ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off <i>NO. T.D.</i>
GOOCH, BOMB. S/sgt.	landed
FERGUSON, RADIO, Cpl.	
HASKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.	
HAZEL, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
HALBERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd	57
BIRWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	took off <i>1039</i>
GORMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.	landed <i>1254</i>
YOUNG, RADIO, Cpl.	
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
CUMMINS, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
CARROLL, PHOTO, Sgt.	
FELT, PILOT, CAPT. 443rd	67
COOK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off <i>1039 +</i>
MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	landed <i>1304</i>
WAYMIRE, RADIO, Sgt.	
PERKINS, Sgt.	
COFFEY, ENGINEER, T/sgt.	
BLASKO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd	52
MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off <i>1040</i>
OTTO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	landed <i>1305-</i>
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
PURTZ, GUNNER, S/sgt.	
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/sgt.	
PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd	59
CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off <i>1040 +</i>
MELE, BOMB. S/sgt.	<del>took</del> landed <i>1248</i>
GUTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/sgt.	
KIMMICH, ENGINEER, T/sgt.	
HANSHAW, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd	28
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off <i>1041</i>
YOUENES, BOMB. 1st Lt.	landed <i>1306</i>
WERNICK, NAV. 2nd Lt.	
MOORE, ENGINEER, S/sgt.	
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/sgt.	
DOBEAU, GUNNER, T/sgt.	
MC DOUGAL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd	25
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off <i>1041 +</i>
BURNS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	landed <i>1307</i>
HOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.	
POTNAM, ENGINEER, S/sgt.	
BLUM, RADIO, S/sgt.	
HURFACE, GUNNER, Sgt.	
PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444d	48
KITHCART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off <i>1042</i>
FISHER, BOMB. Sgt.	landed <i>1308 +</i>
<del>MARGOLIS</del>	
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/sgt. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/sgt. SPENCER, GUN. Cpl.	
TURPEN, PHOTO, Sgt.	

STEINBACH, PILOT, CAPT.	442nd	43	
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, P/O		took off	1042 +
GERMANO, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1309
BESSIRE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

MAYFIELD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	32	
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1043
WOODWARD, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1309 +
SOLDATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
BENICK, RADIO, Cpl.			
VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl.			

LA CHASSE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	44	
TIBBITS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1043 +
LINVILLE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1310
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.			
HAYES, PHOTO, Cpl.			

SPRADLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	76	
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1044
WARD, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1311
PUSHEK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl.			
ORTEGA, GUNNER, Sgt.			

OBER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	42	
GUSTAFSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1044 +
HELFAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1311 +
SUGERMAN, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
SHORT, RADIO, Cpl.			
PURDY, GUNNER, Sgt.			

STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	29	
PEARSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1045
YOUSSEK, BOMB. Cpl.		landed	1025
MORROW, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.			
SEILER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

*Early No Credit*

SPARES	SPARES	SPARES	
INGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	77	
KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	xxxx	took off	1046 +
ROUSH, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1312 +
ISON, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
DURHAM, GUNNER, Pvt.			

SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	08	
KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1045 +
POSEY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1123
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

MC GREGOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st  
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
DEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
LUCHANSKY, ENGINEER, Cpl.  
TIPTON, RADIO, Pvt.  
WEBER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

75  
took off 1046  
landed 1303

TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
HOOVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
CLARK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
RUBY, RADIO, Cpl.  
HOOD, GUNNER, F/Sgt.  
PINGLE, ENGINEER, Cpl.

63  
took off 1048  
landed 1301

JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd  
UHLIG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB. Pvt.  
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
DOUGETTE, GUNNER, Sgt.  
DZIENIEZ, GUNNER, Cpl.

69  
took off 1048  
landed 1122