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HEADQUARTERS 320th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 427

Flight Commander: Major Berge.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Ramage

320th Bombardment Group (M).

DEFENSE AREA AT OTTERBACH, BOUNDED BY (M/R) (W) R-160530, (W) R-174526, (W) R-171517, and (W) R-160520, CGCS 4416, sheet V-2), Germany.

At 12:45 hours 36 B-26's took off. 2 B-26's returned early: engines cutting out. 1 B-26 lost prior to the target; lost a wheel in collision with a house on take-off, crash landed after 4 of the crew had bailed out; a/c lost; crew safe. 33 B-26's were over the target. 24 B-26's dropped 189 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 14:33 hours from 11,600' to 10,600' on an Axis of 27°T. 19 x 500# Demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area, having hung up over the target. 8 x 500# Demolition bombs were salvaged in lake South of the base by the a/c which crash landed. 56 x 500# Demolition bombs were returned to base, due to failure to identify the IP. 33 B-26's returned to base at 15:49 hours. 1 B-26 lost; see above. No B-26's missing. No B-26's slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: Not observed. The formation bombed on "ETA" of 5 minutes, 15 seconds past (W) R-1024, on an Axis of 27°T at an average speed of 185 m.p.h..

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: None.

ROUTE: Base to Spinal, (W) V-7404; to Brumath, (W) G-9814; to IP South of Haguenau, (W) R-1024; bomb run to target on an Axis of 27°T; breakaway left to Saverne, (W) G-7316; to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus to Spinal, (W) V-7404 with heavy ground haze.
- b. Vicinity of target: 7 to 9/10ths overcast.
- c. Target Area: 10/10ths overcast, tops 8,000'.
- d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: P-47's were seen in the target area.
- b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Act'g. Group Intelligence Officer

1898 First: 1255
13:05

GROUP MISSION #439 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major BERGE 14 December 1944

LINE-UP

85		85	RAMAGE					
83		91	WILSON	83	TRIMBLE			
91			Clark		BLAUBITZ			
80								
98		77	ELLIOT	80	CHENDELL			
77			Nyan		Steinberg			
87								
78		95	SUTHERLAND	87	SMITHSON			
95			Knobles		Roberts			
34								
28		26	PORCYLALUK	34	WELCH			
26			Lawville		YOUNG			
					28	MC DOUGAL		
						BURNS		
37								
38		46	CLASSE	37	LOONEY			
46			Smith		Lytle	33	WOJTKOWSKI	
							Fisher	
31	44							
35	42			31	BRIDGEMAN			
40	48				Savage	35	WELLS	
					Germano		Goodward	
					SPENCER	42	MC TORRES	
					Harrest		45	KENT
								Hann
								Toussel

33 WOJTKOWSKI
Fisher

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RADIO: TROOPER 1

MISSION #440 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. GREEN

70		70	SMITHOOD				
62		67	PHILLIPS	62	ROSEL		
67			Carreno		FENDRICK		
51							
52		50	ALBERT	51	DAVIDSON		
50			Off		PURVIS		
					52	SMITH	
						LEIGH	
55							
69		54	BENNETT	55	SMITH		
54			Czechowitz		SMITH	69	LIVSEY
							Rackney
88							
90		75	DAY	88	COLLINS		
75			Reardon		WALKER	90	WALINSKI
							BRENNY
89							
97		94	KARER	89	KOENIGER		
94			McPherson		Lawrence	97	WELLS
							Bennett
30	61						
47	29			30	CLINE		
25	99				WELCH	47	GUSTAFSON
							Holland

RADIO:
320th Group TROOPER 4
Control Center - B.L.G. 42
on channel "C"
/T - 091
Escort - CLEMER
on Channel "C"

SPACES: 01-0500 29-1000 99-1000
Holland Brown Hilligors
COLORS OF THE DAY
FLAME COLORS
0100-0700 BY
0700-1400 BR
1300-1900 RG
1900-0100 RB

18 077 - First 1245
 - Ast. 1254

GROUP MISSION #438 Flight Commander: LT. COL. WOOLRIDGE 14 December 1944

LINE UP			
21	EARLY	18 ASHER STONE	21 MYERS FLORENCE
23			23 SCHWARTZ LIEBER
18			
19	EARLY	10 BOBLETT Stodnicki	19 SCOTT Forsy
08			08 DICKEY Cholodski
10			
05		16 BLACK Gallagher	05 MC GREGOR WILLIAMSON
22			22 DIMOLE Murray
16			
58		60 PARSONS LAWSON	58 ANDREW LORAN
56			56 HILL FRED
60			
02		06 EWING SARGENT	02 LYONS LIPMAN
04			04 WALKER JAMES
06			
09		14 TORRANO MURPHY	09 WILSON MILTON
11			11 HERRIN VIGOR
14		SPERM: 55	
65		CONDUCTOR OF THE DAY	
		0100-0700	AA
		0700-1300	RRK
		1300-1900	RG
		1900-0100	RR

RADIO:
 320th: TROOPER 1
 Control Center call sign: B.GOLGE on channel "C"
 W/T call sign: G91
 Escort: CLEMEN: on channel "C"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 14 DECEMBER 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
MYERS, PILOT, CAPT.	441st	21
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1245
PLOUCK, BOMB. CAPT.		landed 1549
O'CONNELL, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, WILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CAHAN, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.		
SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1245
LIEVER, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1549
BADER, NAV. 1st Lt.		
CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARINELLI, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
KUENTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1246
STONE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1822
GIBSON, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
EMESTER, RADIO, S/Sgt. PYSZ		
BASCHKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CIRMO, PHOTO, Sgt.		
SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
PETERSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1246
POSEY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1550
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSENGER, OBS. CAPT.		
DICKEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	08
KLUG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1247
CHELUCCI, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1551
HENRY, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
TOTHAMMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOBLITT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
DOMKE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1247
STADNICKI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1557 1530
SMELAND, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
MELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LUDY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BLUE, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
MC GREGOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	05
WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1249
WILLIAMSON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1557
STRAND, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

Early returns

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DINOME, PILOT, F/O BOWLES, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. WYATT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt. MULLIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	22 took off landed	No T.O
BLACK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GALLAGHER, BOMB. S/Sgt. DICKENS, ENGINEER, Cpl. MELLAS, RADIO, Cpl. TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	16 took off landed	12494 1552
AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. LOKAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. MURRAY, NAV. 1st Lt. SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt. HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. LUPER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WEST, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.	443rd	56 took off landed	1250 1553
HILL, PILOT, CAPT. ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HOWE, BOMB. 1st Lt. LOWERY, NAV. 1st Lt. HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt. PECK, GUNNER, Sgt. FIELDS, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	65 took off landed	12504 15534
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt. UGLIG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. LUSSENDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SHEUMAKER, RADIO, Cpl. FERGUSON, GUNNER, Cpl. PINGLE, ENGINEER, Cpl. SLATER, PHOTO, Pvt.	443rd	60 took off landed	1251 1554
LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ELMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BERNSTEIN, ENGINEER, Sgt. GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt. CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	02 took off landed	12514 15544
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. PRATT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. METCALF, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GARNER, RADIO, Cpl. PURCELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	04 took off landed	1252 15535
EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt. OCKRIEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WICKER , BOMB. Sgt. SACCO. PAGEL, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt. THOMPSON, GUNNER, Cpl. REAVIS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	441st	06 took off landed	12524 1556

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	09
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1253
BIDDELS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1357
BALINSKI, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
BENTAS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CONANT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
LEVERING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1253
VICHA, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1357
HART, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt. 9	441st	14
ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1254
STREANY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1357
LUCHANSKY, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GLASSMER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

BAMAGE, PILOT, CAPT. BOSCO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRAKE, BOMB. 1st Lt. WEBB, NAV. 1st Lt. LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ENGLEHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt. MULLONEY, GUNNER, Sgt. BERGE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Major	444th	85 took off No. T.O. landed
TRIMM, PILOT, 1st Lt. ALDRIDGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 1st Lt. DELOSIER, NAV. 1st Lt. MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SHRELL, RADIO, Sgt. VILINES, GUNNER, Sgt. PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	83 took off 1255 landed 1602
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. DAVIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CLARK, BOMB. T/Sgt. MOREY, PHOTO, Cpl. SMITH, ENGINEER, S. gt. HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. HENRY, GUNNER, Cpl. RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	91 took off 1255 landed 1603
LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TAKALA, ENGINEER, Sgt. TRACH, RADIO, Sgt. RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	80 took off 1256 landed 1603
CHANNELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MEYENBERG, BOMB. S/Sgt. KLOTZ, ENGINEER, Cpl. BROWN, RADIO, Cpl. DUIYER, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	98 took off 1257 landed 1604
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. MATHEWS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. RYAN, BOMB. Sgt. BAILEY, ENGINEER, Cpl. ELEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt. GLEARY, GUNNER, Cpl. LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 1257 landed 1602
SALMONSON, PILOT, MICHELSON, CO PILOT, HEPHNER, BOMB. GREAR, ENGINEER, RADIO, RAINES, ROSS, GUNNER,	444th	87 took off 1258 landed 1613

WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. HAFREMEYER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHEEHAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. CLARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SERDELL, RADIO, Cpl. RUFERT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	78 took off 1258 landed 1620
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HOVEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RHODES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. WINSON, ENGINEER, Cpl. WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt. CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	95 took off 1259 landed 1615
WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. YOUNES, BOMB. 1st Lt. MOCQUOT, NAV. 1st Lt. BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. PURDY, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	34 took off 1300 landed 1616
MC DOUGAL, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BURNS, BOMB. 1st Lt. SOLDATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt. CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	37 took off 1300 landed 1607
PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 1st Lt. VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LINVILLE, BOMB. Sgt. SHEEHY, ENGINEER, Sgt. HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl. LEONE, GUNNER, Cpl. DUBOUGHN, PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	26 took off 1301 landed 1605
MOONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. OLSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYTLE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MOORE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BERRY, RADIO, Cpl. CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	44 took off 1301 landed 1604
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROSS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. FISHER, BOMB. S/Sgt. SIMEC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. CRANSHAW, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd <i>Crash landed no mission ended</i>	38 took off 1302 landed 1500
LA CHASSE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. WARD, BOMB. 1st Lt. SUGARMAN, ENGINEER, Cpl. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1304 landed 1611
SEILER, GUNNER, Sgt. CINIELLO, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		

METSCHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	40
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1307
SAVOCA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1612
JOHNSON, OBS. CAPT.		
POSHK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, Sgt.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
WELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	35
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1304
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1618
WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RATIS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC LAUGHLIN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	48
LEVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1344
GERMANO, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1614
CRAMER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SPRADLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	43
FERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1300
HERBST, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1610
BESSIRE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MC OMBER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	42
DAVIES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1303
HAUN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1610
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, Sgt.		