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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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14 December 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 428

Flight Commander: Captain West.  
Lead Pilot: Lt. Sherwood.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

DEFENSE AREA AT STEINFELD, BOMBED BY (M/R) (M) B-22306, (M) B-223498, (M) B-217498,  
and (M) B-217306, GUNS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 13:06 hours 18 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early; crew member ill.  
No B-26's lost prior to the target. 17 B-26's were over the target. No B-26's  
dropped due to overcast. Lead Navigator was not sure of position on first run, returned  
for second run but could not locate the IF again. The formation was over the target  
at 14:30 hours from 12,200' to 11,200' on an Axis of 35 T. 4 x 1,000" resolution  
bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were salvaged safe through the overcast by a/c  
returning alone on single engine at (M) G-9719 due to emergency. All other bombs  
were returned to base. 17 B-26's returned to base at 14:33 hours. No B-26's lost  
or missing. No B-26's slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: None.

NAVY FIGHTER OBSERVATIONS: None.

LOSS: None.

NOTES: Base to Ainal. (M) V-5404; to Brumath. (M) G-9814; to 14, Haguenau. (M)  
B-0424; bomb run toward target for 38 minutes on an Axis of 35 T; turn left in  
search of IF; breakaway left to Nevers. (M) G-7316; to base.

WEATHER: See Mission report No. 427.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

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

NAVY OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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89 NTO  
 ✓ 97 early  
 ✓ 94

✓ 30 ✓ 61  
 47 NTO ✓ 29  
 ✓ 25 99 NTO

RADIO:  
 320th Group Trooper 4  
 Control Center - B.G.G.02  
 on channel "C"  
 71 - 091  
 Escort - CLEANER  
 on Channel "C"

67 PHILLIPS *R* TO SHAWOOD  
 CASANOVA *R* FICENTIA *R* 62 HAMEL *R*  
 HENDRIX

50 HALBERT *R* 51 BALINEAD *R* 52 SWIFT *R*  
 Orr Purvis 1810

54 BENNETT *R* 55 TO HSEAD *R* 69 LIVSEY *R*  
 U. Schowitz Frigore Mackney

75 DAY 88 FOLLIG *R* 90 KALINSKI *R*  
 Elden ELLEN BREY

94 H. HERR *R* ~~87 KURTZ~~ ~~97 W. HERR~~  
 Hoffman Lawton Barnett

25 STUTLER *R* 30 WILSON *R* 29 INGHAM *R*  
 POTTS 54 31 1000 H. GUSTAFSON *R*  
 HOLLAND

SPACES: ~~51 GORDON~~ ~~52~~ ~~53~~ ~~54~~ ~~55~~ ~~56~~ ~~57~~ ~~58~~ ~~59~~ ~~60~~ ~~61~~ ~~62~~ ~~63~~ ~~64~~ ~~65~~ ~~66~~ ~~67~~ ~~68~~ ~~69~~ ~~70~~ ~~71~~ ~~72~~ ~~73~~ ~~74~~ ~~75~~ ~~76~~ ~~77~~ ~~78~~ ~~79~~ ~~80~~ ~~81~~ ~~82~~ ~~83~~ ~~84~~ ~~85~~ ~~86~~ ~~87~~ ~~88~~ ~~89~~ ~~90~~ ~~91~~ ~~92~~ ~~93~~ ~~94~~ ~~95~~ ~~96~~ ~~97~~ ~~98~~ ~~99~~ ~~100~~

COLOURS OF THE AIR FORCE  
 0100-0700  
 0700-1300  
 1300-1900  
 1900-0100

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SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1306
PICKETT, BOMB. Capt.		landed 1621
NEWELL, NAV. 1st Lt.		
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
DOUCHETTE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LUTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
<del>GABAN, PILOT COMMANDER, CAPT.</del> West Flight Commander		
HAMEL, PILOT, CAPT.	443rd	62
MC HUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1306
HENDREX, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1621
BROOKS, NAV, 1st Lt.		
YOUNG, RADIO, Cpl.		
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SHEW, ENGINEER, cpl.		
PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1307
CHACKO, BOMB. PFC.		landed 1622
CITTI, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
NAPLES, PHOTO, Cpl.		
BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1307
PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1623
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SWIFT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1308
MAIS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1623
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BROOKS, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HALBERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	50
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1308
ORR, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1624
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PURGZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CHRISTENSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	55
ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1309
PRIGMORE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1625
KENDRICKS, RADIO, Sgt.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ENGINEER, Sgt. SONNONSTINE,		

LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
HOOVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1309+
HACKNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1636
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/sgt.		
THOMPSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
OEHLEKE, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1310
IZECHOWITZ, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1626+
HARRISSON, RADIO, S/sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PROPST, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
LIBBENDOREER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1310+
HELLER, BOMB. Capt.		landed 1627
DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
KOCZMA, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
ROMMELL, RADIO, S/sgt.		
DAGOSTINO, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WINTER, BBS. COL.		
KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	90
FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1311
BESBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1628
WESTBROOK, NAV. 1st Lt.		
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, Spl.		
DAY, PILOT,	444th	75
HARKNESS, CO PILOT,		took off 1311+
RINDEN, BOMB.		landed 1625+
BUCHERT, ENGINEER,		
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO,		
MLAKAN, GUNNER,		
POTTS, PHOTO,		
KREUZER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off No. 100,
EARABEE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
JARRETT, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FRONIACK, RADIO, S/sgt.		
BURKETT, GUNNER, sgt.		
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	97
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1312+
BENNET, BOMB. S/sgt.		landed
HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SIEWERT, RADIO, Sgt.		
DAY, GUNNER,		
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1313
HARTMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1630
HILKMAN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
BRADY, RADIO, Cpl.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAYES, PHOTO, Sgt.		

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GILES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	30
KITHCART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1313
WELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1652
MC CURLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	<del>47</del> 47
ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off <del>1314</del> 1407
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> HELFAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
SHEARER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CODER, RADIO, Cpl.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1314
MILITSCHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1604
ISON, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
DELAIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BURNS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
INGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29
WOLF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1314
BRAIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1610
CARTER, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BURBAGE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1410
KELGORE, BOMB. PFC.		landed
THAIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ZOLLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
DETHMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1315
HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1631
JENKINSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		