

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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17 December, 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 430

Flight Commander: Captain Garraher.  
Lead Pilot : Captain Barraclough.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

TARGET: DEFENSE AREA AT NEIDER OTTERRACH, BOUNDED BY (W) R-222520, R-230518,  
R-228512, R-219516. GCS 4416, Sheet V-2, Germany.

At 1135 hours, 29 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early; engine cutting out. No B-26's were lost prior to the target; 28 B-26's were over the target and dropped 224 x 500-lb demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the primary target at 13:11 hours from 11,500' to 10,500' on an axis of 31 Deg. True. No bombs were salvaged and none were returned. 27 B-26's returned to base at 1510 hours. 1 B-26 lost to flak; crash-landed due to flak damage; A/C lost but crew was safe. No B-26's missing. 3 were slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's were seriously damaged.

RESULTS: Excellent concentration of bombs covered the target area, scoring many direct hits on defenses.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: M, H, A, FA. GP Type flak encountered from target area. Encountered from bombs away for 30 seconds on breakaway.

ROUTE: Base to Epinal WV-5454; to Brumath NG-9815; to IP, Hagenu, NR-0424; to target on an axis of 31 Deg. True; Breakaway left to Epinal WV-5454; to Base.

WEATHER: See Report No. 1.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: (1) P-47's provided excellent escort and area cover.  
(2) 25 unidentified S/E A/C headed South West at 10,000' at 1253 hours over Colmar Area. (W) V-7243.

b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

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GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General: None.

b. Communications: M/Y at south edge of Nastatt, WR-3428, burning at 13:11 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Flak markers were observed over IP and were very satisfactory. White Phosphorous shells were observed in both areas but landed too late to aid bombardiers in identifying their targets or in aiming. The A/C which crashed, landed, at this base was due to flak.

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RUNWAY

LINE UP

		"A"	
		<u>BARRACLOUGH</u>	
34	<u>INGHILL</u>	<u>34 MONTEZ</u>	<u>BAKER</u>
48	<u>29 LYTTLE</u>	-----	<u>48 STOUGH</u>
29		"B"	
		<u>STEINBACH</u>	
30	<u>KENT</u>	<u>30 MILITSCHER</u>	<u>LA CHASSE</u>
32	<u>35 YOUSSE</u>	-----	<u>32 JINVILLE</u>
35		"C"	
		<u>MOONEY</u>	
44	<u>STUTLER</u>	<u>44 H. COX</u>	<u>MCCLAUGHLIN</u>
46	<u>26 GARDNER</u>	-----	<u>46 WARD</u>
26		"D"	
		<u>DOLING</u>	
88	<u>DAY</u>	<u>88 WELLS</u>	<u>YASINSKI</u>
85	<u>95 HINDEN</u>	-----	<u>85 REEVE</u>
95		"E"	
		<u>KREUZER</u>	
80	<u>HASER</u>	<u>80 LARRABEE</u>	<u>ANDROPO</u>
78	<u>77 HARTMAN</u>	-----	<u>78 WANNETT</u>
77		"F"	
		<u>GILES</u>	
93	<u>SHERMAN</u>	<u>93 WELLS</u>	<u>DUNNISON</u>
87	<u>91 SCHEFF</u>	-----	<u>87 KILGORE</u>
91		"G"	
		<u>HILL</u>	
70	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>70 HOWE</u>	<u>WEST</u>
62	<u>61 HACKNEY</u>	-----	<u>62 GREENE</u>
61		"H"	
		<u>WATSON</u>	
51	<u>PHILLIPS</u>	<u>51 SELZER</u>	<u>MALBERT</u>
63	<u>26 Czechowitz</u>	-----	<u>63 ORR</u>
56		"I"	
		<u>MOSBY</u>	
55	<u>HECKLER</u>	<u>55 COX</u>	<u>WINGERT</u>
65	<u>60 OTTO</u>	-----	<u>65 PRIGORE</u>
60		S P A R E S	
		<u>FELT</u>	
57	<u>57 PURVIS</u>	-----	<u>BLASKO</u>
71	-----	-----	<u>71 MONTEGOMERY</u>

## COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0200-0800	YYR
0800-1400	RGG
1400-2000	GRR
2000-0200	YYR

## RADIO CALL SIGNS

320TH GROUP: TROOPER G

CONTROL CENTER CALL SIGN: "BAGGAGE" CHANNEL "C"

W/T CALL SIGN FOR WING NR 1 MET: G91

FIGHTER CALL SIGN: 320th GROUP "CLEANER G"

FIGHTER-BOOMER CHANNEL "C"

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 442 FOR DECEMBER 17, 1944.

BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	34
VANDERBERG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1135
MONTEZ, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1528
WERNICH, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CARRAHER, FC, Capt.		
FUTNAM, ENG., S/Sgt.		
TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BAKER, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	48
PEARSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	(crashed on landing)	took off 1136 +
STOUGH, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1519
MCCQUOT, NAV., 1st Lt.		
MCCULLY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SEILER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
INGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.,	442nd	29
WOOLF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1136
LYTLE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1534
MARSHALL, NAV., EXTRA GUNNER, Sgt.		
CARTER, ENG., Cpl.		
RATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DEVAUGHN, FOTO, Sgt.		
STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	30
DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1136 +
MILITSCHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1510
PICARD, OBS., Capt.		
SHEEHY, ENG., Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LACHASSE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	32
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1137
LINVILLE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1442
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Cpl.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KENT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	35
DAVIES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1137 +
YOUSSE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1511
WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl.		
VINE, RADIO, Cpl.		
DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CINIELLO, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
MOONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	44
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1138
HAUN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1511 +
MOORE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, Cpl.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROWAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. WARD, BOMB., 1st Lt. SUGARMAN, ENG., Cpl. NEWTON, RADIO, Sgt. ORTEGA, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1139 landed 1512
STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GERMANO, BOMB., 1st Lt. ISON, ENG., Cpl. MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. BURNS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	26 took off 1139+ landed 1513
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. LIEBENDORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HELLER, BOMB., Capt. DEACY, NAV., 2nd Lt. KUCZMA, ENG., S/Sgt. POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. DAGOSTINO, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	88 took off 1140 landed 1514
KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BEELY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt. GRECO, ENG., Sgt. FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt. RYAN, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	85 took off 1140+ landed 1514+
DAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARKNESS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt. BUCHERT, ENG., Cpl. CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MLAKAR, GUNNER, Cpl. GROYCKI, FOTO,	444th	95 took off 1141 landed 1515
KREUZER, PILOT, 1st Lt. BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LARABEE, BOMB., 1st Lt. JARRETT, ENG., Sgt. MCDANIELS, RADIO, Sgt. BURKETT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	80 took off 1141+ landed 1516+
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt. CAREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BENNETT, BOMB., S/Sgt. CLARK, ENG., S/Sgt. SIEWERT, RADIO, Sgt. DAY, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	78 took off 1142 landed 1526+
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MARTMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. HILEMAN, ENG., Cpl. BRADY, RADIO, Cpl. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 1142+ landed 1535

GILES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KITHEART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WELLS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt. RICHARDSON, RADIO, Cpl. SPENCER, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	93 took off 1143 landed 1528+
JOHNSTON, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KILGORE, BOMB., Pfc. JAMES, ENG., S/Sgt. ZOELLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.	444th	87 took off 1143+ landed 1532
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WADDELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt. RANKIN, ENG., Sgt. STEGEMEYER, RADIO, Sgt. NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th <i>(early)</i>	91 took off 1144 landed 1212
HILL, PILOT, Capt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt. NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt. HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt. PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FIELDS, ENG., Sgt.	443rd	70 took off 1144+ landed 1537+
WEST, PILOT, Capt. DETHMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt. LOWREY, NAV., 1st Lt. SHEUMAKER, RADIO, Cpl. CASEY, GUNNER, Cpl. DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	62 took off 1145 landed 1521
SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt. KIDMICH, GUNNER, T/Sgt. BROOKS, ENG., Cpl. MAPLES, AP, Cpl.	443rd	61 took off 1145+ landed 1530+
WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SEIZER, BOMB., 2nd Lt. WAMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt. FORD, GUNNER, Sgt. WATHEN, ENG., Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 1146 landed 1523
HALBERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTS, COPILOT, 2nd Lt. ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt. RUBY, GUNNER, Cpl. LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 1146+ landed 1523+

PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1147
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Pvt.		landed 1540
CITTI, RADIO, Cpl.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHRISTENSON, AP, S/Sgt.		
MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	55
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1147+
MELE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1525
MC QUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SHEW, ENG., Cpl.		
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
COOK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1148
PRIGMORE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1537
KENDRICKS, RADIO, Sgt.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SONNONSTINE, ENG., Sgt.		
HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1148+
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1528+
HEAVENER, RADIO, Pvt.		
FURTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAZEL, ENG., Sgt.		
FELT, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	57
ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1149+
PURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1529
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.	(spare)	
SIMMONS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BLASKO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1150
MONTGOMERY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1530
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.	(spare)	
LEMKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PINGLE, ENG., Cpl.		