

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

Final Mission Report No. 433

Flight Commander: Lt. Borden.  
Lead Pilot : Captain Cahan.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

TARGET: GUN POSITION AT HREISACH (M/R: (W) V-892369, V-896360, V-900361,  
V-911366), GERMANY.

At 12:21 hours, 10 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early; engine losing power. 1 B-26 lost prior to bombing on the bomb run (See below). 8 B-26s were over the target and dropped 900 x 20-lb fragmentation bombs on the primary target at 14:11 hours from 10,000' on an axis of 141 Deg. True. 60 x 20-lb fragmentation bombs were salvaged having hung up over the target. No bombs were returned to base. 8 B-26s returned to base at 15:15 hours. 1 B-26 lost: A/C Battle No. 08 was hit by flak at 14:10 hours on the bomb run. The hit cut the A/C in two just to the rear of the top turret. A/C rolled over, went into a slow spin, disintegrated upon hitting the ground at (W) V-8938. One to two possible ditches were seen. No B-26s missing; 2 B-26s slightly damaged by flak and 1 was seriously damaged by flak.

RESULTS: The bombs landed in the general area; no definite results were observed, since bombardiers were not able to identify the targets.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: I, H, A, A, -CP type flak was encountered from the target.

ROUTE: See Report No. 1, this formation broke left from the target.

WEATHER: A. Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 5,000'.  
B. Vicinity of Target: Open with heavy haze, seriously limiting visibility.  
C. Target Area: Same. D. Return: As Enroute.

AIRCRAFT OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 1.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 1.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 66 cartons of "Chaff" were dropped by this decoy formation (See special Chaff Report to follow).

The missing crew was as follows: 2nd Lt Dickey, Pilot; 2nd Lt Kuentz, Co-pilot; 2nd Lt Stadnick, Bomb; Gpl Dickens, Engineer; Pfc Tipton, Rad-Runner; S/Sgt Lofton, Gunner.

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MISSION # 444 (DECOY) : FLIGHT COMMANDER: Lt. Borden 23 Dec. 1944  
 Runway Line UP "A"

21		<u>GAHAN</u>	
02	<u>dickey</u>	21 <u>Garvey</u>	<u>schrantz</u>
08	<u>stadnicki</u>		02 <u>Liever</u>
		"B"	
58		<u>WEST</u>	
51	<u>DAILEY</u>	58 <u>Greene</u>	<u>BRAINARD</u>
63	<u>GOYMAN</u>		51 <u>HOLLAND</u>
		"C"	
64		<u>SHEERWOOD</u>	
55	<u>JONES</u>	64 <u>DAVIS</u>	<u>WATSON</u>
50	<u>WILE</u>		55 <u>PAISMORE</u>
		"D"	
28		<u>SILCH</u>	
40	<u>STUTLER</u>	28 <u>YOUNG</u>	<u>ABERNATHY</u>
26	<u>ROUSH</u>		40 <u>VILA</u>
		"E"	
90		<u>KEMANSKY</u>	
89	<u>ELLIS</u>	90 <u>BECKY</u>	<u>DAY</u>
94	<u>HARTMAN</u>		89 <u>JARMAN</u>
		"F"	
80		<u>LAMPMAN</u>	
87	<u>SHERMAN</u>	80 <u>WILLIAMS</u>	<u>SUTHERLAND</u>
75	<u>TABACCO</u>		87 <u>RHUDES</u>
		"G"	
16		<u>WETZEL</u>	
14	<u>INCHAM</u>	16 <u>SACCO</u>	<u>KAUFFMAN</u>
91	<u>LYTLE</u>		14 <u>GALLAGHER</u>

AIR GROUND RIT  
 Authentication

441st	Index	No.	A-384-FHW
442nd	"	"	A-388-HWJ
443rd	"	"	A-392-UYS
444th	"	"	A-396-YRP

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 23 DECEMBER 1944

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0100-0700	RY
0700-1300	RG
1300-1900	GRR
1900-0100	YR

RADIO CALL SIGNS :

320th BOLE GROUP ::::: TROOPER  
 CONTROLL CENTER CALL SIGN : 17th and 320th " BAGGAGE "C"  
 W/T CALL SIGN FOR WING 1 NET  
 320th GROUP TARGET NR 1 G91  
 " " " " 6 A86  
 " " " " 7 L89  
 FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS : PUDDING