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

Final Mission Report No. 436.

Flight Commander: Colonel Woolridge.
Lead Pilot : Captain Merrill.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

TARGET: SINGLE RR BRIDGE, N/R; (W) W-824068, Sheet X-3, GUS 4416, Germany.

At 1223 hours, 38 B-26s took off. 3 B-26s returned early: 1 spare; 1 oil leak; 1 engine cutting out (1 entitled to Sortie). No B-26s lost prior to target. 35 B-26s were over the target. 9 B-26s dropped 36 x 1000-lb demolition bombs (.1. .01 second delay fuses) on Thayngen W-731054 at 1405 hours from 10,400 to 9,900 feet on an axis of 115 Degrees True, due to target misidentification. 26 B-26s dropped 104 x 1000-lb demolition bombs (.1. .01 second delay fuses) on the primary target at 1420 hours, from 11,200 to 10,200 feet on an axis of 114 Degrees True. 4 x 1000-lb demolition bombs were salvaged at the IP by the early return entitled to sortie credit. No bombs were returned to base. 35 B-26s returned to base at 1510 hours. No B-26s were lost, missing or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target, scoring direct hits. The bombs dropped on Thayngen cut the tracks and destroyed a large warehouse.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None. Loss: None.

ROUTE: Base to Belfort, W-3493; to Schopfheim W-0794; to Faulenfurst W-3411; to Bonndorf, W-4513; to IP West of Blumenfeld, W-6515; first run on axis of 115 Deg. True; returned to IP; to target on axis of 114 Deg. True; breakaway left to Bonndorf, W-4513; reciprocal course to Base.

WEATHER:

- A. Enroute: Clear, visibility 4/5 miles in haze.
- B. Vicinity of Target: Clear, visibility 8/10 miles in haze.
- C. Target Area: Open with ground haze; overcast south of target, tops 6000'.
- D. Return: As Enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Air Activity: P-47s provided excellent escort.
- B. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- A. General: (1) Weather balloon flying at WA-8895.
(2) Smoke screen at Fuetzen, WW-5912 at 1345 hours.
- B. Communications: (1) 12 locomotives, 200 cars at target at 1420 hours.
(2) 2 locomotives with steam up at Engen WW-7718 at 1403 hours.
(3) 2 locomotives and 50/75 cars, stationary, at Geisingen, WW-6825 at 1355 hours.
(4) Train of 24 cars moving East at WW-4214 at 1352 hours.
(5) 6/8 M/T stationary at WW-5114 at 1351 hours.
(6) 60/70 M/T moving South at WA-6491 at 1340 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: A/C which returned early heard voice calling him asking his position. Pilot did not reply.
The A/C which received sortie credit is the one with engine cutting out and which returned to base from IP.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Act'g Group S-2 Officer.

RUNWAY LINE UP		"A"	"B"	"C"
62	<u>NICOUD</u>	<u>HAMEL</u>	<u>62 PICKETT</u>	<u>AYREY</u>
67	<u>50 Clark</u>			<u>67 LOKAN</u>
50		<u>"B"</u>	<u>VANKUREN</u>	
65	<u>LILLER</u>	<u>65 Purvis</u>	<u>HOOVER</u>	
61	<u>61 Suggs</u>		<u>60 Hackney</u>	
61		<u>"C"</u>	<u>MOSBY</u>	
71	<u>SWIFT</u>	<u>71 salmons</u>	<u>PHILLIPS</u>	
59	<u>52 Storick</u>		<u>59 Thompson</u>	
52		<u>"D"</u>	<u>WELCH</u>	
27	<u>ROMAN</u>	<u>27 YOUNES</u>	<u>MCDUGAL</u>	
37	<u>44 Savaca</u>		<u>37 BURNS</u>	
44		<u>"E"</u>	<u>GOYCKE</u>	
43	<u>MAYFIELD</u>	<u>43 Herbst</u>	<u>WATJKOWSKI</u>	
29	<u>46 Anderson</u>		<u>29 Miller</u>	
46		<u>"F"</u>	<u>METSCHAN</u>	
45	<u>STUTLER</u>	<u>45 45 Beckman</u>	<u>KENT</u>	
35	<u>26 Militsher</u>		<u>35 Youssi</u>	
26	<u>DAILEY</u>	<u>SPARES</u>	<u>BENNETT</u>	
	<u>57 Gorman</u>	<u>WADHURST</u>	<u>69 Czechowitz</u>	
57		<u>64 Orr</u>		

TAKE OFF LINE UP

TAKE OFF LINE UP		"A"	"B"	"C"
23	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>MRBAILL</u>	<u>23 TRAYNOR</u>	<u>SCHWARTZ</u>
04	<u>16 Chellucci</u>			<u>04 LIEVER</u>
16		<u>"B"</u>	<u>LYONS</u>	
02	<u>212K</u>	<u>02 Allen</u>	<u>KING</u>	
17	<u>11 Williamson</u>		<u>17 Gallagher</u>	
11		<u>"C"</u>	<u>SHERWOOD</u>	
07	<u>EVANG</u>	<u>07 Vicha</u>	<u>FRATT</u>	
18	<u>10 Evans</u>		<u>18 Biddle</u>	
10		<u>"D"</u>	<u>POLING</u>	
88	<u>DAY</u>	<u>88 HELLER</u>	<u>KAGANSKY</u>	
90	<u>73 Adams</u>		<u>90 Babbe</u>	
93		<u>"E"</u>	<u>SALMONSON</u>	
81	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>81 schickel</u>	<u>JOHNSTON H.D.</u>	
98	<u>70 Eveland</u>		<u>98 pennett</u>	
76		<u>"F"</u>	<u>KRUMER</u>	
83	<u>HAHER</u>	<u>83 Farman</u>	<u>SHERMAN</u>	
82	<u>77 Hartman</u>		<u>82 Kilgore</u>	
77	<u>HAVEL</u>	<u>SPARES</u>	<u>ARMSTRONG</u>	
	<u>91 Tabacco</u>		<u>75 Podmajersky</u>	
91		<u>"G"</u>	<u>PETERSON</u>	
75	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>06 Ingle</u>	<u>BOBLITT</u>	
06	<u>19 Rojas</u>		<u>05 Martinson</u>	
05				

69
64

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 25 25 25			
TIME	FLARE	CHAL	
0100-0700	R G	C	W
0700-1300	Y Y	Z	S
1300-1900	R Y	B	Q
1900-0100	R R R	N	I

RADIO CALL SIGNS:
320th GROUP "TROOPER"
CONTROL CENTER CALL SIGN
"B OXCAR" (CHOWLINE) WILL
STAND BY FOR "B OXCAR"

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

TAKE OFF LINE UP

TAKE OFF LINE UP		MERRILL	
23	BLACK	23 TRAYNOR	SCHWARTZ
04	16 Chellucci	"A"	04 LIEVER
16			
02	ZIRK	LYONS	
17	11 Williamson	02 ALLO	KLUG
11			17 Gallagher
07	EVANS	SHAW	
18	10 Emms	07 Vicha	FRATI
10			18 Biddle
88	DAY	POLING	
90	93 Adams	88 HELLER	KAMANSKY
93			90 SAGE
81	WILSON	SALMONSON	
98	70 Cleveland	81 Schmidt	JOHNSTON H.D.
76			98 Bennett
83	HAHER	KRUZER	
82	77 Hartman	83 Farman	SHERMAN
77	HAVEL	SPARS	82 Kilgore
91	91 Tobacco		ARMSTRONG
75	WILSON	PETERSON	75 Podmajersky
06	19 Rojas	06 Ingle	BOBLITT
05			05 Martinson
19			

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62	NICOUD	HAMEL	62 PICKETT
67	50 Clark		AYREY
50		"B"	67 LOKAN
65	MILLER	VANKURF	
61	61 Suggs	65 Purvis	HOOVER
61			60 Hackney
71	SWIET	MOSBY	
59	52 Storick	71 salmons	PHILLIPS
52			59 thompson
27	ROMAN	WELCH	
37	44 Savaca	27 YOUNES	MCDUGAL
44			37 BURNS
43	MAYFIELD	GOEKE	
29	46 Anderson	43 Herbet	WOTJKOWSKI
46			29 Miller
45	STUTLER	METSCHAN	
35	26 Militsher	45 45 Beckman	KENT
26	DAILEY	SPARES	35 Youssi
57	57 Gorman	WOODHURST	BENNETT
69		64 Orr	69 Czechowitz
64			

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 25 25 25 DECEMBER 1944.

TIME FLARE CHAL REPLY

0100-0700 R G C h

0700-1300 Y Y Z S

1300-1900 R Y B Q

1900-0100 R R R N I

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

441st INDEX NUMBER A- 384 HFM

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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #447 - 25 DECEMBER 1944

MERRILL, PILOT, Capt.	441st		23
WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1223+
TRAYNOR, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1518
MIRABELLA, NAV., 2nd Lt.			
METCALF, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HILER, RADIO, Cpl.			
TOTHAMMER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WOOLRIDGE, FC, Lt. Col.			
SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		04
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1224
LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1519
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.			
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.			
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
BOOTH, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
BLACK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	no take off	16
LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		02
DOWKE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1224+
ALLEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1520
GARNER, ENG., Cpl.			
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DUNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		17
BARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1225
GALLAGHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1521
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt.			
VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LUDY, GUNNER, Cpl.			
ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		11
FORSYTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1225+
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Cpl.			landed 1521
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.			
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
REAVIS, FOTO, Cpl.			
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		07
GRALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1226
VICHA, BOMB., T/Sgt.			landed 1522
GIBSON, ENG., Cpl.			
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Cpl.			
PRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		18
KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1226+
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1523
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.			
WYATT, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GRICE, GUNNER, Cpl.			

EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt. HEEREN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. EMMONS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt. BALINSKI, GUNNER, Cpl. CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st		10 took off 1227 landed 1523
HAMEL, PILOT, Capt. UHLIG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. PICKETT, BOMB., Capt. BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt. YOUNG, RADIO, Sgt. PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SHEW, ENG., Sgt.	443rd	crew of #62 took #67 " " #67 took #56 (see crew for #56)	67 took off 1228 landed 1524
		plane number 62 did not take off	
NICOLD, PILOT, 1st Lt. DETHMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CLARK, BOMB., 2nd Lt. ORT, RADIO, S/sgt. KEES, GUNNER, S/sgt. HANSHAW, ENG., S/sgt. MAPLES, AP, Cpl.	443rd		50 took off 1228+ landed 1525
VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PURVIS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. GRAHAM, RADIO, S/sgt. FERGUSON, GUNNER, Cpl. HARMON, ENG., S/sgt.	443rd		65 took off 1229 landed 1526
MILLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SUGGS, BOMB., S/sgt. ALLEN, RADIO, S/sgt. LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, Sgt. FIELDS, ENG., Sgt. VAUGHN, AP, Cpl.	443rd		61 took off 1229+ landed 1532
HOOVER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	no take off	60
BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Cpl. HARRISON, RADIO, S/sgt. PERKINS, GUNNER, S/sgt. PROPST, ENG., S/sgt.	443rd		69 took off 1230 landed 1528
MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt. COOK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SIMMONS, BOMB., S/sgt. MC QUEEN, RADIO, S/sgt. BEALE, GUNNER, S/sgt. PINGLE, ENG., Sgt.	443rd		71 took off 1230+ landed 1537

PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
OPFERMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1231
THOMPSON, BOMB., sgt.		landed 1443
CAIN, RADIO, s/sgt.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, s/sgt.	EARLY RETURN	
CUMMINS, ENG., s/sgt.		
CARROLL, AP, sgt.		
SWIFT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	no take off
DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1231+
GORMAN, BOMB., s/sgt.		landed 1538
JENKINSON, RADIO, sgt.		
HAFER, GUNNER, sgt.		
DELVIN, ENG., s/sgt.		
WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	27
PORCYNALUK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1232
YOUENES, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1512
WERNICK, NAV., 1st Lt.		
BOLLINGER, ENG., s/sgt.		
PASTORAK, RADIO, s/sgt.		
PURDY, GUNNER, s/sgt.		
MCDUGAL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	37
OLSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1232+
BURNS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1524
TLECH, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WOODWARD, OBS, 1st Lt.		
SOLDATI, ENG., s/sgt.		
ABERNATHY, RADIO, s/sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, s/sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	44
REJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1233
SOVOCA, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1529
CARTER, ENG., Cpl.		
DANIEL, RADIO, Cpl.		
WSINBURG, GUNNER, s/sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, s/sgt.		
GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	43
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O.		took off 1233+
HERBST, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1530
MOORE, ENG., s/sgt.		
GODER, RADIO, Cpl.		
HURBASE, GUNNER, s/sgt.		
WCJTKOWSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29
ROSS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1234
MILLER, BOMB., s/sgt.		landed 1531
SIMEC, ENG., s/sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, s/sgt.		
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Cpl.		

MAYFIELD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	no take off	46
METSCHEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt. BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O/ POSHECK, ENG., S/Sgt. RENICK, RADIO, Sgt. DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	442nd		45 took off 1234+ landed 1533
KENT, PILOT, 1st Lt. CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. YOUSSE, BOMB., S/Sgt. CHASE, ENG., S/Sgt. VINE, RADIO, Cpl. SEILER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd		35 took off 1235 landed 1535
STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. MILLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MILITSCHER, BOMB., S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl. OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd		26 took off 1235+ landed 1535
AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC HUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LOKAN, BOMB., 1st Lt. NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt. SALVATI, RADIO, T/Sgt. HANSEN, GUNNER, T/Sgt. LUPER, ENG., T/Sgt/	443rd	crew of plane 67 took plane 56	56 took off 1250 landed 1523
WOODHURST, PILOT, 1st Lt. STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt. HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt. CASEY, GUNNER, Cpl. MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	SPARE	64 took off 1241+ landed 1533
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HELLER, BOMB., Capt. WESTBROOK, NAV., 1st Lt. KUCZMA, ENG., S/Sgt. HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th		88 took off 1236 landed 1534
KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BEEBY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DAY, NAV., 1st Lt. GRECO, ENG., Sgt. FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt. MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th		90 took off 1236+ landed 1534

DAY, PILOT, Lt.	444th	93
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1237
ADAMS, BOMB., Lt.	early return	landed 1402
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Cpl.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Cpl.		
CLEARY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KENNERSON, FOTO, Pvt.		
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1237+
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1536
RANKIN, ENG.,		
ZOELLE, RADIO,		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER,		
JOHNSTON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
ALDRIDGE, CO PILOT 2nd Lt.		took off 1238
BENNETT, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1541
THAIN, ENG., Sgt.		
BROWN, RADIO, Cpl.		
NESSITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
BILBRY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1238+
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1536
NOWLEN, ENG., Sgt.		
BURKETT, RADIO, Cpl.		
HENRY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MOREY, FOTO, Cpl.		
KREUZER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1239
JARMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1538
CLARK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHROLL, RADIO, Sgt.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	82
CARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1239+
KILGORE, BOMB., Pfc.		landed 1539
HIGHTOWER, ENG., Sgt.		
WELLS, RADIO, Sgt.		
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77
DAVIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1240
HARTMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1539
SMITH, ENG., Sgt.		
D'AGOSTINO, RADIO, Cpl.		
RABAL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

HAVEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th		91
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1242
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1534
KLOTZ, ENG., Cpl.		SPARE	
SEIDELL, RADIO, Cpl.			
CLOEY, GUNNER, Cpl.			
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	SPARE (no take off)	75
PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	SPARE (no take off)	06
BOBLITT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	SPARE	05
LEVERING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1240 ⁺
MARTINSEN, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1528
PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.			
WITTEN, RADIO, Pvt.			
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		19
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		SPARE	took off 1241
ROJAS, BOMB., F/O		EARLY RETURN	landed 1343
WASH, ENG., Cpl.			
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GLASSNER, GUNNER, Cpl.			