

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

Final Mission Report No. 438

Flight Commander: Captain Hammel.
Lead Pilot: Major Hayward.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

GUN POSITION AT RASTATT, GERMANY, M/R: (W) R-353298, CGCS 4416, Sheet V-2.

At 1252 hours 8 B-26's took off and 2 B-26's returned early, which were spares. No B-26's lost prior to target. 6 B-26's were over the target and 6 B-26's dropped 702 x 20 lb fragmentation bombs on the primary target at 1430 hours, from 10,000' on an axis of 135° T. 18 x 20 lb fragmentation bombs were salvaged in the target area, having hung up over the target. No bombs were returned to this base. 6 B-26's returned to base at 1529 hours. No B-26's lost and no B-26's are missing. No B-26's damaged.

RESULTS: The assigned area was covered with an excellent pattern.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: None encountered. S. H. I. I. observed N of target. Long deflection shots.

ROUTE: Identical alike Report No. 437, this date, except axis of attack was 135° T.

WEATHER: See Report No. 437, this date.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Air Activity: 1. Four crews reported 1/6 ME-262's were seen flying east, 2,500' above the formation at WR-3642 at 1432 hours; they were then pursued by 6 P-47's. Crew members appeared sure of identification.

2. P-47's provided escort.

b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATION: None.

GROUND OBSERVATION: See Report No. 437, this date.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 75 cartons of chaff were dropped by this formation with no visible results.

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Act'g. G-2 Officer.

DECOY LINE UP

40	"A" ^D	40 <u>BAKIN</u>	^D
33	26 <u>MCNALLARA</u>	<u>STOCCH</u>	33 <u>STELNBACH</u>
26	<u>Yowell</u>	^D	<u>ROBERTS</u>
04	"B" ^D	04 <u>OLDFHONEY</u>	^D
76	78 <u>BLACK</u>	^D <u>FERRANDINO</u>	76 <u>SCHWANTZ</u>
78	<u>Chelucci</u>		<u>LIEVER</u> 3 HES(T)
95	<u>SPARES</u>	95 <u>ELLIS</u> ^E	61 <u>UHLIG</u>
61		<u>Kilgore</u>	<u>Chacko</u>

MAIN LINE UP

62	"A" ^D	62 <u>HAYWARD</u>	^D
58	52 <u>DETHMAN</u>	<u>PICKETT</u>	58 <u>SHERWOOD</u>
52	<u>Furvis</u>		<u>DAVIS</u>
56	"B" ^D	56 <u>WATSON</u>	^D
69	63 <u>HOOVER</u>	<u>Selzer</u>	69 <u>HECKLER</u>
63	<u>Thompson</u>	^D	<u>Otto</u>
67	"C" ^D	67 <u>TOMASEND</u>	^D
57	71 <u>PHILLIPS</u>	<u>Holland</u>	57 <u>LIVSEY</u> ^{E.R.}
71	<u>Sacco</u>	^D	<u>Hackney</u>
23	"D" ^D	23 <u>MEYERS</u>	^D
11	16 <u>MCCURDY</u>	<u>FLOUCK</u>	11 <u>SCOTT</u>
16	<u>Biddle</u>	^D	<u>POSEY</u>
07	"E" ^D	07 <u>WILSON</u>	^D
05	02 <u>DINOME</u>	<u>ALLON</u>	05 <u>WALDEN</u> 3ST(H)
02	<u>Biddle</u>	^D	<u>Stearny</u>
19	"F" ^D	19 <u>SEYER</u>	^D
10	17 <u>KING</u>	<u>Dowd</u>	10 <u>FORSYTH</u>
17	<u>Gallagher</u>		<u>Williamson</u>
85	"G" ^D	85 <u>RAMAGER</u>	^D
83	99 <u>DAY</u>	<u>DRKE</u>	83 <u>TRIMM</u>
99	<u>Adams</u>		<u>CAIRNS</u>
80	"H" ^D	80 <u>LAMPMAN</u>	^D
75	88 <u>SUTHERLAND</u>	<u>Goldman</u>	75 <u>HAVEL</u>
88	<u>Bennett</u>		<u>Tobacco</u>
90	"I" ^D	90 <u>KREUZER</u>	^D
98	89 <u>WADDELL</u>	<u>Jarman</u>	98 <u>WALKER</u>
89	<u>Schempf</u>	^D	<u>Ryan</u>
43	"J" ^D	43 <u>BATES</u>	^D
37	44 <u>ROZNOVSKY</u>	<u>SPANN</u>	37 <u>MCDUGAL</u>
44	<u>Germano</u>	^D	<u>BURNS</u>
30	"K" ^D	30 <u>MOONEY</u>	^D
35	29 <u>MAYFIELD</u>	<u>Haup</u>	35 <u>KENT</u>
29	<u>Anderson</u>	^D	<u>Linville</u>
45	"L" ^D	45 <u>METSCHAN</u>	^D
46	77 <u>CONNELLY</u>	<u>Lytly</u>	45 <u>CHASSE</u> ^{N.T.O.}
77	<u>Roush</u>	^D	<u>Lard</u>
64	<u>SPARES</u>	64 <u>FELT</u>	91 <u>ASHE</u>
65		<u>Lussenden</u>	<u>Ingle</u>
91	65 <u>WEINGART</u>	<u>Prigmore</u>	94 <u>GUSTAFSON</u>
81	81 <u>SALMONSON</u>	93 <u>JOHNSTON</u>	82 <u>SDAN</u>
93	<u>Weyenberg</u>	<u>Fodmajerky</u>	<u>Kerbest</u>
82			<u>Helfand</u>

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 26 25 26 DECEMBER 1944

TIME	PLAIN	CHAL	REPLY
0100-0700	R Y	X	L
0700-1300	G R R	S	V
1300-1900	Y Y	P	B
1900-0100	R G G	D	H

RADIO CALL SIGNS:
320th GROUP: "TROOPER"
CONTROL CENTER CALL SIGN
BAGGAGE on channel "C".
W/T CALL SIGN: WING NR
1 NET: A86
FIGHTER: STREETCAR

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION
441st INTER NUMBER 384 - ORF
42nd INTER NUMBER 282