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29 December, 1944/

Final Mission Report No. 440

Flight Commander: Captain Steinbach.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Estes.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

TARGET: KAISERLAUTERN BARRACKS, (M/R: (R) 053940, GSGS 4416, sheet U-2, Germany).

20 B-26's took off at 1138 hours. 5 B-26's returned early; 2 spares and 3 engineering trouble. Total Sorties: 15. 15 B-26's were over the primary target at 1431 hours at 11,200' on an axis of 333 Deg. True. No bombs were salvaged. All bombs were returned to base. No B-26's were lost and none are missing. 7 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 15 B-26's returned to base at 1550 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: A. Activity: 4/6 Black ME 109's headed north at 1440 hours at 11,000' at Landou, R-2868. No contact was made. 12/24 P-47's escorted the formation.
B. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None. LOSSES TO E/A: None. DAMAGED BY E/A: None.

CLAIMED E/A: None.

FLAK: M H A FA CP. bursts of 6 for 30 seconds before target to a minute thereafter. LOSSES TO FLAK: None. DAMAGED BY FLAK: 7.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: A. General: (1) No marker flak observed. (2) White vapor trail extending from 5,000 to 15,000' in target area.
B. Communications: (1) 80 RR cars at R-0668. (2) 200 RR cars at R-1668.

CASUALTIES: None. NO. OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: 7.

ROUTE: See Report No. 1 this date.

WEATHER: Enroute: 7/10 stratocumulus in large patches, with haze, large open areas between, cloud bases 2,000', tops 5,000'. Visibility 3-6 miles in heavy haze.
Vicinity of target: Same as enroute. IP was open.
Target Area: 7/10 stratocumulus, with small breaks, bases 2,000', tops 5,000'. Visibility 3-6 miles in heavy haze.
Alternate Target: Same as enroute, with IP and target obscured by clouds.
Return: Same as enroute.

RESULT: None due to weather. COMMENTS: 12/24 P-47's provided good escort.

NORMAN L. FARRERON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Act'g Group Intelligence Officer.

Runway Line Up

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| 70 | | | "A" | | |
| 55 | | 20 GILLER | HAYWARD | 70 Pickett | WATSON |
| 53 | spare | 53 Caeshowitz | "B" | | 55 selzer |
| 85 | PHILLIPS | "B" | SALDRSON | 85 HOPKINER | JOHNSTON, H.D. |
| 78 | 69 kele | WALDROP | "C" | | 78 Tabacco |
| 69 | 77 | 77 Bennett | "D" | | |

FLIGHT COMMANDER - Capt. Steinbach

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| 40 | take off 1140 | | 2a2 | | |
| 44 | on course 12:55 | | STES | | |
| 35 | test tag | 35 YO. ELL | 43 SPANN | | BARNATHY |
| 33 | | "B" | SPRADLING | 33 Wittscher | McMinnis |
| 43 | | GUSTAFSON | "C" | | 43 Farwell |
| 26 | | 26 MILLER | GILES | 45 Wells | LACHASSE |
| 45 | | WELLS | "D" | | 29 Youssi |
| 29 | | 05 Herbst | TRIA | 83 Cairns | F/C Capt. Ranage |
| 05 | | "B" | | | KALANSKI |
| 83 | | HARNEY | | | 83 Becy |
| 88 | | 91 Rhodes | LANPARK | 80 Goldman | ALDRIDGE |
| 91 | | "C" | | | 75 Poczajersky |
| 80 | | 94 RINCH | W. J. LONG | 81 Darrabee | JOHNSTON |
| 75 | | W. J. PHENS | "D" | | 99 Jarman |
| 94 | | 82 Lyenberg | | | |
| 81 | | | S P A R L S | | |
| 99 | | STERN | CONNOLLY | KROGER | WADDILL |
| 82 | 23 | 07 Lytle | 60 Linville | 98 Sheehan | 95 Ryan |
| | 04 | "A" | LYONS | F/O Lt. Borden | |
| 07 | 17 | 16 CURDY | 23 Pluck | SCHWARTZ | 04 Liever |
| 98 | | 17 Sasse | "B" | | |
| 60 | 19 | 19 RING | 29 Vicha | CUDORTH | |
| 95 | 18 | 10 Williamson | "C" | | 18 CHELUCCI |
| | 10 | "C" | LYONS | 02 Rajas | DINONE |
| | 02 | EVANS | "D" | | 16 Streeby |
| | 16 | 11 Allen | HILL | F/C Capt. West | |
| | 11 | "D" | 58 Howe | BRINERD | 64 Peterson |
| | 56 | H. LIBERT | | | |
| | 64 | 50 Thompson | VAN KLOREN | 65 storick | COOK |
| | 50 | "E" | | | 63 Boy |
| | 65 | UHLIG | "F" | | |
| | 63 | 61 Chackeo | 67 Davis | TOMSON | |
| | 61 | DAILY | | 66 Hallard | |
| | 67 | 52 German | | | |

S P A R L S

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| 67 | FERTERSON | HARON | MOSBY | HOOVER |
| 56 | 06 Ingle | 22 Biddle | 71 Ford | 68 Hackney |
| 52 | COLORS OF THE DAY | | | |
| | DECEMBER 29, 1944 | | | |
| | Time | Flare | Colors | Challenge Reply |
| 06 | 0100-0700 | GRN | Z | Y |
| 71 | 0700-1300 | YY | D | N |
| 22 | 1300-1500 | RY | B | U |
| 68 | 1500-0100 | RG | G | J |

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| Air Ground R/T authentication | | RADIO CALL SIGNS | |
| 441st | Index No. A-384 | ZYX | Bomber Call signs |
| 442nd | " " A-388 | AZA | 320th Babydoll |
| 443rd | " " A-392 | LSC | Control center call signs |
| 444th | " " A-396 | NPA | 320th, Baggage call signs |
| | | | R/T call signs |
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Special note. Chowline is off the air till further notice

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #449 - 29 DECEMBER 1944.

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| HAYWARD, PILOT, Major, JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PICKETT, BOMB., Capt. BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt. ALLEN RADIO, S/Sgt. DOUCETTE, GUNNER, Sgt. LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | | 70 took off 1201 landed 1601 |
| WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. DETHMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SELZER, BOMB., 2nd Lt. LOWREY, NAV., 2nd Lt. WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt. PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. WATHEN ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | | 55 took off 1201 landed 1602 |
| ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Cpl. HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt. PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt. SLATER, AP, Cpl. | 443rd | | 53 took off 1202 landed 1613 |
| SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. LIEBENDORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt. RANKIN, ENG., Sgt. TRACH, RADIO, Sgt. RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Sgt. | 444th | | 85 took off 1204 landed 1611 |
| JOHNSTON, PILOT, 1st Lt. MICKELSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TOBACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DUFFLE, ENG., Sgt. WELLS, GUNNER, Sgt. | 444th | | 78 took off 1206 landed 1612 |
| WALDROP, PILOT, | 444th | (no take off) | 77 |
| PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt. SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MELE, BOMB., S/Sgt. KENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt. SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | (spare) | 69 took off 1205 landed 1610 |

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| ESTES, PILOT, Lt. | 442nd | 40 |
| PEARSON, CO PILOT, Lt. | | took off 1138 |
| SPANN, BOMB., Lt. | | landed 1550 |
| MENNAUGH, NAV., Lt. | | |
| STEINBACH, FC, Capt. | | |
| WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| DELAIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt. | | |
| BURNS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| ABERNATHY, PILOT, Lt. | 442nd | 44 |
| TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt. | | took off 1139 |
| VILLA, BOMB., Lt. | | landed 1545 |
| ENGLISH, NAV., Lt. | | |
| SERABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt. | | |
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| MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt. | 442nd | 35 |
| VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt. | | took off 1139 |
| YOWELL, BOMB., Lt. | | landed 1550 |
| WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl. | | |
| RATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| LEONE, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
| SPENCER, E.G., Cpl. | | |
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| SPRADLING, PILOT, Lt. | 442nd | 33 |
| LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt. | | took off 1140 |
| MILITSCHER, BOMB., S/Sgt. | | landed 1217 |
| BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt. | | |
| NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| MCNAMARA, PILOT, Lt. | 444th | 43 |
| DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt. | | took off 1140 |
| FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt. | | landed 1552 |
| MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt. | | |
| MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt. | 442nd | 26 |
| ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt. | | took off 1141 |
| MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt. | | landed 1553 |
| SHEAREN, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
| TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt. | | |
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| GILES, PILOT, Lt. | 442nd | 45 |
| DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, Lt. | | took off 1141 |
| WELLS, BOMB., Lt. | | landed 1554 |
| MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |

early return

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| LACHASSE, PILOT, Lt. KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt. YOUSSI, BOMB., S/Sgt. JOHNSON, OBS., Capt. SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt. DAWSON, RADIO, Cpl. REICHMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 442nd | | 29 took off 1142 landed 1558 |
| WELLS, PILOT, Lt. | 442nd | (no take off) | 05 |
| TRIMM, PILOT, 1st Lt. RAMAGE, CO PILOT, Capt. CAIRNS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. WEBB, NAV., 1st Lt. DOWLEN, ENG., Sgt. ZOELLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 444th | | 83 took off 1142 landed 1556 |
| KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. FCRD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BEEBY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DAY, NAV., 1st Lt. GRECO, ENG., Sgt. FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt. MCDONALD, GUNNER, Cpl. | 444th | (early return) | 88 took off 1143 landed 1203 |
| HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RHODES, BOMB., 2nd Lt. HILEMAN, ENG., PIERCE, RADIO, HENRY, GUNNER, MOREY, FOTO, | 444th | | 91 took off 1207 landed 1556 |
| ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 1st Lt. CHUNIS, CO PILOT, Capt. LARRABEE, BOMB., 1st Lt. JAMES, ENG., S/Sgt. POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, Sgt. | 444th | | 80 took off 1145 landed 1557 |
| ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. GREEAR, ENG., S/Sgt. BURKETT, RADIO, Cpl. BRADY, GUNNER, Cpl. | 444th | | 75 took off 1144 landed 1557 |
| ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt. TAKALA, ENG., Sgt. FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. PIGGOT, GUNNER, Pvt. LINDQUIST, FOTO, | 444th | | 94 took off 1144 landed 1558 |

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| LAMPMAN, PILOT, CARY, CO PILOT GOLDBMAN, BOMB., HARDY, ENG., Sgt. HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. RYAN, GUNNER, Cpl. | 444th <i>early return</i> | 81 took off 1143 landed 1440 |
| JOHNSTON, C.R., PILOT, 1st Lt. HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O JARMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. GAY, ENG., Sgt. CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. CLEARY, GUNNER, Cpl. | 444th | 99 took off 1206 landed 1558 |
| MATTHEWS, PILOT, | 444th (no take off) | 82 |
| STERN, PILOT, Lt. CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt. SAVOCA, BOMB., Lt. SUGARMAN, ENG., Sgt. FINNEY, RADIO, Pvt. DEBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt. | 442nd Spare <i>early return</i> | 07 took off 1207 landed 1358 |
| KREUZER, PILOT, 1st Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. CLARK, ENG., S/Sgt. LUCAS, RADIO, Sgt. FERRY, GUNNER, Sgt. | 444th Spare | 98 took off 1209 landed 1525 |
| CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt. KENT, CO PILOT, Lt. LINVILLE, BOMB., Sgt. WALDEN, ENG., T/Sgt. SHORT, RADIO, Cpl. DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl. | 442nd Spare <i>early return</i> | 60 took off 1208 landed 1325 |
| WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. WALKER, CO PILOT, Lt. RYAN, BOMB., Sgt. LUCAS, ENG., Sgt. BROWN, RADIO, Cpl. RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 444th (spare) | 95 took off 1206 landed 1543 |
| MYERS, PILOT, Capt. ASHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. FLOUCK, BOMB., Capt. PERFETTO, NAV., 1st Lt. GULLIVER, ENG., T/Sgt. KIRKLAND, RADIO, T/Sgt. RASCHKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BORDEN, FC, 1st Lt. | 441st | 23 took off 1153 landed 1559 |

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| SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 04 |
| KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1210 |
| LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt. | | landed 1600 |
| BADER, NAV., 1st Lt. | | |
| CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| TOTHAMMER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| MCCURDY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 17 |
| O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1154 |
| SACCO, BOMB., Sgt. | | landed 1559 |
| HAR, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| RAHL, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| ATEN, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
| BLUE, FOTO, S/Sgt. | | |
| CANZONETTA, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 19 |
| GRALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1154 |
| VICHA, BOMB., T/Sgt. | | landed 1601 |
| TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| GIBSON, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
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| GUDWORTH, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 18 |
| BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1155 |
| CHELUCCI, BOMB., T/Sgt. | | landed 1602 |
| LEWIS, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| SMITH, RADIO, Cpl. | | |
| BUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| LEVERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 10 |
| LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1155 |
| WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Cpl. | | landed 1603 |
| HILL, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
| DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| POTTS, FOTO, Cpl. | | |
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| LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 02 |
| WALDEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 1156 |
| ROJAS, BOMB., F/O | | landed 1603 |
| BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt. | | |
| GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| DUNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| DINOME, PILOT, F/O | 441st | 16 |
| FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1157 |
| STREANY, BOMB., S/Sgt. | | landed 1604 |
| GARNER, ENG., Cpl. | | |
| GLASSNER, RADIO, Cpl. | | |
| GRICE, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
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| EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 11 |
| SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1156 |
| ALLEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. | | landed 1604 |
| WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt. | | |
| WASH, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
| CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |

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| HILL, PILOT, Capt. | 443rd | 58 |
| WEST, CO PILOT, Capt. | | took off 1158 |
| HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt. | | landed 1605 |
| MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt. | | |
| FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| FIELDS, ENG., Sgt. | | |
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| BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 64 |
| SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1158 |
| PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt. | | landed 1605 |
| MONTGOMERY, NAV., 2nd Lt. | | |
| ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
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| HALBERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 443rd | 62 |
| ELASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1159 |
| THOMPSON, BOMB., Sgt. | this is crew of plane 50 | landed 1606 |
| ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt. | which didn't take off | |
| HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | and instead flew in 62 | |
| WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
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| VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 65 |
| WEINGART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 1200 |
| STORICK, BOMB., 2nd Lt. | | landed 1616 |
| GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| CHARLETON, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
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| COOK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 443rd | 63 |
| BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1200 |
| BOY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. | | landed 1606 |
| JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| BOLL, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
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| UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd (no take off) | 61 |
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| SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 67 |
| KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 1159 |
| DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt. | | landed 1608 |
| MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt. | | |
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| TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 56 |
| KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 1200 |
| PURVIS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. | | landed 1608 |
| TALSKY, RADIO, T/Sgt. | | |
| CASEY, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
| PINGLE, ENG., Sgt. | | |

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| DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. HEAVENER, RADIO, Cpl. HAFER, GUNNER, Sgt. SIMMONS, ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | | 52 took off 1200 landed 1609 |
| PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. WETZEL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. INGLE, BOMB., 2nd Lt. TIETZ, ENG., Cpl. BENTAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. LANK, GUNNER, Cpl. | 443rd | Spare <i>early return</i> | 06 took off 1209 landed 1456 |
| MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt. MC QUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | Spare | 71 took off 1208 landed 1551 |
| HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | Spare No take off | 22 |
| HOOVER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt. FERGUSON, GUNNER, Cpl. MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | | 68 took off 1210 landed 1607 |