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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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FINAL MISSION REPORT NUMBER 443

Flight Commander: Captain Cohen.
Lead Pilot: Major Berge.

KAISERLAUTERN BARRACKS, GERMANY, M/R: (W) R-053940, CGCS 4416, sheet U-2.
320th Bombardment Group (M).

40 B-26's took off at 1130 hours to bomb Kaiserlautern Barracks M/R: (W) R-053940, CGCS 4416, sheet U-2. 5 B-26's returned early; 3 were spares; 2 engineering trouble. Total sorties: 35. 35 B-26's were over the target (2nd Alternate), due to weather, (primary & 1st alternate) 10/10 overcast, and 26 B-26's dropped 208 x 500 lb demolition (1/10 x .025 second delay fuses) on Cos Barracks M/R: (W) R-336206. 6 B-26's were over the 2nd Alternate target and 6 B-26's dropped 120 x 100 lb W/P bombs on the 2nd Alternate target at 1411 hours from 12,000' to 11,600' on an axis of 63 degrees true. 8 x 500 lb demolitions (.1, .025 second delay fuses) were salvaged at 1412 hours in the target area due to bomb bay door trouble of the flight leader. 16 x 500 lb demolitions (.1 x .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base due to bomb bay door trouble of flight leader and wing ships followed suit. No B-26's were lost and no B-26's are missing. No B-26's are damaged. 35 B-26's returned to base at 1520 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Activity: 28/30 P-47's provided good escort.
b. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: 3 black U/I A/C made 1 pass at 1 o'clock at R-2020, fired at formation and formation returned same.
Losses to E/A: None Damaged by E/A: None.
Claimed E/A: None.

FLAK: None.
Losses to flak: None. Damaged by flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: a. General: 1 parachute and a white smoke trail at 10,000' at R-0545, at 1355 hours.
b. Communication: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

NUMBER OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOCOPIES: 1p

ROUTE: Base to Severne to Reichshoffen to Annweiler; 180 degree to the right; to Reichshoffen to Bischwiller (axis of IP 135 degrees). No evasive action to target on axis of 63 degrees true; break left to Bischwiller to Severne to base.

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Weather: Enroute: Broken thin alto cumulus at 8,000' at base rising to north and becoming scattered at 10,000' with large break. at Spinal. Spinal to Saverne, 7/10 at 10,000'.

Vicinity of Target & Target Area: 10/10 alto cumulus tops, 10,000' over all of Kaiserslautern area, including IP and target, narrow 5-8 break left of Birschwiller, Hagelsak, and Oos open, with general cover of 6/10 alto cumulus, tops 10,000' in the Oos area. Visibility 10 miles in moderate haze.

Returns: As enroute.

RESULTS: Target missed. Bombs landed southeast of the target area. Fires observed. Rail line east of target possible cut.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Rear of formation dropped 42 boxes of chaff at Annweiler area.

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Act'g. Op. S-2 Officer.

23	DECOY "A"	MUELLER		
02	DOLE	73 PENKAVA	STETTER	Spare
22	22 Kingsbury		02 DEVER	61 KLUG
45	WPT	NETSCHAN		Emmans
43	27 WELLS	45 BECKMAN	43 OLIVER	
27 61	Herbst		YOWELL	

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CRPT	USMAN "A"	BERCE		
85	SUTLAND	05 PROEHLIC	POLING	
88	75 Podmajerski		06 GEDWITZ	
75	WPT	LAMPTAN		
87	WALDROP	07 Goldman	WILSON	
94	91 Rinden		94 EVELAND	
91	WPT	SULLIVAN		
90	JOHNSTON	00 Schmidt	ELLIS	
98	77 SHEELAN		98 Bennett	
77	WPT	ELICH		
36	KENT	34 YOVENS	BERLATHY	
60	26 Ward		NO VILL.	
26	WPT	GILES		
33	WOJTKOWSKI	33 Ellis	ROJNOWSKI	
35	29 MILLER		35 Savoca	
29	WPT	SHELDON		
37	CONNELLY	37 LINDFSON	M. FIELD	
42	47 Youess		42 Germano	
47	SPARES: 79 LESTER	95 MCHER	76 SHEARMAN	
79	Lawrence	Leinberg	Maligore	

*Estes**Stewart**Murphy*

58	WPT	HILL		
62	HACKLER	58 HOPE	WEST	
53	53 Otto		02 GREENE	
67	WPT	HEINERT		
56	BIRCHETT	67 HOLLAND	OPPERMAN	
50	50 Czechowicz		50 Orr	
64	WPT	ROSBY		
56	PHILLIPS	64 Cox	KOTLS	
50	69 Suggs		05 Simmons	
64	WPT	SCAVIN 72		
65	CUMMORTH	06 DEVER	SCOTT	
69	16 Gallagher		07 FUSEY	
06	WPT	PETERSON		
07	WETZEL	19 Ellman	SHER	
16	Sacco		10 Middle	
19	WPT	SHERWOOD		
10	HENREN	05 ANDERSON	TORONGO	
18	11 Murray		06 Williamson	
05	SPARES: 55 BRIMARD	63 PARSONS	52 JONES	60 BIRD ELL
06	Peterson	Ford	Hele	CHACCO

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Time	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	RG	H	F
0700-1300	RGG	I	H
1300-1900	YY	B	Y
1900-0100	YYR		Q

Air Ground R/T Authentication

141st	Index Number	384	TPM
142nd	"	288	OL
143rd	"	392	YLJ
144th	"	396	GKP

RADIO: 17th Group FLIT TOP 320th Group BEES LX
 Control Center; B.G.C. on Channel "0"
 W/T call signs for wing 1 Net: 320th G91 17th: N18
 Escort call 320th STAIRWAY 17th FLOWER

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #451 - 30 DECEMBER 1944

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MUELLER, PILOT, Capt.	441st	23
KAUFFMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1146
PENKAVA, BOMB., 1st Lt. ✓		landed 1445
SIPOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
METCALF, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HILL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02
BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1147
DEVER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1445
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, Cpl.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1147
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. ✓		landed 1446
FURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1235
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1447
PASHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Cpl.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
MC OMBER, Pilot	442nd (no take off)	43
WELLS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	27
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1148
HERBST, BOMB., Lt. ✓		landed 1440
SUGARMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
GODER, RADIO, Cpl.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MOREY, FOTO, Cpl.		
KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1149
EMMONS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1447
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WYATT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BERGE, PILOT, Major	444th	85
LIEHENDORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1130
FROEHLICH, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1510
DEACY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
LEONARD, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CAHAN, FC, Capt.		

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POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CLAUBITZ, BOMB., 1st Lt. DAY, NAV., 1st Lt. KUCZMA, ENG., S/Sgt. RUMMELL, RADIO, S/Sgt. STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt. LINDQUIST, FOTO,	llllth	88 took off 1130 landed 1510
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, BASEA, CO PILOT, PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., GREEN, ENG., DINYER, RADIO, BRADY, GUNNER VILLINES, GUNNER	llllth	75 took off 1131 landed 1511
LAMPMAN, PILOT, HARTLEY, CO PILOT GOLIMAN, BOMB., HARDY, ENG., HARRINGTON, RADIO HOLLAND, GUNNER,	llllth	87 took off 1131 landed 1511
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. CATANLO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt. BENTON, ENG., Cpl. BURKE, RADIO, Cpl. CLEARY, GUNNER, Cpl.	llllth	94 took off 1132 landed 1512
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt. BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt. JARRETT, ENG., Sgt. FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. PIGGOTT, GUNNER, Pvt. KENNERSON, FOTO, Pvt.	llllth	91 took off 1132 landed 1512
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	llllth (no take off)	80
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O BENNETT, BOMB., S/Sgt. DUFFEL, ENG., Sgt. CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.	llllth <i>early return sortie credit</i>	98 took off 1133 landed 1433
JOHNSTON, C.R., PILOT, 1st Lt. CHANNEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	llllth (no take off)	77

WELCH, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
ESTES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1134
YOUENS, BOMB., Lt. ✓		landed 1518
WERNICK, NAV., Lt.		
WALDEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ABERNATHY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1135
VILLA, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1518
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
SURABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, GUNNER, Pvt.		
KENT, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	26
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1135
WARD, BOMB., Lt. ✓		landed 1532
CHASE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, Sgt.		
DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CINIELLO, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33
KITHEART, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1136
WELLS, BOMB., F/O ✓		landed 1515
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	29
BRENNAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1136
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1516
SIMEC, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
ROJNOVSKI, PILOT,	442nd (no take off)	35
SPRADLING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1137
ANDERSON, BOMB., Lt. ✓		landed 1516
BESSIARE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	42
PERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1151
GERMANO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1517
ISON, ENG., Cpl.		
SHORT, RADIO, Cpl.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt.
CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt.
YOUSSEI, BOMB., S/Sgt.
CARTER, ENG., Cpl.
HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl.
HURBAGE, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

47
took off 1137
landed 1517

ARMSTRONG, PILOT,
MICKELSON, CO PILOT
LARRABEE, BOMB.,
JAMES, ENG.,
POZNIAK, RADIO.
ROSS, GUNNER.

444th spare
sortee credit

99
took off 1148
landed 1438

HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
CARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WEYENBURG, BOMB, S/Sgt.
SMITH, ENG., Sgt.
D'AGOSTINO, RADIO, Cpl.
WIGGEL, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th spare

95
took off 1148
landed 1515

SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KILGORE, BOMB., Pfc.
HIGHTOWER, ENG., Sgt.
RUFERT, RADIO, Sgt.
RYAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th *early return*
spare

76
took off 1149
landed 1343

HILL, PILOT, Capt.
NICOU, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.
BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
FIELDS, ENG., Sgt.
SHERWOOD, FC, 1st Lt.

443rd

58
took off 1138
landed 1519

WEST, PILOT, Capt.
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.
MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt.
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd

62
took off 1139
landed 1520

HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
DETHMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
TALSKY, RADIO, T/Sgt.
PURTZ, GUNNER, T/Sgt.
TROUTMAN, ENG., S/Sgt.
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
DEVAUGHN, AP, Cpl.

443rd

53
took off 1150
landed 1521

WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HOLLAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt. KENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt. LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt. DICKINSON, OBS, Capt.	443rd	67 took off 1139 landed 1522
OPPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCHUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt. WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DZIENISZ, ENG., Cpl.	443rd	56 took off 1140 landed 1522
BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt. BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Cpl. HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt. PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt. CHRISTENSON, AP, S/Sgt.	443rd	50 took off 1140 landed 1523
MOSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. HALBERT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. COX, BOMB., S/Sgt. HEAVENER, RADIO, Cpl. BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	64 took off 1141 landed 1524
KOTAS, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt. YOUNG, RADIO, Sgt. LAFRENCHIE, GUNNER, Sgt. SHEW, ENG., Sgt.	443rd	65 took off 1141 landed 1524
PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (no take off)	69
SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt. MERRILL, FC, Capt. LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt. O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt. CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt. ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt. VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	04 took off 1142 landed 1526
SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt. O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt. MIRABELLA, NAV., 2nd Lt. FERNANDEZ, ENG., T/Sgt. FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt. WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	07 took off 1143 landed 1526

CUDWORTH, PILOT, 1st Lt. LEVERING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GALLAGHER, BOMB., S/Sgt. GIBSON, ENG., Cpl. DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. POTTS, FOTO, Cpl.	441st	16 took off 1143 landed 1527
PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCGREGOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ELMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. TIETZ, ENG., Cpl. HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt. LANK, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	19 took off 1144 landed 1528
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCCURDY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt. BENTAS, ENG., S/Sgt. RAHL, RADIO, S/Sgt. RASCHKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	10 took off 1144 landed 1529
WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SACCO, BOMB., Sgt. HART, ENG., S/Sgt. LEWIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. TOTHAMER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CIRMO, FOTO, Sgt.	441st	18 took off 1145 landed 1529
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. GRALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ANDERSON BOMB., 2nd Lt. TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt. SMITH, RADIO, Cpl. TUFTS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	05 took off 1145 landed 1530
TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt. DINOME, CO PILOT, F/O WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Cpl. LUGHANSKY, ENG., Cpl. WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt. BOSTIC, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	06 took off 1145 landed 1530
HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O MURRAY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. BALINSKI, ENG., Cpl. ATEN, GUNNER, Cpl. LUDY, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	11 took off 1146 landed 1531

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HARMON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd
spare

55
took off 1149
landed 1513

PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.
JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt.
BOLL, GUNNER, Sgt.
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd
spare
early return

63
took off 1151
landed 1334

JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HOOVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MELE, BOMB., S/Sgt.
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, Sgt.
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd
spare

52
took off 1142
landed 1525

BIRDWELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
COCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHACKO, BOMB., Cpl.
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd
spare
early return

60
took off 1150
landed 1334