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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 374.

D-F-3.

1 January 1945

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FINAL MISSION REPORT NUMBER 444.

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

ANNWILER M/R: (M) R-1767. OSGS 4416. Sheet U-2.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

At 1058 hours 7 B-26's took off to bomb Annwiler. 1 B-26 returned early; Spare. Total Sorties: 6. 6 B-26's were over the target and dropped 46 x 500-lb demolition bombs (.1 & .025) at 1254 hours from 11,000' on an axis of 34 Degrees True. 2 x 500-lb demolition bombs were salvaged in lake south of Dijon at (W) O-0843, having hung up over the target. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's were lost and none are missing. 2 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 6 B-26's returned to base at 1403 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: A. Activity: 12/24 P-47's provided escort.
B. Situation: None.

WAS AIR ENCOUNTERS: NONE. LOSSES TO E/A: NONE. DAMAGED BY E/A: NONE.

CLAIMED E/A: None.

FLAK: S H FA FA On breakaway for one minute.
Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 2.

CASUALTIES: 0 Killed. 1 Wounded. 0 Missing.

NUMBER OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: 1.

ROUTE: Base to Saverne; to Reichshoffen; to Annwiler; to Kaiserlautern; break right; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: Enroute: 2-3/10 small cumulus, tops estimated 5,000', vicinity Dijon. Remainder of route clear with 8-10/10 stratocumulus observed to east at Strasbourg, extending north in the eastern half of Rhine Valley. Visibility unlimited.

Vicinity of target and Target Area: CAUV.

Return: Starting at Saverne, 5-6/10 cumulus, bases 7,000' tops 8,000', with increasing cloudiness east of route.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: A. General: Marker flak observed from Leimbach.
B. Communications: None.

RESULTS: Good concentration over target. Fires observed.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 99 boxes of Chaff dropped. Chaff Report to follow.

NORMAN L. FARMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Act'g Gr. S-2 Officer.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Wing (US), APO 374.
Attention: A-2 Section.

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Anweiler, Germany), of this Group, this date.

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2. The pictures in ship No. 61
was printed.

NORMAN L. FARBEROW,
Captain, Air Corps,
Act'g Gp. S-2 Officer.

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SPARE
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"A" WILSON 75 Schemp
 "B" HALLBERT 61 Mele
 RANAGE 85 DEAKE
 PARSONS 55 Goff
 KAMANSKY 90 BEEBE
 JONES 53 Czechowitz

MISSION NUMBER 454

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN MYERS: 1 JAN 1945

RUNWAY LINE UP

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"A" LAMPKE 16 Biddle
 "B" KAUFMAN 10 Williamson
 "C" EVANS 04 Streaty
 "D" HOOVER 69 Off
 "E" PHILLIPS 65 Suggs
 "F" UHLIG 50 Chacko
 "G" MCGREGOR 05 Rojas
 DAILY 57 Gorman
 "A" WELLS 29 Mellitscher
 "B" MCLAUGHLIN 35 Ward
 "C" ZELLERBACH 42 Herbst
 "D" SHERMAN 76 Kilgore
 "E" SUTHERLAND 82 Rhodes
 "F" HAVEL 95 Tobacco
 "A" WILSON 19 Kingsbury
 "B" LYONS 02 Allen
 "C" AYREY 70 LOKAN
 "D" TOWNSEND 67 Holland
 "E" PHILLIPS 65 Suggs
 "F" UHLIG 50 Peterson
 "G" MCGREGOR 05 Gallagher
 DAILY 57 Gorman
 "A" WELLS 34 SPANN
 "B" METSCHAN 45 Gorman
 "C" SPRADLING 41 Anderson
 "D" POLING 88 GLUBITZ
 "E" SALMONSON 87 Hephner
 "F" WALDRUP 78 Schmidt
 SCOTT 11 POSEY
 FORSYTHE 06 Ingle
 MURDY 17 Evans
 WATSON 64 SELZER
 MILLER 68 Lussenden
 DETHMAN 52 Thompson
 VANKUREN 56 Storick
 HECKLER 53 Ffignere

FLIGHT COMMANDER:
 LT. MOONEY

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 1 JANUARY 1945

| TIME | FLARE COLORS | CHALLENGE | REPLY |
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| 0100-0700 | R R | Q | Y |
| 0700-1300 | R G G | H | X |
| 1300-1900 | R R R | D | P |
| 1900-0100 | R R | W | O |

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.
 441st INDEX NUMBER A 384 NJU
 442nd " " A 388 BFH
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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSIONS 453 & 454 - 1 JANUARY 1944.

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| RAMAGE, PILOT, Capt., CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt. WEBB, NAV., 1st Lt. LEONARD, ENG., S/Sgt. ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt. VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt. HAYWARD, FC, Major | 444th | 85 took off 1057 landed 1402 |
| KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BEEBE, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DELOSIER, NAV., 1st Lt. CLARK, ENG., S/Sgt. FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt. MACDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt. | 444th | 90 took off 1058 landed 1358 |
| WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BENTON, ENG., Cpl. <i>Schump</i> BURKETT, RADIO, BRADY, GUNNER, Cpl.. | 444th | 75 took off 1058 landed 1400 |
| PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt. BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt. BOLL, GUNNER, Sgt. DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | 55 took off 1059 landed 1358 |
| JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Pvt. DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt. PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt. | 443rd | 63 took off 1059 landed 1359 |
| HALBERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt. HASKINS GUNNER, S/Sgt. PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt. CHRISTENSON, AP, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 61 took off 1100 landed 1359 |
| DINOME, PILOT, F/O WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O ELMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. WYATT, ENG., S/Sgt. ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt. BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt. | 441st <i>my</i> | Spare (early return) 22 took off 1102 landed 1305 |