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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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APO 374.

D-8-3

16 January 1945.

Final Mission Report Number 451.

Flight Commander: None.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Mosby.

SUPPLY DUMP NORTH OF SPEYER, GERMANY (M/R: (W) R-520814, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-3).

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3 B-26's took off at 12:35 hours to bomb a Supply Dump north of Speyer, Germany and to drop Chaff as decoy flight preceding main formation. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 3. No B-26's were over the primary target due to failure of escort to rendezvous at rendezvous point. After considerable delay, escort joined, but late hour of ETA to base forced decision to bomb the alternate target. 3 B-26's were over the alternate and dropped 12 x 1,000-lb demolition bombs (1, non-delay fuses) on the alternate target, Rastatt Marshalling Yards (M/R: (W) R-351262, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2, at 14:58 hours from 10,150' on an axis of 82 Deg. True (Briefed Axis, 82 Deg. True; Drift correction over IP -2 Deg. Right; evasive action at IP, loss of 1500'). No Bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's were lost or missing. No B-26's were damaged. 3 B-26's returned to base at 15:53 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: A. Activity: French Spitfires and P-47's provided escort joining enroute to IP.
B. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR DISPOSITIONS: None. CLAIMED W/A: None.

FLAK: None. LOSSES TO FLAK: None. DAMAGED BY FLAK: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

NUMBER OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: None.

ROUTE: Base to Epinal. (W) V-0454; to Saverne (W) Q-7316; to IP, Hagenau. (W) R-0424; to alternate target on axis of 82 Deg. True; Breakaway left to Hagenau. (W) R-0424; to Saverne (W) Q-7316; to Epinal (W) V-0454; Reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: A. Enroute: Widely scattered small patches of thin stratus, tops 4,000', and heavy haze, Dijon to Epinal; North of Epinal, clear with light haze.
B. Vicinity of target: Clear, visibility 8-10 miles.
C. Target Area: Same. D. Return: As Enroute.

RESULTS: The bombs landed in a good cluster across the center of the M/Y.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 30 cartons of Chaff were dropped downhau to target and back to Hagenau. See Chaff Interrogation Report to follow.

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CUDWORTH
05 Biddle

MOSEY
71 PURVIS

KAMANSKI
88 BRLEY

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R/W	LINEUP:				
	34	"DECOY"	MOSEY		
	40	CUMMINGS	74 BOWEN	HAMANET	
	71	* 05 BLAGIE		COLEMAN *	
	88	"A"	BURMANSON		
	05	43	31 HENNER	STEWART	
	29	KENT		12 HENNER	
	47	35 YOWELL	GOME		
	47	"B"	48 HITECART	SCULLER	
	33	MAYFIELD		19 HITECART	
	42	47 WARD			
	32	"C"	61 HITECART		
	83	MENAMARA	35 HIRSH	CONNELLY	
	90	32 WELLS		42 HIRSH	
	87	"D"	TRIM		
	85	MATTHEWS	63 COONS	ARMSTRONG	
	91	87 Weyenberg		WILLIAMS	
	95	"E"	SULLIVAN		
	99	WADDELL	85 BOWEN	ALFIDEN	
	78	95 KARDEN		12 BOWEN	
	77	"F"	WILSON		
	27	HARKEMEYER	97 WILSON	JOHNSON, G.R.	
	37	77 SCHEFF		12 WILSON	
	26	"G"	ESTER		
	45	ROWAN	27 SPANN	PERMATHY	
	46	26 GERMANO		12 SPANN	SPARES
	25	"H"	NEWCOMB		
	98	WOJTKOWSKI	85 LINDEN	McLAUGHLIN	DAFLEY
	75	25 ROBERT		12 LINDEN	60 GIBB
	76	"I"	SALMONSON	McANDERSON	SHEPHERD
	68	WILSON	93 REPLANT	CHANNELL	62 TROCCO
	82	76 Bennett		15 THOMES	GROUND SPARE: 31

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	23	"A"	MYERS		
	04	LEVERING	23 FLOUCK	SCHRANTZ	
	17	17 ELIASH		01 BIEVER	
	19	"B"	WIGGINS		
	22	TORONGO	19 HURRY	BARRETT	
	06	05 Williamson		22 WILSTUCCI	
	09	"C"	KRUFFMAN		
	18	KLUG	09 ROJAS	HEEPEN	
	10	10 Stone		10 McLaughlin	
	70	"D"	AYREY		
	62	HECKLER	70 LOKAN	FELT	
	52	52 Chacko		62 GREENE	
	52	"E"	BRAINARD		
	67	COOK	67 PETERSON	PHILLIPS	
	59	51 FRIGMORE		59 Gooch	
	51	"F"	TOWNSEND		
	64	BINDWELL	64 HOLLAND	BENNETT	
	56	65 OFF		56 LUSSENDEN	
	65	"G"	SCOTT		
	01	BLACK	01 POSEY	LYONS	SPARES
	02	16 Martinson		02 HARVEY	
	16	"H"	PETERSON		
	07	WETZEL	07 EMMONS	FORSYTHE	VAN KEUREN
	14	11 Vicha		14 SACCO	69 STORICK
	11	"I"	PARSONS		JOHNSON, H.D.
	58	60 HALBERT	58 CLARK	LIVSEY	60 SHEEHAN
	53	57 Czechowitz		53 Thompson	

COLORS OF THE DAY 16 Jan 1945

TIME	FLARE	COLORS	CHALLENGER	REPLY	* AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION
0100-0700	RGG	P	J	* 1st INDEX NUMBER	A384 KUR
0700-1300	RG	M	C	* 2nd INDEX NUMBER	A388 LIU
1300-1900	RR	O	D	* 3rd INDEX NUMBER	A392 WLG
1900-0100	RRR	W	Q	* 4th INDEX NUMBER	A396 KYJ