

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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2 February, 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 458.

Flight Commander: Capt. McDougal.  
Lead Pilot : Capt. Myers.

RAMSBACH AMMUNITION DUMP (M/R: (W) W-300903, GSCS 4416, Sheet W-2, Germany.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

At 12:22 hours, 33 B-26's took off to bomb Ramsbach Ammunition Dump. 7 B-26's returned early: 2 engineering; 5 spares. (One entitled to Sortie). Total Sorties: 27. 26 B-26's were over the primary target and 8 B-26's dropped 64 x 500-lb GP bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) at (W) V-295915 due to target misidentification on the first run, and 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb GP bombs on the primary target at 14:07 hours from 11,000' to 10,000' on an axis of 343 Deg. true (Briefed axis of attack, 345 Deg. True; Drift Correction from IP to target, plus 10; Evasive action from IP, loss of altitude. 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb GP bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target on the second run at 14:28 hours from 12,800' on an axis of 334 Deg. True. 8 x 500-lb GP bombs were salvoed at 14:00 hours at (W) W-2777 by one of the early returns (entitled to sortie credit because of engine failure). No bombs returned to base. No B-26's were lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 26 B-26's returned to base at 15:36 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: A. Activity: (1) 2 ME-109's reported by one crew member in the target area, below the formation. (2) F-47's provided escort.

B. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None. 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) Fires burning at Zell W-2472 at 14:00 hrs.  
(2) Smoke screen at Breisach Area, (W) V-8837.  
(3) Smoke screen North of Haslach, (W) W-2763.

B. Communications: (1) 200 RR cars at Offenbergl (W)  
W-2686 at 14:00 hours.  
(2) 4 barges in canal at West Gerathiem  
(W) W-0438 at 14:06 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

NUMBER OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to St. Die (W) V-4266; to Barr (W) V-7878; to Erstein (W) V-9480; to Zell (W) W-2472; to Haslach (W) W-2763; to IP, Wolfach (W) W-3668; 360 Deg. Curve to right to IP; to target on axis of 343 Deg. True on the first run; Breakaway right and curve left to IP; to target on axis of 334 Deg. True on the second run; Breakaway right to Molsheim (W) V-8294; to Base.

WEATHER: CAWU in all area.

RESULTS: Good pattern covered the target area, but no explosions were observed. The squadron which missed due to misidentification hit barracks building at point stated.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

NORMAN L. FARREROW,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Act'g Group S-2 Officer.

MISSION NUMBER 463: FIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN MCDUGGAL 1 2 FEB 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP:

21	"A"	MERS	21 FLOUCK	O'MAHONEY
04	HARREN			04 FERINDINO
22	22 Biddle	"B"	DOEKE	
11	B. BARRITT		11 Kingsbury	TORONGO
06	17 Martinson	"C"		06 Murray
17				
07	BLACK		07 Anderson	ZIRK
10	16 Bush	"D"		10 Williamson
16				
58	BENNETT		58 HENDREX	WEST
62	51 Chacko	"E"		62 GRASNE
51			V. NIKREN	
65	PHILLIPS		65 Orr	COOK
52	53 Ford	"F"		52 Cox
53			HARRERT	
50	HOOVER		50 Cole	DETHELM
57	63 Gorman	"G"		57 Thompson
63			BAKER	
40	MCOLBER		40 STOUGH	LOONEY
37	43 Beckman	"H"		37 BURNS
43			INGHAM	
27	MAYFIELD		27 Lytle	PEARSON
26	32 Germano	"I"		26 Woodward
32			GILES	
33	MOJTKOWSKI		33 Wells	LACHASSE
46	47 Miller	"J"		46 Linville
47	SP RES		DAILY	
	09		71 Storick	WILSON
	19		WEINGART	09 Nelson
	54		54 Prigmore	MCLAUGHLIN
	31			31 Helfard GS 67
	55			

MISSION # 464: FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. TRILL: 2 FEB 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

83	"A"	CRHAN	63 FROELICH	ARMSTRONG
90	HAVEL			90 LARRABEE
94	94 Tabacco	"B"	KREUZER	
80	JOHNSTON C.R.		80 Hephner	FORD
87	76 Sheehan	"C"		87 Ryan
76			WILDROP	
88	JOHNSTON H.D.		88 Jarman	JOHNSTON H.D.
82	95 Weinberg	"D"		82 Kenny
95			SHERWOOD	
70	PARSONS		70 DAVIS	TOWNSEND
64	69 Purvis	"E"		64 HOLLAND
69			SCOTT	
01	ALDEN		01 POSEY	STIER
23	14 Streany	"F"		23 BEVER
14			SALMONSON	
85	H. F. KELEYER		85 HELLER	DAY
89	75 Schempf	"G"		89 DRAKE
75	SP. RES		SUTHERLAND	
	77 ground spare		93 Rhodes	CHANNELL
	81 " "		75 Ward	91 RYNDEN
			45 Farwell	77 81.

RADIO CALL SIGNS:::

320th Group: "BABYDOLL"

Control Center voice Call sign. 0100-0700

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 2 FEBRUARY 1945.

FLARE COLORS CHALLENGE REPLY  
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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 463 - 2 FEBRUARY 1945.

MYERS, PILOT, Capt.	441st		21
BORDEN, CO PILOT, Capt.			took off 1222
FLOUCK, BOMB, Capt.			landed 1536
MIRABELLA, NAV., 1st Lt.			
COPPLER, ENG., T/Sgt.			
KIRKLAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
MARINELLI, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		MCDOUGAL, FLT. COMDR., Capt.	
O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		04
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1222+
FERRANDINO, BOMB, 1st Lt.			landed 1537
O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.			
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.			
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.			
HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		22
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1223
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1537+
WASH, ENG., Cpl.			
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HART, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl.			
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		11
KAUFFMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1223+
KINGSBURY, BOMB, 1st Lt.			landed 1538
FURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.			
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.			
GRICE, GUNNER, Cpl.			
TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		06
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1224
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1538+
LUCHANSKY, ENG., Cpl.			
BOSTIC, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	early return	17
ZELLMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1224+
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.			landed 1246+
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
LUDY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
POTTS, FOTO, Sgt.			
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		07
DINOME, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1225
ANDERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1540
GIBSON, ENG., Sgt.			
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.			

ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt. KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. WYATT, ENG., S/Sgt. SMITH, RADIO, Cpl. ATEN, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	10 took off 1225+ landed 1540+
BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt. LEVERING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BUSH, BOMB. S/Sgt. LEWIS, ENG., S/Sgt. MULLIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Cpl. KENNERSON, FOTO, Cpl.	441st	16 took off 1226 landed 1541
HILL, PILOT, Capt. BARRETT, CO PILOT, Col., HENDREX, BOMB., 1st Lt. BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt. FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt. PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FIELDS, ENG. S/Sgt. DICKENSON, OBS., Capt.	443rd	58 took off 1227 landed 1541+
WEST, PILOT, Capt. NEWTON, CO PILOT, Capt. GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt. MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt. SHEUMAKER, RADIO, Sgt. DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BROOKS, ENG., Sgt.	443rd	62 took off 1227+ landed 1542
BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHACKO, BOMB., Sgt. HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt. PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt. CHRISTENSON, FOTO, S/Sgt. DUNLAP, OBS., Capt.	443rd	51 took off 1228 landed 1542+
VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt. CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. CHARLTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DZIENISZ, ENG., Sgt.	443rd	65 took off 1228+ landed 1543
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC HUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. COX, BOMB., S/Sgt. GAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	52 took off 1229 landed 1544

PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 53  
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1229+  
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1550+

HALBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 50  
ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1230  
MELE, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1545  
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.

BETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 57  
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1230+  
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1545+

HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 63  
MC DONALD, CO PILOT, Capt. took off 1231  
GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1546+

BAKER, PILOT, Capt. 442nd 40  
LEACH, CO PILOT, Capt. took off 1231+

MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd SPARE 37  
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1249+  
HELFPAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt. landed 1415+  
SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt.  
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.  
VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl.

COMBER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd 43  
DAVIES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1232+  
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O landed 1548  
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.  
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.

MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	27
VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1232
BURNS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1547+
SAVOCA, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
SOLDATI, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PEARSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	26
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>Sortie credit</i>	took off 1233+
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1452
SURABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MAYFIELD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	32
PERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1234
GERGANO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1549+
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAYES, FOTO, Sgt.		
GILES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	33
KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1234+
WELLS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1550
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LA CHASSE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	46
TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1235
LINVILLE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1551
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
OLSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1235+
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1553
SIMEC, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1250
STORICK, BOMB., 1st Lt.	(SPARE)	landed 1438
HEAVENER, RADIO, Sgt.	<i>No credit.</i>	
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
BOWLES, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.  
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.  
BALINSKI, ENG., Cpl.  
MCCOY, RADIO, Cpl.  
DUNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

(SPARE)

No credit

09  
took off 1245  
landed 1420

COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
EVANS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.  
SACCO, BOMB., Sgt.  
TIETZ, ENG., Cpl.  
LANE, GUNNER, Sgt.  
RASCHKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

(SPARE)

Sortie Credit

19  
took off 1245+  
landed 1539

WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
FRIGMORE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.  
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
RUBY, GUNNER, Sgt.  
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd

(SPARE)

No credit

54  
took off 1250+  
landed 1416

INGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
WOOLF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
LYTLE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.  
CARTER, ENG., Cpl.  
HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl.  
HURBACE, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

(SPARE)

Sortie Credit  
Flight lead "H" Flight

31  
took off 1233  
landed 1548

CONNELLY, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
OLSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
YOUSSE, BOMB., S/Sgt.  
WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl.  
VINE, RADIO, Cpl.  
DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

(SPARE)

No credit

55  
took off 1248+  
landed 1426