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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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AFO 374

D-F-3

2 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 459.

Flight Commander: Lt. Trimm.  
Lead Pilot : Major Cahan.

ZELL FUEL DUMP (M/R: (W) W-245708, GSCS 4416, Sheet (W-2), Germany.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

At 12:38 hours, 22 B-26's took off to bomb Zell Fuel Dump. 4 B-26's returned early: Spares. 18 B-26's were over the primary target and 11 B-26's dropped 319 x 100-lb GP bombs (Inst. nose and non-delay tail) and 6 B-26's dropped 48 x 500-lb M-17 incendiary cluster bombs (M138 nose fuses set at 19 seconds) on the primary target at 13:50 hours from 11,400' to 10,400' on an axis of 139 Deg. True. (Briefed axis of attack, 107 Deg. True; Drift correction from IP to target, plus 2; Evasive action from IP; none. 41 x 100-lb demolition bombs were salvaged at 13:50 hours at the target due to bombardier error; 11 having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 14:56 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: A. Activity: 2 black P-51's flying east at 9,000' at (W) W-0586, were seen at 14:00 hours. P-47's provided escort.  
B. Situation: None.

E/A 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) 7 barracks buildings at Seelbach (W) W-1668.  
(2) South of Offenbergl (W) W-1485, 8 cleared places in snow adjacent to tracks indicating possible unloading locations at 14:53 hours.  
B. Communications: (1) 40-50 RR cars stationary at Lehr (W) W-1072 at 13:51 hours.

CASUALTIES: None. NUMBER OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to St. Die (W) V-4266; to Barr (W) V-7878; to IP, Erstein (W) V-9480; to target on axis of 139 Deg. True; breakaway right; curve left to target; to Mbl-sheim (W) V-8294; to Base.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas. SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target area scoring many direct hits and starting large fires and explosions.

RUNWAY LINE UP

83		HAVEL	63 FROELICH	ARMSTRONG
90		94 Tabacco		90 LARR.BEE
94	22 off at 1738	"B"	KREUZER	
80		JOHNSTON C.R.	80 Hephner	TCRD
87		76 Sheehan		87 Ryan
76		"C"	WILLROP	
88		THEWIS 537	88 Jarman	JOHNSTON H.D.
82		95 Walnberg		82 Kenny
95		"D"	SHERWOOD	
70		PARSONS	70 DAVIS	TOLNSEND 5117
64		69 Purvis		64 HOLLAND
69		"E"	SCOTT	
01		ALDEN	01 POSAY	STIER
23	93	14 streamy		23 DEVER
14	91	"F"	SALMONSON	
85	25	H.F. MEYER	85 HELLER	DAY
89	45	75 Schempf		89 DRAKE
75		SPARES	<del>SUTHERLAND</del> ER	
		<del>WELLS</del>	<del>WELLS</del>	CHANNELL ER
		75 Ward	<del>WELLS</del>	91 RYNDEN ER

77 ground spare  
81 2 "

1000  
8/500  
m.c. chaser

RADIO CALL SIGNS:::		COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 2 FEBRUARY 1945.			
		FILE	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
320th Group: "BABYDOLL"		0100-0700	R Y	G	P
Control Center voice call sign.	"B"	0700-1300	R G	Y	S
"BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR "C"		1300-1900	R G G	I	X
W/T CALL SIGNS: FOR 1 Net.		1900-0100	R R R	L	M
30th Group M 89		AIR GROUND R/P AUTHENTICATION.			
fighter voice call signs;		441st	index number A 431	XVS	
320th Group: "PENCIL"		442nd	index number A 434	OFS	
FIGHTER BOMBER CALL ON "B"		443rd	index number A 437	WYU	
CANCELLATION WORD:::		444th	index number A 440	NXL	
"OLD FRIEND."					

BOMBS

CHECK POINTS:

REICHSHOFFEN::: QUEEN ANNWEILLER::: EASY LUXEUIL::: ZEBRA  
 STE DIE::: CHARLIE ERSTEIN::: DOG ZELL::: N.N WOLF.CH::: PETER  
 WOLSHEIN::: YOKE KLOSTERREICHENBACH::: LIKE FORBACH::: CBOE  
 SAVERNE::: SUGAR H.GUENAU::: UNCLE.  
 BOMBED CALL BAGGAGE OR BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "B" FOR A FIX.

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 464 - 2 FEBRUARY 1945.

GAHAN, PILOT, Major	444th	83
TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1236
FROEHLICH, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1456
WEBB, NAV., 1st Lt.		
MCQUARRIE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TRIMM, FLT. COMDR., 1st Lt.		
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, Lt.	444th	90
MICKELSON, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1236+
LARRABEE, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1456+
NELSON, NAV., Lt.		
LEONARD, ENG., Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LINDQUIST, FOTO, Sgt.		
HAVEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1237
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1457
KLOTZ, ENG., Cpl.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KREUZER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1237+
HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1458
CLARK, ENG., T/Sgt.		
POLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CLOEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	87
WALKER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1238
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1459
GRECO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MACDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSTON, PILOT, 1st Lt. C.R.	444th	76
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1238+
SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1500
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Pvt.		
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1239
JARMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1500+
JARRETT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
LUCAS, RADIO, Sgt.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

JOHNSTON, PILOT, Lt. H.D.	44th	82
BOSCA, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1239+
KENNY, BOMB., <del>1st</del> Sgt		landed 1502
HARLY, ENG., Sgt.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
HOLLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	44th	95
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1240
WEYENBERG, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1502+
BAILEY, ENG., Cpl.		
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt.		
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1240+
DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1503
LOWREY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
JENKINSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1241
HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1503+
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
STATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1241+
PURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1504
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		
SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01
WETZEL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1242
POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1504+
FERNANDEZ, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COX, PASSENGER (7th Army) Capt.		
STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1242+
DEVER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1505
STRAND, ENG., Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. PRATT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. STREANY, BOMB., S/Sgt. BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt. MELLAS, RADIO, Cpl. GLASSNER, GUNNER, Cpl. BLUE, FOTO, S/Sgt.	441st		14 took off 1243 landed 1506
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HELLER, BOMB, Capt. RANKIN, ENG., S/Sgt. TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt. RYAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st		85 took off 1243+ landed 1506+
DAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. LEIBENDORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt. HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt. FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt. RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st		89 took off 1244 landed 1507
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, Lt. GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, Lt. SCHEMPF, BOMB, Lt. GAY, ENG., Sgt. PIERCE, RADIO, Sgt. HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st		75 took off 1244+ landed 1507+
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt. CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RHODES, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DUFFEL, ENG., S/Sgt. WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt. CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt. <del>EMMONS, PILOT, Lt.</del>	441st	(this is crew of) (93 which did not) (take off)	77 took off 1248 landed 1437
CHANNEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARTLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt. CARR, ENG., Cpl. CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	(Spare)	91 took off 1246 landed 1429
WELLS, PILOT, 1st Lt. KITHEART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WARD, NAV., 1st Lt. SUGARMAN, ENG., Sgt. WELLS, RADIO, Pvt. REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	(Spare)	25 took off 1247 landed 1418

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ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
BREMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
STEVENSON, ENG., Cpl.  
DAWSON, GUNNER, Cpl.  
WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

No Credit

45  
took off 1249  
landed 1419