

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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8 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 461.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Wellridge.
Lead Pilot : Captain Arey.

HORNBERG RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/A: (W) W-368573, GSGS 4416, sheet X-2), Germany.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

At 13:15 hours, 27 B-26's took off to bomb Hornberg Railroad Bridge (M/A: (W) W-368573, GSGS 4416, sheet X-2), Germany. 2 B-26's returned Early: Engineering. Total sorties 25. 25 B-26's were over the Primary target and 24 B-26's dropped 96 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay fuses) on the second run on the target, (No bombs were dropped on the first run, because the formation was not in position to drop), at 15:08 hours from 12,000' to 11,000' on an axis of 164°T. No bombs were salvaged. 4 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs were returned to base, not having been dropped due to bombardier error. No B-26's were lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 25 B-26's returned to base at 16:18 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-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: S, H, I, I, -CP type flak encountered from Offenberg (W) W-1687 as the formation went to the target. The formation being slightly off course.

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General: see Report No. 460, this date.
- b. Communications: see Report No 460, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

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ROUTE: base to rendezvous at Luneville (W) (-0800; to Arstein (W) W-9480; to IP, Zell (W) W-2472; briefed axis of 152°T; 5° drift correction the the right; evasive action; loss of altitude; to target on the first run; curve right to IP, Zell (W) W-2472; to target on second run on an axis of 164°T; breakaway right to Zell (W) W-2472; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Route: 7/10ths to 8/10ths low clouds bases estimated from 3,000' to 4,000', tops 6,000'. 7/10ths cirrus.
- b. Vicinity of Target:
) 2/10ths low clouds, tops 6,000' to 7,000',
- c. Target Area : No estimate on base.
- d. Return: same as enroute. Vis. 10 miles. Winds aloft 265°;
35 m.p.h..

RESULTS: The target was missed. A good pattern cut the North approaches and blocked the tunnel mouth.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 466 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. COLDRIDGE. 8 FEBRUARY 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

58	"A"		
67	AYREY		
54	NICOLD	58 LOKAN	WATSON
70	54 PRISONER		67 SELZER
57		"B"	
69-ER		PARSONS	
62	BLASKO	70 Purvis	COOK
56	69 Cox		57 Mele
53		"C"	
01		DALLIN	
06	JONES	62 Storick	HOOVER
10	53 Orr		50 Lussenden
09		"D"	
07		SCOTT	
22	BOBLITT	01 POSEY	PETERSON
21	10 Biddle		06 INGLE
03		"E"	
23	ENR. CUTTING OUT	WILSON	
04	BARPETTE	09 Gallagher	FORSYTHE
02	22 Martinsen		07 Williamson
02		"F"	
14		KAUFFMAN	
11	LAMPKE	21 Kingsbury	BLACK
18	23 Streany		03 Bush
17-ER		"G"	
50		O'MAHONEY	
51	WETZEL	04 FERRINDINO	LYONS
65	14 Sacco		02 GARVEY
		"H"	
64		SHERWOOD	
55	COCKRIEL	11 Murray	KLUG
61	17 Glassner		18 Grice
63		"I"	
		HAIBERT	
	BIRDWELL	50 Otto	UNLIG
	65 Clark J. R.		51 Czechowicz

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

320th Group.

1 Formation: "SNACKBAR"

2 Formation "WISEGUY"

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS

BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON CHANNEL

"C"

R/T CALL SIGNS FOR I Net.

1 Formation: A 86

2 formation G 91

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:

1 Formation: "STRAWBERRY"

2 Formation: "SOURKRAUT"

FIGHTER BOMBER CALLS ON

CHANNEL "B"

CHECK POINTS: :::::

LUNEVILLE

ROCHOU

ERPLEIN

LAHE

BUNTE ON (COCHON)

VICTOR

MIAN

GEORGE

PETER

152

NESTADT (W -3624)

SP. LAULEN (W 3007)

BOMDOLF (W 4514)

ZELL (W2473)

XRAY

SUGAR

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 8 FEB 1945

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALL	REPLY
0100-0700	Y Y R	Y	M
0700-1300	Y Y	S	B
1300-1900	R R R	W	X
1900-0100	R Y	F	O

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

441st	index number	A 431	PSW
442nd	index number	A 434	M2M
443rd	index number	A 437	GTY
444th	index number	A 440	TFW

CREWS FLYING IN MISSION NUMBER 466 - 8 FEBRUARY 1945.

AYREY, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	58
LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1310
LOKAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1618
BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
SALVATI, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HANSEN, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WOOLRIDGE, FC., Lt. Col.		
WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1311
SEIZER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1618+
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WAZMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FORD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHRISTENSON, AP, S/Sgt.		
NICCOUD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
MCHUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1311+
PRIGMORE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1619
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
RUBY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PINGLE, EG., S/Sgt.		
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1312
PURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1620
YOUNG, RADIO, Sgt.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
MCDONALD, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off 1312+
MELE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1610+
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SHEW, ENG., Sgt.		
BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
GALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	(Early Return)	took off 1325+
COX, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1445
ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		
DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
WEINGART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1313+
STORICK, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1620+
HEAVENER, RADIO, Sgt.		
HAFER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
OESHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		

HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
NEWTON, CO PILOT, Captt.
LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
JENKINSON, RADIO, Sgt.
CHARLETON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd

56
took off 1314
landed 1630

JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.
TALSKY, RADIO, T/Sgt.
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.

443rd

53
took off 1326
landed 1608

SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WALDEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
PERFETTO, NAV., 1st Lt.,
FERNANDEZ, ENG., T/Sgt.
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

01
took off 1314+
landed 1621+

PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
EVANS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
INGLE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.,
EMMONS, NAV., 2nd Lt.
TIETZ, ENG., Cpl.
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.
WINFIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.

441st

06
took off 1315
landed 1622

BOELITT, PILOT, 1st Lt.
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BIDDELE, BOMB., S/Sgt.
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.
KIRKLAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Cpl.
POTTS, FOTO, Sgt.

441st

10
took off 1315+
landed 1622+

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GALLAGHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.
BALINSK, ENG., Cpl.
MELLAS, RADIO, Cpl.
DUNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

09
took off 1316
landed 1623

FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
ZIERK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt.
PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.
LUDY, GUNNER, Sgt.
STRAND, GUNNER, Sgt.

441st

07
took off 1316+
landed 1623+

BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ZELLNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt. LUGHANSKY, ENG., Cpl. ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt. BOSTIC, GUNNER, Sgt. REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.	441st	22 took off 1317 landed 1624+
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. DINOME, CO PILOT, F/O KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt. DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt. CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	21 took off 1317+ landed 1624
BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt. TORONGO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt. LEWIS, ENG., S/Sgt. GARNER, GUNNER, Cpl. PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	03 took off 1318 landed 1624+
LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st (No Take-off)	23
O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt. DOMKE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt., NORDEN, NAV., 2nd Lt. PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt. ROCKAERAND, RADIO, T/Sgt. VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	04 took off 1318+ landed 1625+
LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt. PRATT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. GARVEY, BOMB., 1st Lt. BADER, NAV., 1st Lt. BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt. HILER, RADIO, Sgt. TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	02 took off 1319 landed 1626
WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SACCO, BOMB., Sgt. MCCOY, ENG., Cpl. WYATT, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SMELAND, GUNNER, Cpl. KENNERSON, FOTO,	441st	14 took off 1319+ landed 1626+
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. HERRIN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt. TAMOSTUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt. PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	441st	11 took off 1320 landed 1627

KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
LEVERING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1320+
GRICE, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1627+
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st (Early Return)	17
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, P/O		took off 1321
GLASSNER, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1452
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RASCHEKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DEVAUGHAN, FOTO		

HALBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1322
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1627+
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		

UNLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
BUFFETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1322+
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1628
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARKON, ENG., S/Sgt.		

BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (No take off)	65
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Ship number 70 did not take off - Ship number 64 (spare) flew in place of number 70.

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GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	55
BOWLES, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	(Spare)	took off 1323
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed - 1625
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SMITH, RADIO, Cpl.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl.		

PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (Spare)	61
	(No Take-Off)	

DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (Spare)	63
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1325
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1629
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.		