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

Final Mission Report No. 466.

Flight Commander: Captain Bressette.
Lead Pilot : Major Cahen.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

LABACH M/Y (M/R): (W) C-396902, GSGS 4416, sheet V-1, Germany.

At 11:45 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Labach M/Y (M/R): (W) C-396902, GSGS 4416, sheet V-1, Germany, 2 B-26's returned early: spares.
Total sorties: 27. No B-26's were over the target and no B-26's dropped no 500-lb. demolition bombs. Formation turned back at Volklingen, C-3573, at 13:50 hours from 13,500'. No bombs were salvaged. All bombs were returned to base. 1 B-26 lost: crashed on on take-off, blew right tire. 3 crew members injured seriously. no B-26's missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 15:00 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity:
(1) 12 P-47's provided good escort.
(2) 1 Me-210 sighted at 20,000' to the rear of the formation at 14:00 hours at C-2090, P-47's gave chase.
- b. Situation: None.

SMOKE 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:
A long white vapor trail, extending for several thousand feet, was seen heading east at (V) 2-933765, at 15,000', at 13:20 hours.
- b. Communications:
Railroad bridge down at Sarrbrucken, C-4571.

CASUAL FLAK: None.

No. of A/G Landing Accidents: None.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville (W) C-0800, rendezvous; to Homburg (W) C-2090; to Volklingen (W) C-3573; 360° turn to left to Dilsberg (W) C-4281; 180° turn to Volklingen (W) C-3573; to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute :
- b. Vicinity of Target: 10/10ths stratocumulus, bases 3,500' to 4,000',
- c. Target Area : tops 6,000', with isolated small breaks,
- d. Return : scattered cirrus.

RESULTS: None, due to weather.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This is a credited mission and sorties.

Correction on Final Mission Report No. 463, dated

9 February 1945.:

Correction to the Route: on the target of Hornberg Rd/RR.:

Base to Luneville; to St. Die; to Selstat; to 1 mile south of IP, Herbolzheim W-0357; to target on first run; left curve over Schiltach W-4565; to Schopbach W-4175; to target right break to Haslach W-2563; to Lahr W-1072; to Erstein; to base.

Wesley L. Fairbairn,
CAPTAIN, Air Corps,
Acting Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION NUMBER 472: FLIGHT COMMANDER: DECOY: WELSH		WELSH		CONEY		ROWAN	
27		GUSTAFSON	27	YOUENES	27	BURNS	47
37		43 Beckman					
43	47	"A"		CAHAN			
89		HAVEL	89	FROELICH		ARMSTRONG	
83		77 Tabbacco				83 LARRABEE	
77		"B"		HAYER			
88		DAVIS	88	Schmidt		JOHNSTON C.R.	
91		94 Kilgore				91 Mcquade	
94		"C"		WILSON			
99		JOHNSTON H.D.	99	Eveland		SUTHERLAND	
82		76 Lyon				82 Rhodes	
76		"D"		BARNATHY			
40		L. CHASSE	40	VILA		METSCHAN	
34		25 Linville				34 HUN	
25		"E"		GILLS			
31		MAYFIELD	31	Herbst		PEARSON	
46		28 Farwell				46 Germano	
28		"F"		INGHAM			
33		ROSS	33	Wells		ROJNOWSKY	
45		44 Miller				45 McDougal	
44		"G"		SAMMONSON			
85		AD RIDGE	85	HELLER		SULLIVAN	
98		95 Keaney				98 DRAKE	
95		"H"		ELLIS			
90		H. FROELICHER	90	Hephner		HAVEL	
97		75 Schmidt				77 Gleason	
75		"I"		KAUFFMAN			
01	96	WALDEN	01	Williamson		VANS	
18	78	14 Stearny				18 Grace	ground spared
14	05	SP. RES		WALLROF			
	17	WILSON	93	Kaden		FORD	39
	56	05 Tannard		ZIRK		78 Clark	50
	57	OSTERMAN	47	McGregory		DETHMAN	59
		57 Chackowitz				50 Heckney	

FRA 95

8x500

1 nose

101 tail

MISSION NUMBER 472: FLIGHT COMMANDER: DEPT. IN COMMAND: 13 FEBRUARY 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP .		BOB LIT		STEER	
11		"A"	11	FLOCK	23
23		10 Elman			
10		"B"		GRILL	
19		BONES	19	Allen	TORRINO
03		06 Nelson			03 Gallagher
06		"C"		LOMKE	
12		L. LAKE	12	Kingsbury	LEVERING
22		02 Bush			22 Bertinson
02		"D"		HAVEL	
64		KOTLS	64	LOCKAN	TOMSEAD
70		54 Thompson			70 ROLLAND
54		"E"		DAILY	
55		LIVELY	55	Purvis	BLASKO
69		65 Simons			69 Prigmore
65		"F"		PARSONS	
58		BERNETT	58	Otto	PHILLIPS
71	09	53 Cox			71 Fora
53	07	SP. RES		SHERWOOD	
	51	WEINGART	09	Emmons	PARRETT
	61	51 Clark		COOK	07 Anderson
				61 Mele	15

8x500

1 nose

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 13 FEB 1945.

TIME: 0100-0700 R R B

FLARE CHALLENGE REPLY

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

441st--Index number A 431 XUR

442nd--Index Number A 434 PSB

443rd--Index number A 437 ILH

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #471 - 13 FEB. 1945

d e c o y

WELCH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	27	
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12:13
YOUMES, BOMB., Lt.		landed	15:03
TEICH, NAV., Lt.			
BOELLINGER, ENG., T/Sgt.			
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd (no take off)	37	
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43	
GUEDEL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12:14
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed	15:04
WALDEN, ENG., T/Sgt.			
FINNEY, RADIO, Cpl.			
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CHRISTENSON, FOTO, Sgt.			
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47	
PERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12:14
ROUSH, BOMB., Sgt.		landed	15:03 +
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.			
WELLS, P.R., RADIO, Pvt.			
DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.			
CAHAN, PILOT, Major,	444th	89	
BARRETT, CO PILOT, Col.		took off	11:42
FROELICH, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	15:07
WEBB, NAV., 1st Lt.			
MCQUARRIE, ENG., T/Sgt.			
SHROLL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
VILLENES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BRESETTS, FC., Capt.			
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83	
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major		took off	11:42 +
LARRABEE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	15:06 +
WESTBROOK, NAV., 1st Lt.			
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FERGUSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.			
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77	
HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:43
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	15:08 +
LESTER, ENG., Sgt.			
DINYER, RADIO, Cpl.			
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Cpl.			

HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88	
BOSCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:44
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	15:09
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt.			
WITT, RADIO, Sgt.			
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
JOHNSTON, CR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91	
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:44 +
MCQUADE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	15:09 +
GAY, ENG., S/Sgt.			
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CLOEY, GUNNER, Cpl.			
DAVIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94	
GARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:45
KILGORE, BOMB., Cpl.		landed	15:10
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.			
D'AGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.			
MESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
KRAUS, FOTO, Pvt.			
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99	
WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:45 +
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	15:11
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.			
BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt.			
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
JOHNSON, ES, Capt. OBS.			
HAYES, FOTO, Pvt.			
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	82	
CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:46
RHODES, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	15:11 +
VINSON, ENG., Sgt.			
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.			
CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
JOHNSTON, HD., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76	
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:46 +
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	15:12
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HOLLAND, GUNNER, Cpl.			
CASE, FOTO, Pvt.			
ABERNATHY, CO PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40	
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:46 +
VILA, BOMB., Lt.		landed	15:13
ENGLISH, NAV., Lt.			
SURABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt.			
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.			

METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	50	
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O	<i>No Credit</i>	took off	12:09
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed	14:54
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.			
POSHEE, ENG., S/Sgt.			
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
LA CHASSE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd (no take off)	25	
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	31	
LEACH, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off	11:47 +
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed	15:14 +
SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt.			
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46	
DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:57
GERMANO, BOMB., Lt.		landed	15:15
SOLDATI, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl.			
CRAIG, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32	
BREMAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:57 +
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	15:14
ISON, ENG., Sgt.			
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.			
INGHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33	
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:58
WELLS, BOMB., Lt.		landed	15:15 +
GARTER, ENG., Cpl.			
GODER, RADIO, Sgt.			
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45	
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:58 +
MCDUGAL, BOMB., Lt.		landed	15:16
STEVENSON, ENG., Cpl.			
DANIEL, RADIO, Cpl.			
WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ROSS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44	
WOJTKOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:59
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	15:16 +
PUTNAM, ENG., S/Sgt.			
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85	
LAMPMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	12:00
HELLER, BOMB., Capt.		landed	15:17 +
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.			
RANKIN, ENG., S/Sgt.			
RUMMEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RAMERIZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt. HARTMAN, NAV., 2nd Lt. THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt. ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt. WELLS, MW, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	98 took off 12:00 + landed 15:18
ALDRICH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BELL, COPILOT, 2nd Lt. KENNY, BOMB., Sgt. BAILEY, ENG., Sgt. BROWN, RADIO, Sgt. SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt. KENNERSON, FOTO, Cpl.	444th	95 12:01 15:18 +
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt. HAIMONTEREE, ENG., Sgt. MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt. WIGGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FRATER, OBS., Capt.	444th	90 took off 12:01 + landed 15:19
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. WALKER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. GLEASON, BOMB., Cpl. DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt. RYAN, RADIO, Sgt. STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	97 took off 12:02 landed 15:20
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, Lt. GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, Lt. SCHEFF, BOMB., HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt. PIERCE, RADIO, Sgt. HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt. MOREY, FOTO, Sgt.	444th	75 took off 12:02 + landed 15:20 +
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt. CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt. LUDY, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	01 took off 12:03 landed 15:20 +
EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt. SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GRICE, BOMB., Cpl. WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt. GLASSNER, GUNNER, Cpl. WASH, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	18 took off 12:03 + landed 15:21

WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	44	took off	12:04
DAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			landed	15:22
STREANY, BOMB., S/Sgt.				
WYATT, ENG., S/Sgt.				
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				

WALDROP, PILOT, Lt.	444th (no take off) (Spare)	93		
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FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th (Spare)	78	took off	12:16
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			landed	15:13 +
CLARKE, BOMB., T/Sgt.				
GRECO, ENG., S/Sgt.				
MULLANEY, RADIO, Sgt.				
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.				

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st (Spare)	05	took off	12:16 +
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	No Credit		landed	14:13
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O				
BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt.				
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.				
NEAL, GUNNER, Cpl.				

ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st (No take off) (Spare)	17		
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BETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (Spare)	56	took off	12:15
CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	No Credit		landed	14:26
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.				
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.				

OPPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (Spare)	57	took off	12:15 +
WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			landed	15:00
CZESCHOWITZ, BOMB., Cpl.				
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.				