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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO #374

B-MS-2

11 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 468.

Flight Commander: Major Hayward.
Lead Pilot: Lt. Armstrong.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

GUN POSITIONS NEAR LABACH (W/R: (U) Q-391869, GSGS 4416, sheet U-1), Germany.

At 12:09 hours, 4 B-26's took off to bomb Gun Positions Near Labach (W/R: (U) Q-391869, GSGS 4416, sheet U-1), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: spare. Total sorties: 3. 3 B-26's were over the target and 3 B-26's dropped 360 x 25-lb. fragmentation bombs on the target at 14:00 hours from 10,200' on an axis of 10°T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's damaged. No B-26's lost or missing. 3 B-26's returned to base at 15:02 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 469, this date.

ENEMY AIR REQUIREMENTS: 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: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

ROUTES: Base to Luneville Q-0800, rendezvous; to Homberg Q-3059; to Volklingen Q-3673, IP; to target (briefed axis over IP - 10°T; evasive action over IP - loss of altitude; drift correction over IP - 10° right); break right to Volklingen Q-3673; to Homberg Q-3059; to Luneville Q-0800; base.

WEATHER:

a. Enroute : stratocumulus overcast, bases 3,000', tops 4,000', at base, breaking to clear 30 miles to the North and continuing clear to Luneville. Visibility unlimited.

b. Vicinity of Target:

c. Target Area : From Luneville to target and in the target area 2/10ths stratocumulus in small patches, bases 3,500', tops 4,000'. Visibility unlimited.

d. Return : Stratocumulus on last 30 minutes of route had broken to 3 - 4/10ths coverage.

RESULTS: Target missed - bombs landed over and to the left.

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SPECIAL COMMENTS: 21 boxes of "CHAFF" dropped from Hornberg to the target and return to Hornberg. No impressions as to effectiveness.

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Acting Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION NUMBER 473: LIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR HAYWARD 4 FEBRUARY 1945

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WAV
CORRELLY
46 Yowell
WAV
GUSTAFSON
42 Beckman
WAV
WELLS
39 Fisher
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ALDRIDGE
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HAFKELEYER
97 Ryan
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02 Woodward
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WETZEL
15 Grace
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SPARES
LEVENING
22 Nelson
WADDELL
99 F.C. Guade

35 LARRABEE
BAKER
37 STOUGH
GOERKE
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GILES
33 Wells, JC
POLING
83 GLUBITZ
BAKER
81 Schmidt
WADSWORTH
93 Schempf
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30 VILA
KAUFFMAN
09 Emons
RALBERT
50 Pfligmore
ECKERLHAIN
07 Ward
JOHNSTON, CR
77 Kiskore

LAMPMAN
88 GOLDMAN
MOONEY
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PEARSON
32 BLITTSCHER
MAYFIELD
35 Germano
SULLIVAN
98 BROCKE
LEIBENDORFER
76 Rhodes
JOHNSTON, HD
78 Clark
METSCHAN
44 HOON
BARRETT
04 Anderson
KODAS
56 Trafton
KENT
59 Miller

HAVEL
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