

16 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 169.

Flight Commander: Major Hayward.  
Lead Pilot : Captain Baker.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

LABACH M/Y (M/R: (X) Q-386902, GDS 4416, sheet U-1), Germany.

At 12:12 hours, 32 B-26's took off to bomb Labach M/Y (M/R: (X) Q-386902, GDS 4416, sheet U-1), Germany. 5 B-26's returned early: 4 spare, 1 personnel. Total sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the target and 17 B-26's dropped 136 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 14:06 hours from 12,500' to 11,500' on an axis of 120°. 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay fuses) on LAHR Barfacks (target of opportunity), due to bombight malfunction while over the Primary target, at 14:40 hours from 12,000' on an axis of 112°, leaving formation at Luneville Q-0800; to stratin V-9680; IF; to target of opportunity, (M-1372); break sharp left to Luneville Q-0800; to base. No bombs were salvaged. 6 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were returned to base due to bombardier error. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 15:02 hours and 15:17 hours.

AIR CO-OPERATION:

a. Activity:

(1) 26 P-47's provided good escort and left the formation at Luneville on return to escort the squadron attacking LAHR.  
(2) 1 U/I A/C headed South-west at 5,000' at Q-4036 at 14:38 hours.

b. Situation: None.

ARMY AIR COOPERATION: None. Losses to M/A: None. Damaged by M/A: None. Claimed M/A: None.

FLAK: 3, 1, 1, 1, type flak encountered from Q-4072.  
5, 8, PA, PA, -CP type flak encountered from M-1372.  
2 guns firing from M-1372.  
Losses to flak: None. Damaged by flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) 4 large buildings and 3 small buildings at Q-3985.
- (2) Active factory at Q-4282.
- (3) Artillery flashes at V-9880.

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b. Communications:

- (1) 200 RR cars at  $\sim$ -3990.
- (2) 40/50 RR cars at  $\sim$ -4370.
- (3) 150 RR cars and 2 locomotives at  $\sim$ -4282.
- (4) scattered M/T headed North at  $\sim$ -4375.
- (5) 30/40 M/T moving south at  $\sim$ -4285.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PART: 8.

ROUTE: Base to Lunville  $\sim$ -0800, rendezvous; to Homburg  $\sim$ -3059; to Volklingen  $\sim$ -3673, IP; to primary target (briefed axis over IP - 12 $^{\circ}$ ; evasive action over IP - loss of altitude and slow turns; drift correction over IP - 12 $^{\circ}$  right); break right to Volklingen  $\sim$ -3673; to Homburg  $\sim$ -3059; to Lunville  $\sim$ -0800 where one Squadron left formation to Hirstein  $\sim$ -9680, IP; to target of opportunity K-1372 (No evasive action over IP; drift correction over IP - 2 $^{\circ}$  left); break sharp left to Lunville  $\sim$ -0800; TO BASE.

WEATHER: see Report No. 468, this date.

RESULTS:

LABACH M/T : Good concentration of bombs across the target.

LANE BARRETT : Good concentration of bombs across the south-east half of the target.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

NORMAN L. PARRISON,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Acting Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION NUMBER 473:1 FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR HAYWARD 14 FEBRUARY 1945

RUNWAY LINE UP

DECOY:

ARLSTRONG

SPARE

85  
88 94 - E  
75  
37  
43  
46 - E  
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39 - E(?)  
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02 - Bomb Error  
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MICHELSON  
75 Ringen  
WA  
CONNELLY  
46 Yowell  
WBN  
GUSTAFSON  
42 Beckman  
WOT  
WELLS  
39 Fisher  
WDM  
ALDRIDGE  
91 Podmajersky  
WBN  
HAFKEMEYER  
97 Ryan  
WBN  
FORD  
82 Kenry  
WOT  
ROWAN  
02 Woodward  
WBN  
WETZEL  
15 Ofico  
WIT  
HOOVER  
57 Kaplan  
SPIRES  
LEVERING  
22 Nelson  
WADDELL  
99 Mc Guade

35 LARIBERE  
BAKER  
37 STOUGH  
COBLE  
45 Herbst  
GILES  
33 Wells, JC  
FOLING  
83 GLAUBITZ  
FAHER  
81 Schmidt  
WALDROP  
93 Schempf  
ABERNATHY  
30 VILA  
KAUFFMAN  
09 Simmons  
HALBERT  
50 Ffignore  
MCDOUGHLIN  
07 Ward  
JOHNSTON, CR  
77 Kilgore

LAIFFMAN  
86 GOLDMAN  
MOONEY  
43 BURNS  
PEARSON  
32 HELLITSCHER  
MAYFIELD  
35 Germano  
SULLIVAN  
98 DRAKE  
LEIBENDORFER  
76 Rhodes  
JOHNSTON, HD  
78 Clark  
METSCHAN  
44 KUNN  
BARRETT  
04 Anderson  
KODAS  
56 Trafton  
KENT  
59 Keller

HAVEL  
94 Tabacco

36  
1209+  
1224+

Bomb Error

01  
07 - E  
59 - E  
22 - E  
99 - E  
77 - E

MISSION NUMBER 474: FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. CUSHMOREY 14 FEBRUARY 1945

RUNWAY LINE UP

23 04  
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BLACK  
20 Middle  
WBN  
ZIERK  
18 McCreary  
WOT  
HEEREN  
03 Tunhard  
WDM  
MORAN  
69 Cox  
WBN  
UHLIG  
53 Simmons  
WBN  
PHILLIPS  
81 Ford  
SPIRES  
DIVSEY  
63 Chacko

HUELLER  
22 PERKAVA  
04  
DODGE  
21 Kingsbury  
WILSON  
05 ALLEN  
WATSON  
58 SELZER  
WEINGART  
51 CLARK, JR  
DETHMAN  
64 Hackney  
GRULA  
19 Leman  
PARSONS  
71 Purvis

PETERSON  
06 TINGLE  
ROBINSON  
14 WILLIAMSON  
PRATT  
12 Streaay  
SHERWOOD  
70 HIRAGA  
BIRDWELL  
54 Luerrmann  
COOK  
65 Hele  
BOBLITT  
10 McCarthy

22  
1225  
1233+

19 - E  
10 - E  
63 - E  
71 - E

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 14 FEB 1945: AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

TIME PLATE COLORS CHALLENGE REPLY: 0100-0700 G R H L H : 111st - Index number - A 431 HBK  
142nd - Index number - A 434 AXV

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 473 - 14 FEBRUARY 1945

d e c o y

ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1223
LARRABEE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1455
HARTMAN, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1223+
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1455+
HARDY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARKINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOLLAND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MICKLESON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	75
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1224
RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1456
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
WIGGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Pvt.		
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th (Spare)	94
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off <del>1235</del> 1235
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.	No Credit	landed 1419
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Cpl.		
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BAKER, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	37
VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1214
STOUGH, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1503
MOCQUOT, NAV., Lt.		
MCCULLY, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CLENDENEN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
STIELER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYWARD, FC., Major		
MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	43
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1214+
BURNS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1504
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt.  
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.  
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.  
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.  
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

*Early Return  
No Credit*

46  
took off 1216 +  
landed 1255

GOEKE, PILOT, Lt.  
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.  
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.  
HESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.  
GODER, RADIO, Cpl.  
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

45  
took off 1217  
landed 1505+

PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.  
PIERCE, CO PILOT, Lt.  
MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt.  
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.  
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Cpl.  
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

32  
took off 1217 +  
landed 1507

GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.  
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.  
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O  
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.  
FINNEY, RADIO, Cpl.  
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.  
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.

442nd

42  
took off 1215  
landed 1508

GILES, PILOT, Lt.  
GUEDAL, CO PILOT, Lt.  
WELLS, JC, BOMB., Lt.  
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.  
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
GILES, OBS., Major (7th Army)

442nd

33  
took off 1215 +  
landed 1508 +

MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt.  
BREMAN, CO PILOT, Lt.  
GERMANO, BOMB., Lt.  
ISON, ENG., Sgt.  
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.  
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.  
HAYES, FOTO, Sgt.

442nd

35  
took off 1229  
landed 1509

WELLS, DE, PILOT, Lt.  
DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, Lt.  
FISHER, BOMB., Sgt.  
SOLDATI, ENG., S/Sgt.  
RENICK, RADIO, Sgt.  
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

*Early Return  
No Credit*

39  
took off 1216  
landed 1442

POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th	83
CARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1209 +
GLAUBITZ, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1534
WESTROOK, NAV., 1st Lt.		
KUCZMA, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RUMBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th	98
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1210
DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1534+
ADAMS, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WELLS, MV., GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441th	91
BARRETT, CO PILOT, Col.		took off 1210+
PODMAJERSKI, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1534+
MCQUARRIE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.		
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th	81
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1211
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1535
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITT, RADIO, Sgt.		
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441th	76
STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1211+
RHODES, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1536+
VINSON, ENG., Sgt.		
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
GARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, Lt.	441th	97
CATALANO, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1212
RYAN, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1536
HILSMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
PIERCE, RADIO, Sgt.		
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MOREY, FOTO, Sgt.		
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th	93
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1212+
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1536+
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
LUCAS, RADIO, Sgt.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

JOHNSTON, HD., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	78
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1213
CLARKE, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1537
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FERRY, RADIO, Sgt.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	82
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1213+
KENNY, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1537+
GRECO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ABERNATHY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	30
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1218
VILA, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1509+
ENGLISH, NAV., Lt.		
SURABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, OBS. CAPT.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
PERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1219
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1510
SAVOCA, NAV., Lt.		
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	02
ROJMOVSKY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1219+
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1510+
STEVENSON, ENG., Cpl.		
DANIELS, RADIO, Cpl.		
WEINBERG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CASE, FOTO, Sgt.		
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	09
SHARP, CO PILOT, Major,		took off 1220
EMMONS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1511
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	01
COCKRIEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1220+
ANDERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1511+
BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, Cpl.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		



WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GRICE, BOMB., Cpl. STRAND, ENG., Sgt. GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl. EVANS, GUNNER, Cpl. REAVIS, FOTO, Cpl.	441st	15 took off 1221 landed 1515
HALBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt. CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FRIGMORE, BOMB., 1st Lt. CITTI, RADIO, Sgt. LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt. BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	50 took off 1222 landed 1572
KOTAS, PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	56 took off 1239 landed 1572+
HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KAPLAN, BOMB., F/O JENKINSON, RADIO, Sgt. LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BROOKS, ENG., Sgt.	443rd	57 took off 1222+ landed 1513
MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, 1st Lt. FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O WARD, BOMB., 1st Lt. SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt. DAWSON, RADIO, Cpl. REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd (Spare) <i>Sortie Credit</i>	07 took off 1234 landed 1505
KENT, PILOT, 1st Lt. VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt. GRADY, ENG., Cpl. CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd (Spare) <i>Sortie Credit</i>	59 took off 1238 landed 1509+
LEVERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt. WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt. FEINEN, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st (Spare) <i>No credit</i>	22 took off 1234+ landed 1429



WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
MCQUADE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.  
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.  
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt.  
SIEWERD, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th (Spare)  
*No Credit*

99  
took off 1235+  
landed 1440

JOHNSTON, CR., PILOT, 1st Lt.  
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
KILGORE, BOMB., Cpl.  
GAY, ENG., S/Sgt.  
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
CLOEY, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th (Spare)  
*No Credit*

77  
took off 1236  
landed 1426