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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 473.

Flight Commander: Major Hayward.
Lead Pilot : Lt. O'Mahoney.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

BAD MÜNSTER RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (W) M-083351, GSGS 4416, Sheet T-2), Germany.
Alternate Target: EPPELSHEIM AMMUNITION DUMP (M/R: (W) M-310243, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-2), Germany.
Last Resort Target: LAHR BARRACKS & SUPPLY AREA (M/R: (W) W-113710, GSGS 4416, Sheet X-2), Germany.

At 11:46 hours, 33 B-26's took off to bomb Bad Münster Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) M-083351, GSGS 4416, Sheet T-2), Germany. 4 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 engineering; 1 sick crew member. Total sorties: 29. 29 B-26's were over the Primary target at 13:53 hours at 11,200', but did not bomb due to 10/10ths cloud cover, and 29 B-26's were over the Alternate target at 14:00 hours at 11,200', but did not bomb because Alternate could not be picked up in time. 29 B-26's were over the Last Resort target and 27 B-26's dropped 214 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) on the Last Resort target at 15:01 hours from 11,200' to 10,400' on an axis of 70°T. 2 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs, having hung up, were salvaged in the target area, and 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs, due to flak damage, were salvaged at R-2496. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 7 B-26's damaged by flak: Category I, and 1 B-26 damaged by flak: Category II. 28 B-26's returned to base at 15:46 hours. 1 B-26 landed at Luneville, due to engine trouble, on return from Primary.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 17 P-47's provided good escort, but B-26's reported single P-47's diving close to formation.
- b. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None. Losses to E/A: None. Damaged by E/A: None.
Claimed E/A: None.

FLAK: M, H, A, A, -CP type flak encountered from M-3623 in bursts of 4 and 6 and lasted for 45 seconds.

Losses to flak: None. Damaged by flak: Category I - 7.
Category II - 1.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
- (1) Vapor trail, grayish, headed north at W-0565 at 15:24 hours at 20,000'.
 - (2) Smoke pots at W-0254 at 15:05 hours.
 - (3) Barracks area at W-4304 at 14:10 hours.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (cont'd)

b. Communications:

- (1) 200 RR cars at M-3007 at 13:49 hours.
- (2) 150 RR cars at M-2983 at 14:00 hours.
- (3) 80 RR cars at M-2728 at 14:02 hours.
- (4) 20 RR cars with engine at M-1667 at 14:10 hours.
- (5) 6 M/T heading South at M-2828 at 14:05 hours.
- (6) 8/10 M/T parked at M-1072 at 14:10 hours.
- (7) 1 locomotive at M-3615 headed East at 13:45 hours.
- (8) 60/70 RR cars at M-2828 at 14:00 hours.
- (9) 25 RR cars at M-3723 at 14:00 hours.

CASUALTIES: 2 wounded.

No. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS: 5.

ROUTE: Base to Laneville, G-0800, rendezvous; to Sarrebourg; to Wingen, G-7436; to Niederbronn, G-9339; to Wilgartswiesen, M-1068; to Grunstadt, M-3107; to Alzey, M-2728, IP; to Bad Münster, Primary target; break left to Hochstaden, M-0730; to alternate target; break right to Grunstadt, M-3107; circled in trying to get through to Eppelsheim; reciprocal course to Sarrebourg; to St. Marie, V-5861; to Wittisheim, V-8863, IP (briefed axis over IP - 69°T; evasive action over IP - loss of altitude; drift correction over IP - 05° right; escorted by 17 P-47's); to Last Resort target; break right; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute: 7/10ths stratocumulus, tops 5,000', Dijon to Severne. Vis. 3 - 4 miles in haze.
- b. Target Vicinity: North of Severne 8 - 10/10ths stratocumulus, tops estimated 5,000'.
- c. Target Area: At Primary target 10/10ths stratocumulus, with altostratus overcast at 13,500' extending to North-West and moving into target area. In Rhine valley, 2/10ths stratocumulus with vis. 10 - 15 miles in light haze. Alternate target was open.
- d. Return: As enroute.

RESULTS: Bombs of 1st Squadron covered the target.
Bombs of 2 Squadrons landed short.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 3 A/C preceded main formation and dropped 16 boxes of "Chaff" from Wittisheim, IP, to Lahr.

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MISSION # 476: Flight commander; MAJOR HAYWARD. 19 FEB 1945.

MARKER FLIGHT:		O'MAHONEY		
<u>AYREY</u>	<u>LAMPKE</u>	<u>OL PERLINDINO</u>	<u>LYONS</u>	
<u>70 LOKAN</u>	<u>03 Streamy</u>		<u>02 ALLEN</u>	
<u>HILL</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>WILSON</u>		
<u>67 Purvis</u>	<u>2 IAK</u>	<u>09 McKinley</u>	<u>BOWLES</u>	
<u>BIRDWELL</u>	<u>17 Grice</u>		<u>01 Nelson</u>	
<u>60 Chacko</u>	<u>"C"</u>	<u>DINWIDDIE</u>		
<u>RUNWAY LINE UP:</u>	<u>PRATT</u>	<u>05 Elman</u>	<u>HEIDREN</u>	
<u>70</u>	<u>14 Erickson</u>		<u>15 Bush</u>	
<u>67</u>	<u>"D"</u>	<u>WATSON</u>		
<u>60</u>	<u>NICOUD</u>	<u>62 Selzer</u>	<u>WEST</u>	
<u>04</u>	<u>71 Orr</u>		<u>51 GREENE</u>	
<u>02</u>	<u>"E"</u>	<u>DETHMAN</u>		
<u>03</u>	<u>PHILLIPS</u>	<u>55 Lussenden</u>	<u>ZOELLER</u>	
<u>01</u>	<u>69 Suggs</u>		<u>54 Luernemann</u>	
<u>07</u>	<u>"F"</u>	<u>COOK</u>		
<u>05</u>	<u>BLASKO</u>	<u>50 Hackney</u>	<u>LIVSEY</u>	
<u>15</u>	<u>61 Thompson</u>		<u>63 Kaplan</u>	
<u>14</u>	<u>"G"</u>	<u>STEIER</u>		
<u>62</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>23 DEVER</u>	<u>MCGREGOR</u>	
<u>51</u>	<u>20 Biddle</u>		<u>11 PENKAVA</u>	
<u>71</u>	<u>"H"</u>	<u>GILES</u>		
<u>55</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>30 Wells</u>	<u>ROSS</u>	
<u>54</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>ROWAN</u>	<u>35 Helfand</u>	
<u>69</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>39 Germano</u>		
<u>50</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>"I"</u>	<u>WALDROP</u>	
<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>LIBENDORFER</u>	<u>81 Schempf</u>	<u>FORD</u>
<u>61</u>		<u>75 Mcquadr</u>		<u>94 Tabacco</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>SPARES</u>	<u>GRALA</u>	
<u>11</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>JONES</u>	<u>06 McCreary</u>	<u>ROBINSON</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>57 Czechowitz</u>	<u>DAILEY</u>	<u>07 Williamson</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>65</u>		<u>65 Trafton</u>	

MISSION # 477: FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT CARLISHER: 19 FEB 1945.

MARKER FLIGHT		"A" BAKER		
<u>SULLIVAN</u>	<u>CONNELLY</u>	<u>27 STOUGH</u>	<u>MOONEY</u>	
<u>80 DRAKE</u>	<u>46 Yowell</u>		<u>40 BURNS</u>	
<u>WALKER</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>INGHAM</u>		
<u>82 Schmidt</u>	<u>BRESSETT</u>	<u>28 Lytle</u>	<u>ROJNOVSKY</u>	
<u>83</u>	<u>83 WILLIAMS</u>	<u>PERSSON</u>	<u>44 Militscher</u>	
<u>82</u>		<u>38 F. rwell</u>		
<u>27</u>		<u>"C"</u>	<u>SPRADLING</u>	
<u>40</u>		<u>DOOLITTLE</u>	<u>34 Anderson</u>	<u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>
<u>46</u>		<u>43 fisher</u>		<u>53 Ward</u>
<u>28</u>		<u>"D"</u>	<u>ARMSTRONG</u>	
<u>44</u>		<u>DAVIS</u>	<u>89 LARABEE</u>	<u>LAMPMAN</u>
<u>38</u>		<u>76 Sheehan</u>		<u>98 Goldman</u>
<u>34</u>		<u>"E"</u>	<u>ELLIS</u>	
<u>53</u>		<u>SUTHERLAND</u>	<u>99 Podmahersky</u>	<u>CHANNELL</u>
<u>43</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>79 Rhodes</u>		<u>97 Renden</u>
<u>89</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>"F"</u>	<u>DAY</u>	
<u>98</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>ALDRIDGE</u>	<u>87 Hephner</u>	<u>MATHEWS</u>
<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>77 Kilgore</u>		<u>85 Phillips</u>
<u>99</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>SE. RES</u>	<u>WILSON</u>	
<u>97</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>WOJTKOWSKI</u>	<u>93 Bennett</u>	<u>SHERMAN</u>
	<u>59</u>	<u>59 Prather</u>	<u>MAYFIELD</u>	<u>91 Ryan</u>
	<u>54</u>		<u>45 McQuigle</u>	

RADIO CALL SIGNS: COLORS OF THE DAY FOR FEB 1945.

FORMATION	TIME	FLIGHT COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
1st Formation: "HAMBURGER"	0100-0700	R G	Y	P
2nd Formation "COALBIN"	0700-1300	R B	C	J
CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:	1300-1900	R G	X	M
BUFFERS AND BOX-CR ON CHANNELS:	1900-0100	Y Y B	P	V

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION 476 - 19 FEB. 1945

	<u>d</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>c</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>y</u>
AYREY, PILOT, Capt.				443rd	
MCDONALD, CO PILOT, Capt.					70
LOKAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.					took off 1200
BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.					landed 1546
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.					
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.					
PICKARD, OBS., Capt.					
HILL, PILOT, Capt.,				443rd	
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O					67
FURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.					took off 1200+
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 2nd Lt.					landed 1546+
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.					
HEAVENER, RADIO, Sgt.					
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.					
BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.				443rd	
DUANE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.					60
CHACKO, BOMB., Sgt.					took off 1201
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.					landed 1547
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
FERGUSON, GUNNER, Sgt.					

O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt.				441st	
BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.					04
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.					took off 1146
PERFETTO, NAV., 1st Lt.					landed 1551
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.					
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.					
VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.					
HAYWARD, FC., Major					
LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.				441st	
HARRETT, CO PILOT, Col.					02
ALLEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.					took off 1146+
SIFOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.					landed 1551+
BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt.					
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.					
REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.					
LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.				441st	
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.					03
STREANY, BOMB., S/Sgt.					took off 1147
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt.					landed 1552
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.					

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MCHURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
SMELAND, ENG., Cpl.
PELHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
MESSENGER, OBS., Capt.

441st
Early Return

09
took off 1142+
landed 1349

BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt.
ZELLNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
NEAL, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

01
took off 1148
landed 1553

ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.
JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GRICE, BOMB., Cpl.
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
POTTS, FOTO, Cpl.

441st

17
took off 1148+
landed 1553+

DINOME, PILOT, F/O
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ELMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
WASH, ENG., Cpl.
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

05
took off 1149
landed 1554

HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O
BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.
GARNER, ENG., Cpl.
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.
CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl.
DE VAUGHN, FOTO, Sgt.

441st

15
took off 1149+
landed 1523

PRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O
BALINSKI, ENG., Cpl.
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

14
took off 1150
landed 1554+

WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
NEWTON, CO PILOT, Capt.
SELZER, BOMB., 1st Lt.
NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt.
WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

62
took off 1150+
landed 1555

WEST, PILOT, Capt.
STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.
OEHKE, ENG., S/Sgt.
ZEIGLER, AG, S/Sgt.
JOHNSON, RG, S/Sgt.
RHEA, OBS., Major.

443rd

Landed at Lunenburg.

51
took off 1151
landed

NICOUD, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BOMBOLT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.
VALHOE, RG, Cpl.
FINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CHRISTENSON, FOTO, S/Sgt.
FARBOROW, OBS., Capt.

443rd

71
took off 1151+
landed 1556

DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.

443rd (no take off)

55

ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
LOBECK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LUBNEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.
HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PERKINSON, GUNNER, Cpl.

443rd

54
took off 1152
landed 1557+

PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
POOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SUGGS, BOMB., Pvt.
EVERS, ENG., Cpl.
CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
SZCZEGH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CARROLL, FOTO, Pvt.

443rd

69
took off 1152+
landed 1556

COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
BROOKS, ENG., S/Sgt.
CITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

50
took off 1153
landed 1558

LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KAPLAN, BOMB., F/O
DZIENISZ, ENG., Sgt.
JENKINSON, RADIO, Sgt.
HOOD, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

443rd

63
took off 1153+
landed 1559

BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BUFFETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.
WARD, ENG., Cpl.
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.

443rd

61
took off 1154
landed 1543

STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
SHARP, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1154+
DEVER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1606+
NORDEN, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
MCGREGOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1155
FENKAVA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1607
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
TIBTZ, ENG., Sgt.		
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.		
LANK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
G. BARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1155+
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1600
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
BRYANT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ATEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CIRMO, FOTO, Sgt.		
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
GUEDEL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1156
WELLS, JC, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1600+
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREDETTO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
FRANZEL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1156+
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1601
SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1157
GERMANO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1357
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Cpl.		
DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Pvt.		
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81
HAVEL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1157+
SCHEMPFF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1601+
RANKIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

Early Return
no credit

FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th 94
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1158
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt. landed 1602
GRECO, ENG., S/Sgt.
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.

LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 444th 75
MICKELSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1159
MCQUADE, BOMB., 2nd Lt. landed 1609
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, Sgt.

GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st (Spare) 06
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1201
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. landed 1552+
PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.
SMITH, RADIO, Sgt.
TAMOSIUNAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st (Spare) 07
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1202
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. landed 1421
HART, ENG., S/Sgt. *No credit*
HAVEL, RADIO, Cpl.
BOSTIC, GUNNER, Sgt.

JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd (Spare) 57
MCHUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1202+
CZECHOWICZ, BOMB., Cpl. landed 1348
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt. *No credit*
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.

DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd (Spare) 65
WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1203
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O landed 1557
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.
KENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.