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HEAD-QUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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21 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 476.

Flight Commander: Major Caban.  
Lead Pilot : Lt. Poling.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

BAD MÜNSTER RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (W) M-083351, GGGS 4416, Sheet T-2), Germany.

At 12:10 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Bad Münster Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) M-083351, GGGS 4416, Sheet T-2), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: Spares. Total sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 144 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay fuses) on the target at 15:10 hours, from 11,600' on an axis of 328°T on the 3rd bomb run. Formation could not align on the target on the first 2 bomb runs, due to a patch of clouds at the target. No bombs were salvaged. 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were returned to base, due to bombsight malfunction in lead A/C of 3rd Squadron. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 16:23 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 475, this date.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None.

FLAK: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 475, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 5.

ROUTES: Base to Lunzville, rendezvous; to Sarrebourg; to Wingen, (-7436; to Niederbronne, (-9339; to Wilgartswiesen, M-1068; to Grunstadt, M-3107, OP; to Alzey, M-2728, IP (briefed axis from IP - 335°T; drift correction at IP - 07° left); to target; break left to Hochstaden, M-0730; to Alzey, M-2728; to Hochstaden, M-0730; to Alzey, M-2728; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. WINDS: : 5/10ths stratocumulus, tops 5-6,000', base to Saverne, becoming 10/10ths, Saverne to Neustadt. Vis. 6 - 8 miles in haze.
- b. VIGNITY OF TARGET: : 4/10ths stratocumulus, tops 5-6,000' with several
- c. TARGET AREA: : clouds over the target. Vis. 15 miles.
- d. RETURN: : base as enroute, except coverage broke to 2/10ths in vicinity of the base.

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RESULTS: Bombs hit in target area, falling on the West of the River with possible hits on the West end of the bridge.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: The A/C which left formation and landed at Lunenburg, on the mission of 19 February 1945, salvaged 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs at (W) M-1635.

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

MISSION NO. 478: Flight commander Major John 21, February 1945  
 RUNWAY LINE UP DECOY

27	<u>KENT</u>	27 Yuenes	<u>METSCHAN</u>
37, 46	46 Ward		37 Haun
89	"A"	<u>POLENG</u>	
83	<u>SHERMAN</u>	89 Glaubitz	<u>ARMSTRONG</u>
75	75 Bracken		83 Larrabee
81	"B"	<u>HAUER</u>	
94	<u>DAVIS</u>	81 Gephner	<u>JOHNSTON, H.D.</u>
76	76 Phillips		94 McQuade
85	"C"	<u>WILSON</u>	
91	<u>SUTHERLAND</u>	85 Tabacco	<u>HAVEL</u>
99	99 Ryan		91 Bennett
40	"D"	<u>ABERNATHY</u>	
30	<u>ROMAN</u>	40 Vila	<u>SPRADLING</u>
39	39 Germano		30 Anderson
33	"E"	<u>GILES</u>	
44	<u>CONNELLY</u>	33 Wells, JC	<u>MCJUNKOSKI</u>
35	35 Yowell		44 Miller
43	"F"	<u>INGHAM</u>	
38	<u>ROSS</u>	43 Lytle	<u>ROJNOVSKY</u>
82	82 Venturino		38 Woodward
98	"G"	<u>BRESLETTE</u>	
90	<u>WALKER</u>	98 Williams	<u>LAMPMAN</u>
77	77 Torleo		90 Goldman
80	"H"	<u>DAY</u>	
97	<u>MATTHEWS</u>	80 Podmajersky	<u>CHANNELL</u>
79	79 Sheehan		97 Rinden
72	"I"	<u>DAILEY</u>	
59	<u>MCDUGAL</u>	72 Storick	<u>STRATTON</u>
69	69 Stuenkel		59 Gooch
45	SPARES	<u>NEWTON</u>	<u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>
93, 61	61 Trafton	45 Galtischer	93 Fisher

MISSION NO. 479 FLIGHT COMMANDER Captain Arey 21 February 1945

01	DECOY	<u>SCOTT</u>	
11	<u>BOBLITT</u>	01 Fossy	<u>KAUFFMAN</u>
20	20 Glassner		11 Allan
52	"A"	<u>HILL</u>	
64	<u>UHLIG</u>	64 Hendricks	<u>TOWNSEND</u>
53	53 Orr		64 Holland
55	"B"	<u>WEINGART</u>	
52	<u>MILLER</u>	55 Purvis	<u>SWIFT</u>
57	57 Prigmore		52 Ford
67	"C"	<u>LETHMAN</u>	
54	<u>KOTAS</u>	67 Lussenden	<u>KOMOROWSKI</u>
63	63 Gorman		54 Klodzinski
04	"D"	<u>HAYWARD</u>	
23	<u>O'BRIEN</u>	04 Traynor	<u>STIER</u>
12	12		23 Decker
09	"E"	<u>DOMER</u>	
06	<u>WALDEN</u>	09 Rojas	<u>KAISER</u>
14	14 McCarthy		06 Nelson
05	"F"	<u>OSLA</u>	
02	<u>ROBINSON</u>	05 Bush	<u>FORSYTHE</u>
17	17 Williamson		02 McCreary
65	SPARES	<u>COOK</u>	<u>EVANS</u>
07		65 Christian	07 Biddle

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 21, February 1945 Air Group authentication

Time 0100-0700 FLARE COLORS CHALLENGE REPLY RGG S L 442nd A-431 CXA 442nd A-434 WLP 442nd A-437 WCH

## CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #478 - 21 FEBRUARY 1945

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WELCH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	27
CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 12:21 +
YOUENES, BOMB., Lt.		landed 16:12 +
WERNICK, NAV., Lt.		
SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
PASTOREK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 12:22
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 16:13
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KENT, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
KOKOLUS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 12:22 +
WARD, BOMB., Lt.		landed 16:13 +
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
PHALEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
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POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:08
GLAUBITZ, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 16:23
WEBB, NAV., 1st Lt.		
KUCZMA, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RUMBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CAHAN, FC., Major.		
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:08 +
LARRABEE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 16:23 +
DAY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LINDQUIST, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	75
BROWN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:09
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 16:24
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITT, RADIO, Sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:09 +
HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 16:24 +
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt.		
O'TELL, RADIO, Cpl.		
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		

ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	39
LEVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:13 +
GERMANO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 16:29
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
DURHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
GILES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	33
KRIBM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:14
WELLS, JC, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 16:29 +
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GODER, RADIO, Cpl.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	44
KEAGY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:14 +
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 16:12
SOLDATI, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CONNELLY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	35
DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:15
YOWELL, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 16:30
FALLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
INGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	43
FERRIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 12:15 +
LYTLE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 16:31
CHASE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURBACE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	38
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, P/O		took off 12:16
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 16:31 +
GRADY, ENG., Cpl.		
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
POND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ROSS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	82
LEACH, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off 12:16 +
VENTURINO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 16:32
SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BRESETTE, PILOT, Capt. WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. WILLIAMS, BOMB., 1st Lt. ADAMS, NAV., 2nd Lt. GAY, ENG., S/Sgt. DINYER, RADIO, Sgt. FERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.	441th	98 took off 12:17 landed 16:32 +
LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOLDMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. HARTMAN, NAV., 2nd Lt. TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt. D'AGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt. HOLLAND, GUNNER, Cpl.	441th	90 took off 12:17 + landed 16:33
WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. CATALANO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt. GRECO, ENG., S/Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. CLOEY, GUNNER, Cpl. CASE, FOTO, Pfc.	441th	77 took off 12:18 landed 16:33 +
DAY, MA, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt. PIERCE, RADIO, Sgt. DAY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441th	80 took off 12:18 + landed 16:34
CHANNEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. CARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt. CARR, ENG., Cpl. RIDDLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.	441th	97 took off 12:19 landed 16:35
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt. SAVAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. PIDGEONS, OBS., 2nd Lt. GREAR, ENG., T/Sgt. INGRAM, RADIO, Cpl. SIWERT, GUNNER, Sgt. CHRISTENSON, FOTO, S/Sgt.	441th	79 took off 12:19 + landed 16:35 +
DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. DUANE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt. HEAVENER, ENG., Sgt. LENKIEWICZ, RADIO, Sgt. PROPST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	71 took off 12:20 landed 16:36

JOHNSTON, HD, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O MCQUADE, BOMB., 2nd Lt. IVERSON, ENG., Cpl. WIGGILL, RADIO, S/Sgt. HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	94 took off 12:10 landed 16:25 +
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt. SHROLL, RADIO, S/Sgt. POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl. ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.	444th	76 took off 12:10 + landed 16:26
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt. BENTON, ENG., Sgt. ZOELE, RADIO, T/Sgt. SKINNER, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	85 took off 12:11 landed 16:27 +
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt. KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt. SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt. BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt. CIRMO, FOTO, Sgt.	444th	91 took off 12:11 + landed 16:27 +
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. VINSON, ENG., Sgt. WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt. CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt. ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.	444th	99 took off 12:12 landed 16:28
ABERNATHY, PILOT, Capt. PIERCE, CO PILOT, Lt. VILA, BOMB., Lt. ENGLISH, NAV., Lt. SUPABLAN, ENG., S/Sgt. BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt. SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd	40 took off 12:12 + landed 16:28 +
SHRADLING, PILOT, Lt. TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt. ANDERSON, BOMB., Lt. SAVCCA, NAV., Lt. BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt. NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	30 took off 12:13 landed 16:28 +

ROBERTS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. JUMPER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt. MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt. FERGUSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	59 took off 12:20 + landed 16:36 +
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt. CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STUEMKE, BOMB., F/O DZIENISZ, ENG., Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	69 took off 12:21 landed 16:37
MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, 1st Lt. GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt. MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt. MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl. MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd (Spare) (Early-no credit)	45 took off 12:23 + landed 15:05
MAYFIELD, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLEMSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt. WIDAU, ENG., Sgt. DAWSON, RADIO, Cpl. REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd (Spare) (Early-no credit)	93 took off 12:24 landed 14:58
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt. ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt. DEVINA, RADIO, S/Sgt. SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd (Spare) (Early-no credit)	61 took off 12:23 landed 14:48