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

Final Mission Report No. 478.

Flight Commander: Captain Ayrey.
Lead Pilot : Captain Hill.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 12:42 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Bad Munster Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) M-083351, CGCS 4416, Sheet T-2), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: engineering. Total sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the target and 18 B-26's dropped 139 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) at 14:47 hours, from 11,500' on an axis of 302°T, on the second run. Second Squadron of this formation dropped on the 4th run at 15:05 hours, from 11,200' on an axis of 105°T, due to inability to align on the target on the previous three runs. 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged at 12:57 hours, 5 miles East of base (engine cutting out) after take-off, at (W) O-1967. Bombs landed safe in an open field, 5 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged on the breakaway, having hung up. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 16:07 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 16 P-47's provided good escort.
- b. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None.

FLAK: None.

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

CASUALTIES: None.

No. A/C TAKING PICTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to Lunzville, rendezvous; to Sarrebourg; to Wingen, -7436; to Niederbronn, -9339; to Wilgartswiesen, R-1068; to RR Junction 1 mile west of Lambrecht, R-2387; to Grunstadt, M-3107, GP; to Alzey, M-2728, IP 302°T - briefed axis over IP; Drift correction over IP - 04° right; evasive action over IP - loss of altitude; to target; 180° curve, run on target on same axis; to Alzey; and reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: See Report No. 476, this date.

RESULTS: Bombs of second Squadron hit the bridge scoring direct hits.
Bombs of first Squadron fall short.

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 RUNWAY LINE UP DECOY

27	KENT	27 Woodson	METSCHAN
37, 46	Lo Ward		27 Hahn
89	"A"	POHNS	
83	SHERMAN	89 Granitz	ARMSTRONG
75	75 Bracken		83 Iarrabee
81	"B"	HALL	
94	DAVIS	81 Kullner	JOHNSTON, H.D.
76	76 Phillips		94 McQuade
85	"C"	WILSON	
91	SUTHERLAND	85 Tabacco	HAVEL
99	99 Ryan		91 Bennett
40	"D"	ABERNATHY	
30	ROMAN	40 Vila	SPRADLING
39	39 Germano		30 Anderson
33	"E"	GLINS	
44	CONNELLY	33 Wells, JC	WOJTKOWSKY
35	35 Yowell		44 Wilder
43	"F"	INGHAM	
38	ROSS	43 Lytle	ROJMONSKY
82	82 Venturino		38 Woodward
98	"G"	BRESSETTE	
90	WALKER	98 Williams	LAMPAN
77	77 Torleo		90 Goldman
80	"H"	DAY	
97	MATTHEWS	80 podmajersky	CHANNELL
79	79 Sheehan		97 Ranken
71	"I"	DAILEY	
59	MCDUGAL	71 storick	STRATTON
69	69 Stuenkel		59 Gooch
45	SPARES	NEWTON	MCLAUGHLIN
93, 61		61 Trafton	45 Walitsener

MISSION NO. 479 FLIGHT COMMANDER Captain Aker 21 February 1945
 DECOY

01	SCOTT		KAUFFMAN
11	BOBLITT	01	11 Allan
20	20 Glasener		
62	"A"	WELLS	
64	UHLIG	64 Williams	ROBINSON
53	53 Orr		64 Holland
55	"B"	WENIGART	
52	MILLER	55 Purvis	SWIFT
57	57 Frignore		52 Ford
67	"C"	DEHMAN	
54	KOTAS	67 Lussenden	KOMOROWSKI
63	63 Gorman		64 Klodzinski
04	"D"	HAYWARD	
23	O'BRIEN	04 Traynor	STELER
12	12		23 Dever
09	"E"	DOMKE	
06	WALDEN	09 Rojas	KAISER
14	14 McCarthy		06 Nelson
05	"F"	GRALA	
02	ROBINSON	05 Bush	FORSYTHE
17	17 Williamson		02 McCasby
65	SPARES	COOK	EVANS
07		65 Christrup	07 Biddle

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 21, February 1945 Air Ground R/C Identification
 Time FLARE COLORS CHALLENGE REPLY 441st Index No. A 431 CMA
 0100-0700 RGG S L 442nd Index No. A 434 WLP
 443rd Index No. A 431 CH

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #479 - 21 FEBRUARY 1945

d e c o y

SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		01
RAMSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 12:49
POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 16:07
NORLEN, NAV., 2nd Lt.			
FERNANDEZ, ENG., T/Sgt.			
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	(no take off)	11
BOELITT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		20
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 12:50
GLASSNER, BOMB., Cpl.			landed 16:08
SMELAND, ENG., Cpl.			
DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.			
NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl.			
HILL, PILOT, Capt.	443rd		62
BOMHOLT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 12:40
HENDREX, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 16:14
BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.			
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ATREY, FC., Capt.			
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		64
POOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 12:40+
HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 16:09
NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt.			
GRAHAM, ENG., S/Sgt.			
ALLEN, RADIO, Sgt.			
PINGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
CARROLL, FOTO, Pvt.			
UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		53
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 12:41
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 16:14+
ENERS, ENG., Cpl.			
ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HOOD, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		55
LOBECK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 12:41+
PURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 16:15
WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl.			
KENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

SWIFT, PILOT, 1st Lt. RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt. WARD, ENG., Cpl. BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl. PERKINSON, GUNNER, Cpl.	443rd	52 took off 12:42 landed 16:16
MILLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. MEEHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FRIGMORE, BOMB., 2nd Lt. TROUTMAN, ENG., S/Sgt. ROW, RADIO, Cpl. MORRIS, GUNNER, Cpl.. DEVAUGHN, FOTO, Sgt.	443rd	57 took off 12:42 landed 16:16 +
BETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. HANSPAW, ENG., S/Sgt. VALHOS, RADIO, Cpl. KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	67 took off 12:43 landed 16:17
KOMOROWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O KAPLAN, BOMB., F/O CONKLIN, ENG., Cpl. HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt. BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	54 took off 12:43 + landed 16:17 +
KOTAS, PILOT, 1st Lt. PERRY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt. SEILEY, RADIO, Cpl. DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 12:44 landed 16:18
HAYWARD, PILOT, Major BARNETT, CO PILOT, Col. TRAYNOR, BOMB., Capt. SIPOREN, NAV., 1st Lt. PAGE, ENG., T/Sgt. ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt. CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	04 took off 12:44 + landed 16:22
STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DEVOR, BOMB., 1st Lt. O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt. CORNELL, ENG., S/Sgt. HILER, RADIO, Sgt. BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	441st	23 took off 12:45 landed 16:19

O'BRIEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ELMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt. BRYANT, GUNNER, Cpl. ATEN, GUNNER, Cpl. POTTS, FOTO, Sgt.	441st	12 took off 12:45 + landed 16:19 +
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ZELLNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROJAS, BOMB., F/O PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt. SMITH, RADIO, Sgt. TAMOSIUNAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	09 took off 12:46 landed 16:20
KAISER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt. TIETZ, ENG., Sgt. HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt. LANE, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	06 took off 12:46 landed 16:20 +
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MCCARTHY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. GARNER, ENG., Sgt. MELLAS, RADIO, Sgt. DISTRICK, GUNNER, Cpl. REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.	441st	14 took off 12:47 landed 16:21
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt. GIBSON, ENG., Sgt. COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl. MESSENGER, OBS., Capt.	441st	05 took off 12:47 + landed 16:21 +
FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHARP, CO PILOT, Major MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. BALINSKI, ENG., Cpl. NEAL, GUNNER, Cpl. FEINEN, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	02 took off 12:48 landed 16:21 +
ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. LUCHANSKY, ENG., Sgt. HAVEL, RADIO, Cpl. BOSTIC, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	17 took off 12:48 + landed 16:21 +

COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.
STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O
BROOKS, ENG., Sgt.
CITTI, RADIO, Sgt.
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd (Spare)
(Early-no credit)

65
took off 12:50
landed 12:58

EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.
EVANS, ENG., Cpl.
CALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl.
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st (Spare)

07
took off 12:51
landed 16:07 +