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

Final Mission Report No. 454.

Flight Commander: Captain Carraher.
Lead Pilot : Lt Steier.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIGMARINGEN M/Y (M/R: (W) X107440, GEGG 4416, sheet X-3), Germany.

At 12:13 hours, 6 B-26's took off to bomb Sigmaringen M/Y (M/R: (W) X-107440, GEGG 4416, sheet X-3), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 6
Primary target was not bombed because of weather and 6 B-26's were over a target of opportunity, (M/R: (W) W-331227), and 6 B-26's dropped 42 X 500-lb Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 Second delay fuses) and 6 X 500 lb. demolition bombs 6 hour and 12 hour delay fuses minus anti-removal device at 14:22 hours from 8,600 feet on an axis of 65 degrees true. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No. B-26's were damaged. 6 B-26's returned to base at 15:15 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: See report No. 479.
- b. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See report No. 479, this date.

CASUALTIES: None

NO A/G TAKING PHOTOS: 1

ROUTE: Base to Spinal; to Selestat, V-7963; to Neustadt, W-3623; to Engen, W-7818; four 360 degree turns in area; to Faulenfurst, W-3511; to Neustadt; 360 degree turn over area; 180 degree turn to IP, W-2016; (Briefed axis over IP - none; evasive action over IP - loss of altitude; Drift correction over IP - 02 degrees left; Escort - none); to target; slow left break; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: See report No. 479, this date.

RESULTS: Bombs fell in wooded area at W-2721, short of the target, due to bomb-sight malfunction resulting in premature release of bombs.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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