Final Mission Report No. 486

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

320th Bombardment Group (H).

Ludwigshafen M/Y, (M/R: (W) W-986137, GGCS 4416, Sheet X-3), Germany.

At 12:25 hours, 6 B-26's took off to bomb Ludwigshafen M/Y (M/R: (W) W-986137, GGCS 4416, Sheet X-3), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total sorties: 6. 6 B-26's were over the target 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 with Anti-Removal device at 14:23 hour from 6,300 feet on an axis of 96 degrees true. No bombs were salvaged or returned. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 6 B-26's returned to base at 15:25 hours.

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

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None

FLAK: S, H, PA, I, of type flak encountered from W-1238.

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

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 2

ROUTE: Base to Epinal; to Selestat, V-7963; to Neustadt, W-3623; to Engen, W-7618; IF - (Briefed axis over IP - 103 degrees true; Drift Correction over IP - 05 Degrees; Evasive action over IP - loss of altitude; Escort - None.); circled to Engen twice, W-7618; to target weak left; Reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: See report No. 479, this date.

RESULTS: Good concentration of bombs across the target.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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