

23 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 438.

Flight commander: Major Cahen.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Poling.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

STANDENBUHL RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R; (N) M-172098, GCS 4416, sheet U-2), Germany.

At 10:16 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Standenbuhl Railroad Bridge (M/R; (N) M-172098, GCS 4416, sheet U-2), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early; 1 spare; 1 engineering; and 1 spare of this formation circled and joined the 2nd formation at rendezvous. Total sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the first bomb run at 11:51 hours from 10,500' on an axis of 345°T., and 18 B-26's dropped 144 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 12:01 hours from 11,600' to 10,800' on an axis of 343°T., on the second bomb run. Two squadrons were not in position, and were not positive of identification of the target on the first bomb run. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 13:10 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 12 P-47's provided good escort.
- b. Situation: None.

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

FLAK: None. Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
 - (1) 16 buildings, possible barracks, at R-1856 at 12:45 hours.
 - (2) supply depot at R-2386 at 12:04 hours.
 - (3) smoke pots between M-2113 and M-4314 at 11:55 hours.
 - (4) Possible oil fire, black smoke, red flames at M-2115 at 11:50 hours.
 - (5) supply depot at R-0849 at 12:30 hours.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 50 RR cars in M/Y at R-0445 at 12:10 hours.
 - (2) 100 RR cars in M/Y at R-2984 at 12:35 hours.
 - (3) 60 RR cars in M/Y at R-1833 at 12:35 hours.
 - (4) 40 RR cars in M/Y at R-9067 at 12:16 hours.
 - (5) 30 RR cars at R-0849 at 12:11 hours.
 - (6) 1 train (30 RR cars) standing at M-2506 at 12:52 hours.
 - (7) 200 RR cars and 4 locomotives (standing, M-3007 at 12:32 hours.
 - (8) 50 RR cars at M-4314 at 12:06 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

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No. OF A/G TAKING PART: 6.

ROUTE: Base to Lunzville, rendezvous; to Carrebourg; to Wingen (-7436); to Nied-
erbronn (-9339); to Hilgartsmessen R-1068, W; to rail junction 1 mile west of
Lambrecht R-3367; IP (briefed Axis over IP - 345°); drift correction over IP -
04° right; evasive action over IP - loss over altitude); to target; break right to
Grunstadt R-3107; to 1 mile North of Lambrecht; to target on the 2nd bomb run;
right break to Grunstadt; to Lambrecht; reciprocal course to base.

REMARKS:

- a. Inroute: : CAVU with base.
- b. Vicinity of Target: : CAVU with base.
- c. Target Area: : CAVU with base.
- d. Return: : CAVU with base.

RESULTS: Bombs fell in the target area with hits scored on the bridge.
Visual observation of the second squadron reports bridge damaged but still
standing.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Acting Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION# 483 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major Cahon 23 February 1945

83	"A" PILING	83	PIPING	
90	75 MICHAELSON		GLUBRITZ	90 BRESSETT
75	Forico			WILLIAMS
93	"B" -----	93	HEIER	-----
91	99 ALDRIDGE		Schmidt	91 LIEBENDORFER
99	Wennett			Sheehan
85	"C" -----	85	WADWELL	-----
97	76 DAVIS		Podmajersky	97 Mathers
76	Wiligore			Kennerson
40	"D" -----	40	ABERNATHY	-----
37	32 PIERSON		VILLA	37 WEISCHAN
32	Flewell			HUN
45	"E" -----	45	MANFIELD	-----
35	39 ROJMOVSKY		Germano	35 ROSS
39	Woodward			Backman
33	"F" -----	33	GILES	-----
43	38 KENT		HEiland	43 ROYAN
38	Lokerto			VERDARINO
34	"G" -----	34	DOONEY	-----
27	44 HOFTOWSKI		BURNS	27 SPRADLING
44	KILLER			ARMSTRONG
30	"H" -----	30	MC LAUGHLIN	-----
95	46 CONNELLY		BRAKER	95 FRANKEL
46	OBEY			MILITSCHE
81	"I" -----	81	GLERUP	-----
80	79 HAVEL		HOPENEF	80 SHERMAN
79	WATSCO			PHILLIPS
	"SPARIS" -----	98	SUCKERLAND	-----
88	82 DOOLITTLE		BRACKEN	87 WALKER
87	Fisher			Kennedy
82	-----			-----

COLORS OF THE DAY				AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION			
TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	Unit	Index number	A	Code
0100-0700	RY	F	O	441st	"	"	A 401 UAU
0700-1300	YYR	P	C	442nd	"	"	A 434 RJX
1300-1900	YY	V	H	443rd	"	"	A 437 CSV
1900-0100	RY	E	H	444th	"	"	A 440 KIV

BOOMER CALL SIGN: 320TH 1st Formation: COREY

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR on Channel "C"
 W/T Call sign for wing 1 net: G91
 Fighter voice call sign: SCHOOLHOUSE
 Cancellation code word: THESTOP
 CHECK POINTS: LUNEVILLE - GEORGE / WINGEN (07436) - PETER
 NIEDERBRONN (09339) - OBOE / RR JUNCTION WEST OF LEBROUCHT (R2287) - DOG
 SELESTAT - ZEBRA / ETTENHEIM (W0562) - TARE / NEUSTADT (W3624) - YOKE
 BLUMBERG (U5916) - MAN

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #483 - 23 FEBRUARY 1945.

POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83	
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	10:16
GLAUBITZ, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	13:11
DAY, AM., NAV., 1st Lt.			
KUCZMA, ENG., T/Sgt.			
RUMBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
STSCHEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CAHAN, FC., Major.			
BRESETEE, PILOT, Capt.	444th	90	
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	10:16 +
WILLIAMS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	13:11 +
ADAMS, NAV., 2nd Lt.			
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WIGGILL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LINDQUIST, FOTO, S/Sgt.			
MIKELSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	75	
SAVAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	10:17
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	13:11 +
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.			
POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93	
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	10:17 +
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	13:12
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt.			
O'ELL, RADIO, Cpl.			
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
LIEBENDORGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91	
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	10:18
SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	13:12 +
DUFFEL, ENG., S/Sgt.			
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	99	
HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	10:18 +
BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed	13:13
GREER, ENG., T/Sgt.			
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.			
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CASE, FOTO, Pfc			
WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85	
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	10:19
PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	13:14
LESTER, ENG., Sgt.			
POLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	97	
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	10:19+
KEMMERSON, BOMB., Cpl.		landed	13:14+
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.			
HAMMONDREE, ENG., Sgt.			
SIEMERT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
PIDGEON, OBS., 2nd Lt.			
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76	
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major		took off	10:20
KILGORE, BOMB., Cpl.		landed	13:15
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.			
D'AGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.			
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
AHERNATHY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40	
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	10:20+
VILA, BOMB., Lt.		landed	13:15+
WERNICK, NAV., Lt.			
SURABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt.			
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.			
METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd (early return)	37	
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	10:21
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.	<i>No mission credit</i>	landed	10:32
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.			
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
RENICK, RADIO, Sgt.			
STELER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32	
TIBBETTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	10:21+
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	13:16
CARTER, ENG., Cpl.			
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.			
SPENCER, GUNNER, Cpl.			
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.			
MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45	
MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	10:22
GERMANO, BOMB., Lt.		landed	13:17+
ISON, ENG., Sgt.			
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.			
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ROSS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35	
KOKOLUS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	10:22+
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed	13:18+
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FINNEY, RADIO, Cpl.			
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.			

ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt. PERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt. WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt. STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt. DANIELS, RADIO, Cpl. WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.	442nd	39 took off 10:23 landed 13:26
GILES, PILOT, Lt. KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt. HELFAND, BOMB., Lt. MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt. MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl. FOND, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd	33 took off 10:23+ landed 13:20
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt. WELLS, DE, CO PILOT, Lt. VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt. SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt. RICHARDSON, RADIO, Cpl. VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd	43 took off 10:24 landed 13:20+
KENT, PILOT, Lt. GURDEL, CO PILOT, Lt. LOCURTO, BOMB., Lt. GRADY, ENG., Cpl. GODER, RADIO, Cpl. DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	38 took off 10:34+ landed 13:21
MOONEY, PILOT, Capt. LEACH, CO PILOT, Capt. BURNS, BOMB., Lt. ENGLISH, NAV., Lt. MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt. CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt. CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	34 took off 10:25 landed 13:21+
SPRADLING, PILOT, Lt. LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt. ANDERSON, BOMB., Lt. SAVOGA, NAV., Lt. BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt. NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. ORTEGA, FOTO, Sgt.	442nd	27 took off 10:25+ landed 13:22
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt. DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt. MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt. WIDAU, ENG., Sgt. CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	44 took off 10:26 landed 13:22+
MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt. GARDNER, CO PILOT, Lt. PRATHER, BOMB., Lt. SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt. DAWSON, RADIO, Cpl. REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	30 took off 10:26+ landed 13:22+

FRANKEL, PILOT, F/O PIERCE, CO PILOT, Lt. MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt. FARMER, ENG., Cpl. OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	95 took off 10:27 landed 13:23
CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt. CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt. OBEID, BOMB., Lt. PELLER, ENG., S/Sgt. CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt. WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 10:27 + landed 13:23 +
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt. CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt. JARRETT, ENG., S/Sgt. BROWN, RADIO, Sgt. MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	81 took off 10:28 landed 13:24
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MCQUADE, BOMB., 2nd Lt. IVERSON, ENG., Cpl. BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt. RYAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	80 took off 10:28 + landed 13:25
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt. KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt. SEIDEL, RADIO, Sgt. MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	79 took off 10:29 landed 13:25 +
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt. GARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O VINSON, ENG., Sgt. INGRAM, RADIO, Cpl. CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th (Spare) <i>No mission credit</i>	98 took off 10:29 + landed 12:54
WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KENNY, BOMB., Sgt. DOWLEN, ENG., S/Sgt. FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt. PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th (Spare)	87 took off 10:30 landed 13:16
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt. FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt. FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt. SOLDATI, ENG., S/Sgt. GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl. CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd (Spare)	82 took off 10:30 + landed 13:43 +