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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 374

23 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 489

Flight commander: Captain Bennett.
Lead pilot : Lt. Sherwood.

320th Bombardment Group (M)

STANDENBUHL RAILROAD BR. (M/R: (N) M-172098, GSGS 4416, sheet U-2), Germany.

At 10:46 hours, 29 B-26's took off to bomb Standenbuhl Railroad Bridge (M/R: (N) M-172098, GSGS 4416, sheet U-2), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early; spares, spares of 1st formation joined this formation at rendezvous. Total sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the primary target and 27 B-26's dropped 27 x 500-lb. demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) at 12:24 hours from 11,600 to 10,000 feet on an axis of 344 degrees true. 2 x 500-lb. demolition bombs were salvaged at 12:25 hours in the target area. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 13:38 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

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

SEEN AIR CRAFT: None. Losses to \sqrt{A} : None. Damaged by \sqrt{A} : None.
Claimed \sqrt{A} : None.

FLAK: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See report no. 488, this date.

NO. OF \sqrt{A} TAKING PHOTOS: 7

ROUTE: Base to Lunville, rendezvous; to Sarzebourg; to Ringen, C-7436; to Niederbronn, C-9339; to Wilgartswiesen, R-1068, OF; to rail junction 1 mile west of Lambrecht, R-3387; IP (Briefed axis over IP - 345 degrees true; Drift correction over IP - 03 degrees left; Evasive action over IP - Loss of altitude); to target; Right break to Grunstadt, M-3107; to Lambrecht; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute; : CAVU with haze.
- b. Vicinity of target ; CAVU with haze.
- c. Target Area ; CAVU with haze.
- d. Return ; CAVU with haze.

RESULTS: Bombs struck in target area with probable hits on the bridge.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

ROBERT L. F. ABRAHAM,
Captain, ~~USAF~~
Act'g. Group S-2 Officer

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Bomb Wing (US), APO 374
Attention: A-2 section.

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Standerbuhl Rail Bridge, AG-172098, Germany), of the Group, this date.

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2. The pictures taken in ship Nos. 67, 57, 53 and 20 were not printed.

Harold L. Farnsworth,
Captain, Air Corps,
Act'g Group S-2 Officer.

MISSION # 484 FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. BENNETT

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70	"A"	70	SHERWOOD	67	TOWNSEND
67	50 MC DONALD		HENDRICKS		HOLLAND
50	Christrup				
57	"B"	57	TRIMMERT		
69	53 KOE.S		Furvis	69	NEUTON
53	Stenke				Luennemann
71	"C"	71	DETHELAN		
54	59 UHLIG		Clerk	54	KOLOROSKI
59	Czeckowitz				Suggs
01	"D"	01	SCOTT		
23	20 BOBLITT		FUSLY	23	STEIER
20	Glassner				DEVLIN
11	"E"	11	DOEKE		
06	03 HEEREN		Anderson	06	BOULES
03	McKinley				Gallagher
05	"F"	05	GRULT		
16	17 O'BRIEN		Elmah	16	LANKE
17	Nelson				Biddle
62	"G"	62	"TST"		
55	61 ZOELLER		GREENE	55	DAILEY
61	Chacko				DAVIS
12	"H"	12	DINCHE		
18	07 BARRETT		Kingstury	18	ROBINSON
07	Blackerby				Sacco
04	"I"	04	KUFFMAN		
15	14 LEVERING		Allen	15	FORSYTHE
14	Tunnard				McCreary
02	"SPARES"	02	McFARIGOR		
94	77 ROBERTS		Bash	94	SHADLE
77	Otto				Issenden

COLORS OF THE DAY				AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION			
TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY:	1st	Index Number	2nd	3rd
0100-0700	RY	F	O	441	" "	443	444
0700-1300	YYR	P	C	442	" "	444	445
1300-1900	YY	V	H	443	" "	445	446
1900-0100	RY	B	M	444	" "	446	447

BOMBER CALL SIGN: 320th 2nd Formation: BLYDOLL

Control Center voice call sign: BAGGARE AND BOXCAR on Channel "C"

W/T call sign for wing 1 net: U7B

Fighter call sign: HIGHFLYER

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: TREETOP

CHECK POINTS: LUNEVILLE - GEORGE ! WINGEN (Q7436) - PETER! NIEDERBRONN (Q9339) -
OBOE ! RR JUNCTIONS WEST OF LEMBRECHT (R2287) - DOG ! SELESTAT - ZEBRA
ETTENHEIM (U0562) - TARE ! NEUSTADT (U3624) - YOKE ! BLUMBERG (W5916) - NAN

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #484 - 23 FEBRUARY 1945.

SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
BUFFETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 10:46
HENDREX, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 13:38
BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BENNETT, FC., 1st Lt.		
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 10:46 +
HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 13:38 +
MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
TROUTMAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAFRIENIE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CHRISTENSON, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	50
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 10:47
CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O		landed 13:39
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, AG, S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RG, S/Sgt.		
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
DUANE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 10:47 +
FURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 13:39 +
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	69
POORZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 10:48
LUNNEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 13:40
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KOTAS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	53
MEEHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 10:48 +
STUECKE, BOMB., F/O		landed 13:40 +
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEVAUGHN, AP, Sgt.		
DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
LOBECK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 10:49
CLARK, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 13:41
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VALMOS, RADIO, Cpl.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

KOMOROWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SUGGS, BOMB., Pvt. WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl. JENKINSON, RADIO, Sgt. FERGUSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd		54 took off 10:49 + landed 13:47
UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt. PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Sgt. EWERS, ENG., Cpl. BOATREITER, RADIO, Cpl. HOOD, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	443rd		59 took off 10:50 landed 13:42
SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHARP, CO PILOT, Major POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt. NORDEN, NAV., 2nd Lt. FERNANDEZ, ENG., T/Sgt. FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt. WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	<i>No. Take off</i>	01 took off landed
STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt. WALDEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt. BADER, NAV., 1st Lt. STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt. HILER, RADIO, Sgt. BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	441st		23 took off 10:50 + landed 13:43
BOBLITT, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GLASSNER, BOMB., Cpl. SMELAND, ENG., Cpl. HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt. NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl. POTTS, FOTO, Sgt.	441st		20 took off 10:51 landed 13:44
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ANDERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt. PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt. DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl. GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st		11 took off 10:51 + landed 13:44 +
BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt. RAMSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GALLAGHER, BOMB., S/Sgt. FEINEN, ENG., Cpl. ROCKABRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt. DIETRICK, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st		06 took off 10:52 landed 13:44 +

HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt. NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl. CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl. REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.	441st	03 took off 10:52 + landed 13:45
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ELMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. GIBSON, ENG., Sgt. THOMAS, RADIO, Cpl. LUDY, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	05 took off 10:53 landed 13:45 +
LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt. LEWIS, ENG., S/Sgt. WRIGHT, RADIO, Cpl. ATEN, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	16 took off 10:53 + landed 13:46
O'BRIEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt. TIETZ, ENG., Sgt. SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl. LANK, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	17 took off 10:54 landed 13:46 +
WEST, PILOT, Capt. JUMPER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt. NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt. CONKLIN, ENG., Cpl. FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt. RUBY, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	62 took off 10:54 + landed 13:48 +
DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, L, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt. MONTGOMERY, NAV., 2nd Lt. PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. HAFFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. VERMILLION, OBS., CORRESPONDENT	443rd	55 took off 10:55 landed 13:49
ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. DZIENISZ, ENG., Sgt. YOUNG, RADIO, Sgt. HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. GARROLL, FOTO, Pvt.	443rd	61 took off 10:55 + landed 13:49 +

DINONE, PILOT, F/O LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt. WASH, ENG., Cpl. HAYES, RADIO, Cpl. SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	12 took off 10:56 landed 13:50
ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SACCO, BOMB., Sgt. LUCHANESKY, ENG., Sgt. HAVEL, RADIO, Cpl. FEATHERSTON, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	18 took off 10:56 + landed 13:50 +
BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O BALINSKI, ENG., Cpl. CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl. GRICE, GUNNER, Cpl. CIRMO, FOTO, Sgt.	441st	07 took off 10:57 landed 13:51
KAUFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ALLEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt. CANZONESTA, RADIO, S/Sgt. SUPANIK, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	04 took off 10:57 + landed 13:51 +
FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ZELLNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. WYATT, ENG., S/Sgt. GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl. BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	15 took off 10:58 landed 13:51 +
LEVERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TURNARD, BOMB., F/O EVANS, ENG., Cpl. PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	11 took off 10:58 + landed 13:52
MCGREGOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt. WITEN, RADIO, Sgt. TUFTS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st (Spare) <i>No Credit</i>	02 took off 10:59 landed 12:34
SHADLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt. SHEUMAKER, RADIO, Sgt. ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd (Spare) <i>No Credit</i>	94 took off 10:59 + landed 12:39

ROBERTS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
SHAW, ENG., Sgt.
ROW, RADIO, Cpl.
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.

43rd (Spare)
No military credit

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took off 11:00
landed 12:42