

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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24 February 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 490.

Flight Commander: Captain Carraher.
Lead Pilot : Major Hayward.

320th Bombardment Group (H).

IMMENDINGEN M/Y (M/R: (W) W-741267, GSGS 4416, sheet X-3), Germany.

At 12:50 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Immendingen M/Y (M/R: (W) W-741267, GSGS 4416, sheet X-3), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: spares. Total sorties: 27. No B-26's were over the Primary target, due to 10/10ths undercast in the target area. 9 B-26's were over a target of opportunity, Hooded Area, at (W) W-249238 and dropped 63 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) and 9 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (6hour and 12hour delay minus anti-removal device) on the target at 15:16 hours from 11,500' on an axis of $310^{\circ}T$. 18 B-26's were over a target of opportunity, M/Y, at (W) W-312228 and 9 B-26's dropped 59 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) and 9 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (6hour and 12hour delay minus anti-removal device) on the target at 15:05 hours, from 11,200' on an axis of $170^{\circ}T$. 9 B-26's broke left, after following 1st Squadron of 9 B-26's bombing, with bombay-doors closed, and made a second run. 8 B-26's dropped 56 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) and 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (6 hour and 12 hour delay minus anti-removal device) on the target at 15:16 hours from 10,800' on an axis of $170^{\circ}T$. 4 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) were salvaged at 15:06 hours at M/Y (W) W-312228, having hung up. 1 x 500-lb. Demolition bomb (6 hour delay minus anti-removal device) was salvaged in lake south of base, due to delay fusing of bomb. 7 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) were returned to base, because the bombay-door failed to open over target. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 16:08 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

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

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

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Barrage balloons at W-3122 at 15:05 hours.
- (2) Barrage balloons at W-2518 at 15:15 hours.
- (3) Possible supply depot or lumber piles near factory at W-3540

at 15:10 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 100 RR cars in M/Y at W-3525 at 15:06 hours.

- b. communications: (Cont'd)
(2) 40 RR cars at W-3838 at 15:12 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 8.

ROUTE: Base to Epinal, rendezvous; to St. Die; to Selestat V-7963; to Epenheim W-0360; to Heibach W-1947; to Neustadt W-3623; to Bonndorf, GP, W-4613; to Blumberg, IP, W-6115 (briefed Axis over IP - none; evasive action over IP - none; drift correction over IP - none); sharp right turn to Blumberg; to Neustadt area. Formation split into 3 squadrons of 9 A/C each and bombed separately. The squadron bombing at 15:05 hours did a 360° turn over the target area after bomb run; to Neustadt; reciprocal course to base. Remaining 2 squadrons joined up over Neustadt; to Heibach; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute: : Clear with haze to Epinal. 7/10ths stratocumulus, bases topping hills, tops 5,000', over Vosage, breaking to 5-6/10ths over the Rhine valley.
- b. Vicinity of Target: : 7/10ths stratocumulus, bases topping hills, tops 5,000', over Black Forest area. Occasional breaks.
- c. Target Area: : 10/10ths stratocumulus, bases topping hills, tops 5,000'. Breaks in Neustadt area left target of opportunity open, although coverage was 7/10ths in the area.
- d. Return: : Same as enroute to Epinal. Epinal - Dijon a thick low stratocumulus band moving into the area from the North-west.

RESULTS: Squadrons bombing M/Y at (W) W-312228 covered area with an excellent concentration of bombs, cutting the tracks.

Bombs of other Squadron struck wooded area at (W) W-249238 and no results were observed.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Wooded area at (W) W-249238 was bombed because lead pilot noted concentration of barrage balloons over area and decided it was a military installation of some sort.

NORMAN L. FARBEROW,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Group Intelligence Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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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 (Immenhagen Marshalling Yards, MW-741267, Germany), of this Group, this date.

Mission # 1.

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	95				
	(T)K-20			T	
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	(T)K-8			T	
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	(T)K-20				T
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2. The pictures taken in ship Nos. 95, 32, and 05 were not printed.

NORMAN L. FARRELL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Act'g Group S-2 Officer.

RUNWAY LINE UP

27	"A"	JANELLY	HAYWARD	27 TRAYNOR	M. SCHAN
34		46 Yowell			34 HAIN
46	"B"		MAYFIELD		
33		WOTJOWSKY	33 Germano		BARRETT
48		44 Miller			43 Lytel
44	"C"		MCLAUGHLIN		
45		LEACH	45 Ward		PEARSON
32		39 McDougal			32 Roush
39	"D"		CARRAHER		
80		MATTHEWS	80 FROELICH		DAY
83		95 Kennerson			83 Jarman
95	"E"		ELLIS		
85		WALKER	85 Hephner		ALDRIDGE
99		91 Ryan			99 Rinden
91	"F"		WADROP		
93		JOHNSTON H.D.	93 McQuade		SHERMAN
82		97 Bennett			82 Malvszek
97	"G"		WELCH		
40		ROMAN	40 YOUNES		COEKE
30		38 Woodward			30 Herbst
38	"H"		HABER		
81		NICHOLSON	81 Podmajersky		SUTHERLAND
94		75 Sheehan			94 Bracken
75	"I"		GRALA		
05	02	BARRETT	05 Tundra rd		BLACK
16	35	20 Sacco			16 Biddle
20	77	SPARES	HARRIS		
	98	DAVIS	02 Williamson		GILES
		77 Phillips	WADDELL		35 Helfand
			98 Schempf		

& 76 GS

486 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT MUELLER 24 FEB 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

04	"A"	ZIRK	O'LAHONEY	04 FERINDINO	STELER
23		17 Blackerby			23 DEVER
17	"B"		DOLKE		
11		BOWLES	11 Anderson		SCHAUN
14		03 Elman			14 McKinley
03	"C"		DINWIDDIE		
12		KATSER	12 Kingsbury		EVANS
15		06 Gallagher			15 Erickson
06	"D"		WATSON		
62		MULLER	62 SELZER		PARSONS
58		57 Klodzinski			58 FLEVIS
57	"E"		MOWNSEND		
67		PHILLIPS	67 Gorman		STRATTON
54		71 Gooch			54 S. ueinke
71	"F"		WEINGART		
50	53	SWIFT	50 Otto		NEWTON
61	69	80 Carrastup			61 Chackowitz
60	01	SPARES	KOTAS		
		SHERROD			MCDONALD
		01 Glassner			69 SNEGS
		GROUND SPARES	59 07		

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

	TIME	FLYING COLORS	CH-L	REPLY
320th Group:				
1st formation "LUNCHBOX"	0100-0700	R R	F	J
2nd formation "SUPPER"	0700-1300	R Y	O	G
	1300-1700	Y Y	Y	D

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 24 FEB 1945.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 4 FEBRUARY 1945, #485:

HAYWARD, PILOT, Major	442nd	27	
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12 50
TRAYNOR, BOMB. Capt.		landed	16 16
WERNICK, NAV. Lt.			
CARRAHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.			
SHEARER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34	
BRENNAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12 51
HAUN, BOMB. Lt.		landed	16 16
BRAIN, NAV. Lt.			
WALKER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SIELER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MESSEROLE, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			

CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46	
PERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12 51
YOWELL, BOMB. Lt.		landed	16 18
FELLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
PHALEN, PHOTO, Cpl.			

MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33	
KEAGY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12 52
GERMANO, BOMB. Lt.		landed	16 18
JOHNSON, NAVY OBS. Capt.			
ISON, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.			
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.			

BARRETT, PILOT, Col.	442nd	43	
PIERCE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12 52
LYTLE, BOMB. Lt.		landed	16 19
CARTER, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
FEDRSTYS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MC CLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44	
TIBBETTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12 53
MILLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	16 19
KILSEY, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CRANSHAW, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
TURPEN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			

MC LAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45	
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	12 53
WARD, BOMB. Lt.		landed	16 20
SUGERMAN, NAVY Sgt. ENG.			
DAWSON, RADIO Cpl.			
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.			

PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32	NO TAKE OFF
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	39	
DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, Lt.			took off 1255
MC DOUGAL, BOMB. Lt.			landed 1621
DALCHER, OBS. CAPT.			
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
HARRIS, RADIO, Spl.			
HURBACE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CAHAN, PILOT, Major	444	80	
BRESETTE, CO PILOT, Capt.			took off 1255
FROELICH, BOMB. 1st Lt.			landed 1608
WESTBROOK, NAV. 1st Lt.			
GAY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WIGGALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83	
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1256
JARMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.			landed 1609
HARTMAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
HAMMONTREE, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DAY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MATHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	95	
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1256
KENNERSON, BOMB. Cpl.			landed 1609
GARR, ENGINEER, Pvt.			
ERIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
CASE, PHOTO, Subst.			
PIDGEON, OBS. 2nd Lt.			
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85	
SAVAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1257
HEPHNER, BOMB. 1st Lt.			landed 1610
DUFFEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
FLEMMING, RADO, T/Sgt.			
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	99	
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1257
RINDEN, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1610
GREAR, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.			
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91	
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1258
RYAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1610
LESTER, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
STEGMEYER, RADIO, Sgt.			
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
LINDQUIST, X, S/Sgt.			

WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt. BROWNE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC QUADE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. JARRETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BROWN, RADIO, Sgt. MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	93 took off 12 58 landed 16 17
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MALYSZEK, BOMB. F/O SORRELL, ENGINEER, Pvt. WITT, RADIO, Sgt. RYAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	82 took off 12 59 landed 16 12
JOHNSTON, ^{H.O.} PILOT, 1st Lt. CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BENNETT, BOMB. T/Sgt. TVERSON, ENGINEER, Cpl. SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt. POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	97 took off 12 59 landed 16 13
WELCH, PILOT, CAPT. WELLS, CO PILOT, Lt. YOUENES, BOMB. Lt. ENGLISH, NAV. Lt. WIDAU, ENGINEER, Sgt. SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt. PURDY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	442nd	40 took off 13 00 landed 16 21
GOEKE, PILOT, Lt. CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt. HERBST, BOMB. Lt. SAVACA, NAV. Lt. GRADY, ENGINEER, Cpl. OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	30 took off 13 00 landed 16 38
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt. LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt. WOODWARD, BOMB. Sgt. STEVENSON, ENGINEER, Sgt. MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEINBERG, GUNNER, Sgt. HILLES, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	38 took off 13 01 landed 16 23
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. GOGOLSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PODMAJERSKY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt. WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	81 took off 13 01 landed 16 23
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt. GARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BRACKEN, BOMB. F/O VINSON, ENGINEER, Sgt. PIERCE, RADIO, Sgt. CARINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	94 took off 13 02 landed 16 24

MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	75	
LIEBENDORFER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1302	
SHEEHAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1624	
JAMES, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
RADIO, POZNIAK, S/Sgt.			
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MOREY, PHOTO, SGT.			
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	05	
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1303	
TUNNARD, BOMB. F/O		landed 1625	
GOBSON, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
WRIGHT, GUNNER, Spl.			
LUDY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	16	
MC BURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1319	
BIDDLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1625	
LEWIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WILSON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	20	
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1303	
SACCO, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1625	
BALINSKI, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
MELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GRICE, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WADDLE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98	
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1315	
SCHEMP, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1621	
GRECO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
CLEARY, RADIO, Sgt.			
CLOEY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77	
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1314	EARLY
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1534	
BUCHERT, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.			
NEBBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35	
GLENSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1313	EARLY
BECKMAN, BOMB. B/O		landed 1525	
SHEEHY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
FINNEY, RADIO, Cpl.			
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
HEEHEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02	
LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1316	EARLY
WILLIAMSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1511	
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.			
TUPTS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

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