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Final Mission Report No. 493.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIEGELSBACH AMMUNITION DUMP, "AREA Q" (M/R: (W) R-949747, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-3),  
Germany.

At 12:55 hours, 49 B-26's took off to bomb Siegelbach Ammunition Dump "Area Q" (M/R: (W) R-949747, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-3), Germany. 4 B-26's returned to base early: spares. Total Sorties: 45. 45 B-26's were over the Primary target, and due to weather at the Primary and Alternate targets no B-26's dropped No x 500-lb. Demolition bombs on the target, and made 2 bomb runs. The formation was over the Primary target at 15:15 hours from 12,000' to 10,800' on an Axis of 40°T. 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs, due to bombardier error, were salvoed at 15:14 hours at the target area. 7 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs, due to engineering trouble, were salvoed at 15:40 hours at W-1563. 33 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (6 hour and 12 hour long delays) were salvoed at W-3668 at 15:37 hours. 4 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs, 2 long delay, and 2 due to rack malfunction, were salvoed in lake South of base at 16:30 hours. 82 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were .1 & .025 second delay and 10 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were 6 hour and 12 hour delays) were dropped at W-3668 at 15:37 hours. These bombs landed in the hills and no damage resulted. Some were dropped due to bombardier error, who saw that the long delay was being salvoed, and others by A/C that followed suit in dropping on a Squadron lead. All bombs salvoed were in enemy territory, except those salvoed in the lake South of base. Remainder of bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 45 B-26's returned to base at 16:37 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

A. Activity:

- (1) 24 P-47's provided good escort.
- (2) 2/3 possible Me-262's heading South at 11,000' at R-9167 at 15:13 hours being pursued by P-51's.
- (3) 2 U/I A/C at R-8998 at 7,000' heading North at 15:10 hours.

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) Scant flak being fired at another formation and U/I A/C explode at R-7090 at 15:14 hours.
- (2) Several vapor trails, possibly from B-17's, at S-0261 at 15:10 hours.
- (3) Flashes and white flares from S-0261 at 15:10 hours.
- (4) Orange puff and black smoke burst at 15,000' at S-0367 at 15:10 hours.
- (5) Barracks and supply depot at W-7296 at 15:25 hours.
- (6) Several hundred white balls at 12,000' of various sizes from 3 to 18 inches in diameter seen from W-0563 to R-7704 at 14:10 hours to 14:25 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 1 engine headed North at W-7395 at 15:30 hours.
- (2) 15/20 HR cars at W-0666 at 15:32 hours.
- (3) 25 HR cars and engine at W-0262 at 15:35 hours.
- (4) 20 HR cars at W-3668 at 15:30 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

ROUTE: Base to Lunville, rendezvous; to Selestat V-7963; to Ettenheim W-0562; to Wolfach W-3668; to Oppens W-3287; to Wildberg R-7504; to Weilderstadt R-8317; to Durrmenz R-8039; to Spingen R-8561, IP (briefed Axis over IP @ 39°T; evasive action over IP - slow turns; drift correction over IP - 05° right; escorted by P-47's); to target; broke left; to Spingen, IP, R-8561; to target; break left; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : 6-7/10ths stratocumulus, tops estimated at 5-6,000', with occasional large breaks. Vis. excellent in breaks.
- b. Vicinity of Target : 0
- c. Target Area : Heavy smoke observed below clouds through small breaks near target. Target was not operational.
- d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: None, due to weather.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION # 488: FLIGHT MANEUVER: MAJOR HAYWARD, March 1945.

DECOY METSCHAN		"A" MULLER R7		31 - delay	
27 HAUN		WALLEN 23 PENKAVA		LYONS w 3064	
PLORCE	GOENE	"BU" PINOME		81 - w 2268	
38 Helland	34 Herbst	"BU" 01 Kingbury		BOBBLETT	
RUNWAY LINE UP	27	06 McCarthy		80 Glassner	
23	38	"BU" 19 Erickson		O'BRIEN	
21	34	BLACK 15 Sacco		17 Biddle	
14		"BU" 70 LOKAN		PARSONS	
01		"BU" 61 Christrup		58 GREENE	
20	49 } 1255	"BU" MILLER		KOTAS	
06	1318	57 styampe		53 Simmons	
19		"BU" 63 Kaplan		ZOEHLER	
17		"BU" BIRDWELL		54 Clark	
15		71 Gooch		TOWNSEND	
70		"BU" FORSYTHE		67 Holland	
58		93 williamson		WETZEL	
61	45 } Down	"BU" JOHNSTON C.R.		22 Gallagher	
55	16 37	82 C. R.		DAVIS	
53		SPARES		91 Ryan	
57		"BU" LENSEY		SCHAUM	
50		"BU" 59 - Backo		18 Martinson	
54		"BU" 82 C. R.		60	
63		"BU" 83		65	
62		"BU" 84			
67		"BU" 85			
71		"BU" 86			
09		"BU" 87			
22	05	"BU" 88			
03	28	"BU" 89			
08	59	"BU" 90			
91	82	"BU" 91			

49 } 1255  
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Dropped on  
leader

RUNWAY LINE UP	"A" ABERNATHY	40 VILA	METSCHAN
40	WOJTKOWSKI	42 McDougal	30 HAUN
41	"B" CONNELLY	43 Ward	BRENNAN
42	46 venturino	GILES	44 Lucurto
43	"C" STUTLER	33 Yowell	ROWAN
44	39 Militscher	SULLIVAN	35 Miller
45	"DU" SHERMAN	98 DRAKE	EAY
46	77 Kilgore	ELLIS	90 Jarman
47	"E" JOHNSTON D.	85 McQuade	LIEBENDORFER
48	95 Malyschek	WADROP	75 Sheehan
49	"F" MATHEWS	93 Hepner	FORD
50	76 Kinney	ALRIDGE	9. Kennerson
51	SPARES	81 Forleo	MACNAMARA
52			32 Woodward

Landed  
in Hells

RADIO CALL SIGNS:  
320th Group: "GUMDROP"  
Control Center voice call sign 0100-0700

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 1 MARCH 1945.  
FLARE COLORS CHALLENGE REPLY  
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## CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #489 - [ MARCH 1945.

Decoy was cancelled Ships 27, 34, 38 (See Poop Sheet)	MUELLER, PILOT, Capt.	441st	23
	MCGREGOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1254+
	PENKAVA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1637
	METCALF, ENG., T/Sgt.		
	ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	HAYWARD, F.C., Major SIPOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
	LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
	WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1255
	GARVEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1637+
MIRABELLA, NAV., 1st Lt.			
BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt.			
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SUPANICK, GUNNER, Cpl.			
REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.			
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st (no take off)	14	
DINOME, PILOT, F/O	441st	01	
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1256	
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1638+	
WASH, ENG., Cpl.			
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.			
CARRIER, GUNNER, Cpl.			
BOBLITT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20	
SHARP, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1256+	
GLASSNER, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1639	
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt.			
SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl.			
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	06	
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1257	
MCCARTHY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1639+	
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.			
MELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.			
POTTS, FOTO, Sgt.			
LEVERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	19	
BARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1257+	
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1659	
SMELAND, ENG., Cpl.			
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
TAMOSIUNAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
O'BRIEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17	
RAMSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1258	
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1640+	
FEINEN, ENG., Cpl.			
THOMAS, RADIO, Cpl.			
NEAL, GUNNER, Cpl.			
CASE, FOTO, Sgt.			

	BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	15
	LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1258+
	SACCO, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1640
	CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
	DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.		
	ATEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LOKAN	SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
	BOMHOLT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1259
	<del>CHRISTOPHER</del> , BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1640+
	BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
	WAYMIRE, RG, S/Sgt.		
	WONG, AG, S/Sgt.		
	MARGOLIS, EG, S/Sgt.		
	PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
	SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1259+
	BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		landed 1641
	GREEN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		
	HEAVENER, RG, Sgt.		
	RUBY, AG, Sgt.		
	DEVLIN, EG, S/Sgt.		
	MC HUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
	PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1300
	CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O		landed 1641+
	DEVERNA, RG, S/Sgt.		
	PECK, AG, S/Sgt.		
	HANSHAW, EG, S/Sgt.		
	CARROLL, AP, Pvt.		
	DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
	STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1300+
	PURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1642
	CONSTABLE, RG, S/Sgt.		
	CHARLTON, AG, S/Sgt.		
	SONNONSTINE, EG, S/Sgt.		
	DICKINSON, OBS., Capt.		
	KOTAS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	53
	WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1301
	SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1642+
	MCQUEEN, RG, S/Sgt.		
	LENKIEWICZ, AG, Sgt.		
	WILLIAMS, EG, S/Sgt.		
	MILLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
	JOHNSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1301+
	STUEMKE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1646
	ROW, RG, Cpl.		
	LAFRENNIE, AG, Sgt.		
	WENDT, EG, S/Sgt.		
	CHRISTENSON, AP, S/Sgt.		
	HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
	SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1302
	HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1643+
	GITTI, RG, Sgt.		
	BROOKS, EG, Sgt.		
	PRICE, AG, S/Sgt.		
	ASHWORTH, OBS., Capt.		

ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CLARK, JR, BOMB., 2nd Lt. GRAHAM, RG, S/Sgt. SHOLLENBERGER, AG, S/Sgt. CONKLIN, EG, Cpl.	443rd	54 took off 1302+ landed 1644
CALLAHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. LOBECK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KAPLAN, BOMB., F/O JENKINSON, RG, Sgt. HAFER, AG, S/Sgt. FIELDS, EG, S/Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 1303 landed 1645
CLARK, N.B., PILOT, Capt. OPPERMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt. NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt. SHUEMAKER, RG, Sgt. MORRIS, AG, Cpl. DZIENISZ, EG, Sgt.	443rd	62 took off 1303+ landed 1645+
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt. MEEHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt. LOWREY, NAV., 1st Lt. VALHOS, RG, Cpl. FERGUSON, AG, Sgt. SHEW, EG, Sgt.	443rd	67 took off 1304 landed 1643
BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. JUMPER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt. SEILEY, RG, CPL. WOOLRIDGE, EG, Cpl. BOLL, AG, S/Sgt. SLATER, AP, Sgt.	443rd	71 took off 1304+ landed 1646
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. COCKRIEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt. SMITH, RADIO, Sgt. NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	09 took off 1305 landed 1646+
WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. HEDGES, CO PILOT, F/O GALLAGHER, BOMB., S/Sgt. MCCOY, ENG., Sgt. GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl. CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	22 took off 1305+ landed 1647
FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. TIETZ, ENG., Sgt. HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt. BILLINGTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DEVAUGH, FOT O, Sgt.	441st	03 took off 1306 landed 1647+

WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		99
BROWNE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1306+
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1648
VINSON, ENG., Sgt.			
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.			
CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.			

DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		91
GARY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1307
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1648+
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
NESBITT, RADIO, Sgt.			
DAGOSTINO, GUNNER, Sgt.			

JOHNSTON, CR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		82
BILREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1307+
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1625
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.			
BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt.			
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(Spare)	07
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		<i>early return</i>	took off 1318+
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O			landed 1422
GIBSON, ENG., Sgt.			
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.			
LUDY, GUNNER, Sgt.			

SCHAUM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	(Spare)	18
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1255+
MARTINSEN, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1638
BRYANT, ENG., Cpl.			
HAVEL, RADIO, Cpl.			
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	(Spare)	59
BUFFETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		<i>early return</i>	took off 1318
CHACKO, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1402
YOUNG, RG, Sgt.			
MERCER, AG, Cpl.			
WARD, EG, Cpl.			

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ABERNATHY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd		40
WELLS, DE, CO-PILOT, Lt.			took off 1308
VILA, BOMB., Lt.			landed 1649
WERNICK, NAV., Lt.			
WELCH, FC, Capt.			
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd		30
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.			took off 1308+
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.			landed 1649+
SAVOCA, NAV., Lt.			
MONTGOMERY ENG., Sgt.			
MONEY, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MESSEROLÉ, FOTO, S/Sgt.			

WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt. DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt. MCDUGAL, BOMB., Lt. GRADY, ENG., Cpl. CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt. GRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	42 took off 1309 landed 1626
KENT, PILOT, Lt. KEAGY, CO PILOT, Lt. WARD, BOMB., Lt. SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt. DAWSON, RADIO, Cpl. REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	43 took off 1309+ landed 1651
BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt. DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, Lt. LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt. VINE, RADIO, Cpl. DURHAM, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	44 took off 1310 landed 1651+
CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt. TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt. VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt. FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt. OLSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1310+ landed 1652
GILES, PILOT, Lt. KRIEM, CO PILOT, Lt. YOWELL, BOMB., Lt. GILLARD, OBS., Capt. CARTER, ENG., Cpl. HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt. HURFACE, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	33 took off 1311 landed 1652+
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt. KOKOLUS, CO PILOT, Lt. MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt. STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt. DANIEL, RADIO, Cpl. WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	35 took off 1311+ landed 1653
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt. LIGHTFOOT, CO PILOT, Lt. MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt. KILSEY, ENG., Cpl. GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl. POND, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd	39 took off 1312 landed 1653+



SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt. NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt. THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt. ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt. WELLS, MW, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DAMOURS, OBS., Major.	444th	98 took off 1312+ landed 1654
DAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt. ADAMS, NAV., 2nd Lt. HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt. SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt. MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	90 took off 1313 landed 1654+
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KILGORE, BOMB., Cpl. IVERSON, ENG., Cpl. WITT, RADIO, Sgt. ROSS GUNNER, S/Sgt. MOREY, FOTO, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 1313+ landed 1655
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MCQUADE, BOMB., 2nd Lt. SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt. INGRAM, RADIO, Cpl. RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	85 took off 1314 landed 1655+
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, Lt. MICKELSON, CO PILOT, Lt. SHEEHAN, BOMB., Sgt LUCAS, ENG., Sgt. CLEARY, RADIO, Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	75 took off 1314+ landed 1656
JOHNSTON, HD, PILOT, 1st Lt. HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. SORRELL, ENG., Pvt. OTELL, RADIO, Cpl. STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt. KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.	444th	95 took off 1315+ landed 1656+
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt. CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt. DUFFEL, ENG., S/Sgt. MULLANEY, RADIO, Sgt. SKINNER, GUNNER, Cpl. THOMPSON, OBS., Major.	444th	93 took off 1315+ landed 1657

FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th		94
TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1316
KENNERSON, BOMB., Cpl.			landed 1658
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.			

MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th		76
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major			took off 1316+
KENNY, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1658+
CARR, ENG., Cpl.			
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt.			
STEWART, GUNNER, Sgt.			

ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441th	(Spare)	81
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		<i>early return</i>	took off 1317
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1432
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.			
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.			
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.			

MCMAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	(Spare)	32
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt.		<i>early return</i>	took off 1317+
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1551
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.			
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.			
PHALEN, GUNNER, Cpl.			