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Final Mission Report No. 494.

2 March 1945.

Flight Commander: Col. Woolridge.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Salmonson.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIEGELSBACH AMMUNITION DUMP, AREA "Q" (M/R: (W) B-949747, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-30, Germany.

At 11:25 hours, 50 B-26's took off to bomb Siegelbach Ammunition Dump - Area "Q" (M/R: (W) B-949747, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-3), Germany. 5 B-26's returned early: 4 spares; 1 engineering. Total sorties: 45. Due to weather at the Primary target and the alternate target, 45 B-26's were over a target of opportunity, Haslach M/Y (M/R: (W) W-260646), and 42 B-26's dropped 294 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) and 42 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (6 hour, 12, hour, 24, hour, and 24 hour delays minus anti-removal device) at 12:39 hours from 12,000' to 10,300' on an Axis of 285°T, and at 12:48 hours from 10,800' to 10,300' on an Axis of 340°T. 16 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs, due to intervalometer trouble, were salvoed at 12:40 hours at the target area. 2 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (long delay fuses) were salvoed in the lake South of base by spares. 1 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (long delay fuses) was salvoed at W-0863, East of the Rhine, due to radio trouble. 7 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were returned to base, due to radio trouble. Second formation was not in position to drop on the first bomb run and made a second bomb run over the target. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 45 B-26's returned to base at 13:44 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) 16/24 P-47's provided good escort.
- (2) 2 U/I A/G heading North and also South at 10,000' at W-1662 at 12:43 hours.
- (3) 1 P-51, silver, headed West at 10,000' at W-1162 at 12:45 hours.

b. Situation: None.

WREY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None. Losses to E/A: None. Damage by E/A: None.
Claimed E/A: None.

FLAK: S, H, FA, FA, -GP type flak encountered from V-9955, about 10 bursts.
Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General: Possible gun emplacements at W-0278.

b. Communications:

- (1) 30 RR cars and 2 engines at W-0464 at 12:45 hours.
- (2) 50 RR cars at W-3365 at 12:45 hours.
- (3) 75 RR cars at W-3968 at 12:45 hours.
- (4) 25 RR cars at W-0254 at 12:40 hours.
- (5) 25 M/T, facing North, at V-9656 at 12:45 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 9.

ROUTE: Base to Lunville, rendezvous; to Selestat V-7963; to Ettenheim W-0562; to Wolfach W-3668; 270° turn to Mausach W-3264; to Hornberg W-3757; 360° circle to Wolfach W-3668, IP (briefed Axis over IP - None; evasive action over IP - slight loss of altitude; drift correction over IP - 06° left; escorted by 16/24 P-47's); to target break left to Selestat; to base.

WEATHER:

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| a. <u>Enroute:</u> | : | 3-4/10ths cumulus, tops estimated 5,000'.
Vis. excellent. |
| b. <u>Vicinity of Target:</u> | : | 6/10ths cumulus, tops estimated 8,000', over
Black Forest area East of Selestat, becoming
overcast to the East and North, with Towering
cumulus building up to estimated 15,000' to the
North. Target of opportunity was open in area,
with 5/10ths coverage. |
| c. <u>Target Area:</u> | : | |
| d. <u>Return:</u> | : | As enroute. |

RESULTS: Excellent concentration of bombs across the target.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #107: FLEETCOM COMBATANT. cod. LOCATION 2 March 1945.

DECOY		WAVE	WAVE	TRAIN
WEST		JOHNSTON, CR	SALMONSON	TRIN
67 GREENE		77 BRINCH	85 MILLER	83 CHURMS
MILLER	PARSONS	WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
57 Klodzinski	58 Feltmore	HAVEL	53 BRINCH	WALKER
RUNWAY LINE UP		61 Tobacco	WAVE	77 KERRY
85	67	WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
83	50	DAVIS	90 WARD	ALBERT
79	57	73 Ireland	WAVE	94 WARD
93		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
77		MORRIS	45 BRINCH	GOSE
81		38 WARD	WAVE	34 WARD
98		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
94		FRANSON	23 WARD	LEACH
76		32 WARD	WAVE	35 Fisher
40		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
34		ROSS	31 WARD	GUSMANSON
30		WAVE	WAVE	42 WARD
28		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
35		SHERMAN	90 WILLIAMS	DAY
32		75 Folco	WAVE	80 JAMES
31		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
42		ROJNOVSKY	GILES	CHILD
47	01	WAVE	27 Beckman	40 Melitscher
90	07	WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
80	03	HANSEN	01 Dietrich	WETZEL
75	02	03 FANTINSEN	WAVE	GALLAGHER
27	99	SPRIS	TRAVELL	WAVE
46	30	WOTTONSKI	62 Smechan	WAVE
44		30 Roberts	WAVE	WAVE

RUNWAY LINE UP		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
70		LIVNEY	70 WARD	CLARK
62		50 WARD	WAVE	62 WARD
50		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
71		BLASKO	71 WARD	ROBERTS
54		57 WARD	WAVE	44 WARD
59		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
55		OFFICIAN	55 WARD	RODONALD
65		60 Longridge	WAVE	65 WARD
60		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
23		DOBLET	23 WARD	SHERWOOD
11		70 WARD	WAVE	11 WARD
20		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
19		COOPER	19 WARD	LARKE
16		22 WARD	WAVE	16 WARD
22		WAVE	WAVE	WAVE
05		WALDEN	05 WARD	WARD
17	06	17 WARD	WAVE	17 WARD
14	63	SPRIS	06 WARD	WAVE

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

320th Group: "SHORTY"
 Control Center Voice call sign
 Baggage and Boxcar on "C"
 W/T Call Sign for 1 Net:
 320th U/3

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:

320th: "OMAH"
 GANG SLATION WORD: "SKYPIECE"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 2 MARCH 1945.

TIME	PLANE COLORS	CALL SIGNS	REPLY
0100-0700	R R R	B	D
0700-1300	R G	G	L
1300-1500	R G G	V	S
1500-0100	R R	N	I

NET GROUND WAVE TRANSMISSION.

1st Index number A 131 WVS
 2nd Index number A 131 WVS

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 489 - 2 MARCH 1945.

Decoy for 2 March cancelled - ships 67, 58, 57

SAIMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
HELLER, BOMB., Capt.		landed 1344
WEBB, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WOOLRIDGE, FG, Col.		
RANKIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WIGGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TRIMM, PILOT, Capt.	444th	83
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055+
CAIRNS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1344+
HARTMAN, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
DOWLEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHROLL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.		
JOHNSTON, CR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79
TEN BARGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1056
RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1345
LESTER, ENG., Sgt.		
CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GLOEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1056+
HEPHNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1345+
JARRETT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
OBROCHTA, RADIO, Cpl.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
THOMPSON, OBS., Major.		
WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77
BROWNE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1057
KENNY, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1346
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
PERRELLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
STEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1057+
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1346+
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.		
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
MATTHEWS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1058
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1347
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.		
BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94
SAVAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1058+
BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1347+
GREEAR, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CASE, FOTO, Pfc.		
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1059
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1348
KUCZMA, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.		
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DAMOIRS, OBS., Major.		
MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40
TIBBETTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1059+
BURNS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1348+
ENGLISH, NAV., Lt.		
MOORE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GOEKE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
STRICKLAND, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1100
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1349
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SIELER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MGNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1100+
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1349+
WIDEAU, ENG., Sgt.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
PHALLEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		
MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
KOKOLUS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1101
LYTLE, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1350
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.		
ZETNER, GUNNER, Sgt. Gilland, Capt. Obs.		
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	35
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1101+
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1351
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl.		

PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.
PERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.
OBEID, BOMB., Lt.
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.
SHORT, RADIO, Cpl.
SPENCER, GUNNER, Cpl.
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.

442nd

early return

32
took off 1102
landed 1316

KENT, PILOT, Lt.
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.
DOHER, ENG., T/Sgt.
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

30
took off 1102
landed ~~1316~~ 1352+

GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.
HECKERS, CO PILOT, Lt.
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.
FINNEY, RADIO, Cpl.
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

42
took off 1103
landed 1353

ROSS, PILOT, Lt.
GUEDEL, CO PILOT, Lt.
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.
O'CONNOR, ENG., Cpl.
GODER, RADIO, Cpl.
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

47
took off 1103+
landed 1354

BRESSETTE, PILOT, Capt.
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WILLIAMS, BOMB., 1st Lt.
WESTBROOK, NAV., 1st Lt.
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.
FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.
SKINNER, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

90
took off 1104
landed 1354+

DAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. (MA)
HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.
MCQUADE, NAV., 2nd Lt.
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.
DAY, JE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

80
took off 1104+
landed 1355

SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.
WITT, RADIO, Sgt.
RYAN, GUNNER, Sgt.
CASE, FOTO, Pfc.

444th

75
took off 1105
landed 1355+

GILES, PILOT, Lt. MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt. BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt. RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt. CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 took off 1105+ landed 1356
CHILDS, PILOT, Lt. CONNELLY, CO PILOT, Lt. MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt. DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt. GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl. MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1106 landed 1357
ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt. PECKHAM, CO PILOT, Lt. WARD, BOMB., Lt. ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl. FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt. PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.	442nd	44 took off 1106+ landed 1357+
DINOME, PILOT, F/O GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DIETRICH, BOMB., F/O WASH, ENG., Sgt. WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt. BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	01 took off 1107 landed 1353+
WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. MCCOY, ENG., Cpl. GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl. NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	07 took off 1107+ landed 1410
HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O MARTINSEN, BOMB., Sgt. FEINEN, ENG., Cpl. DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. SUPANICK, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	03 took off 1108 landed 1358
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. FORD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. VINSON, ENG., Sgt. WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt. CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th (Spare)	82 took off 1120 landed 1352
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, Lt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, Lt. VIGIL, BOMB., F/O LUCAS, ENG., Sgt. PIERCE, RADIO, Sgt. HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th (Spare) <i>early return</i>	99 took off 1119 landed 1300

WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O
MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl.
KING, RADIO, Cpl.
POND, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd (Spare)
early return

31
took off 1125
landed 1334

WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
JUMPER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SELZER, BOMB., 1st Lt.
MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt.
WAYMIRE, RG, S/Sgt.
WARD, AG, S/Sgt.
WATHEM, EG, S/Sgt.
SHERWOOD, FC, 1st Lt.

443rd

70
took off 1108+
landed 1359

CLARK, NB, PILOT, Capt.
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.
ORT, RG, S/Sgt.
PECK, AG, S/Sgt.
PINCLE, EG, S/Sgt.
CHRISTENSON, AP, S/Sgt.

443rd

62
took off 1109
landed 1359+

LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.
RECHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
DILL, BOMB., F/O
DEVERNA, RG, S/Sgt.
SHOLLENBERGER, AG, S/Sgt.
FIELDS, EG, S/Sgt.
WONG, AG, S/Sgt.

443rd

50
took off 1109+
landed 1400

DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.
LOBECK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.
JOHNSON, RG, S/Sgt.
HAFFER, AG, S/Sgt.
WENDT, EG, S/Sgt.

443rd

71
took off 1110
landed 1401

ROBERTS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.
CONSTABLE, RG, S/Sgt.
PERKINS, AG, S/Sgt.
SONNONSTINE, EG, S/Sgt.

443rd

54
took off 1110+
landed 1402

BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O
CHACKO, BOMB., Sgt.
YOUNG, RG, Sgt.
MERCER, AG, Cpl.
WILLIAMS, EG, S/Sgt.
DE VAUGHN, AP, Sgt.

443rd

59
took off 1111
landed 1402+

DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	55
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1111+
LUSSENIEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1403
VALHOS, RG, Cpl.		
KEES, AG, S/Sgt.		
HANSHAW, EG, S/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	65
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
MRVOS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1403+
SHEUMAKER, RG, Sgt.		
CASEY, RG, Sgt.		
CONKLIN, EG, Cpl.		
OPPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
JOLLIFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112+
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1404
CITTI, RG, Sgt.		
CHARLTON, AG, S/Sgt.		
SHEW, EG, Sgt.		
STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1113
DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1405
O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
SHERWOOD, RT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1113+
EMMONS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1405+
MCCARTHY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BOBLITT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
ASHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1114
GLASSNER, BOMB., Cpl		landed 1406
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POTTS, FOTO, Sgt.		
HUGHTALA, OBS., 2nd Lt. (7th Army)		
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1114+
VANCE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1411
GIBSON, ENG., Sgt.		
DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.		
LUDY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PHILIPS, OBS., 1st Lt. (7th Army)		

LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 16
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1115
SACCO, BOMB., Sgt. landed 1406+

COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 441st 22
JOHNSON, WE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1115+

GRICE, BOMB., Cpl. landed 1407
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.
SMITH, RADIO, Sgt.
RASCHKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.

BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 441st 05
LEVERING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1116
ELACKERBY, BOMB., F/O landed 1407+

BALINSKI, ENG., Cpl.
MELLAS, RADIO, Sgt.
METCALF, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 17
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1116+

TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O landed 1408
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.
VOSLER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
CONRAD, GUNNER, Cpl.

WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 14
ZELLNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1117
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. landed 1408+

BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt.
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.

O'BRIEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 441st (Spare) 06
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1117+

BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt. *early return* landed 1243
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.
WRIGHT, RADIO, Cpl.
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.

HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd (Spare) 63
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1118
CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O landed 1307
JENKINSON, RG, Sgt. *early return*
FERGUSON, AG, Sgt.
DEINENISZ, EG, Sgt.