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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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L-C-2

10 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 497.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

HAUENSTEIN SUPPLY DEPOT (M/R: (M) R-108664, GSGS 4416, sheet V-2), Germany.

At 12:00 hours, 21 B-26's took off to bomb Hauenstein supply Depot (M/R: (M) R-108664, GSGS 4416, sheet V-2), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 Engineering. Total sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 66 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target, on the first bomb run, at 13:27 hours from 11,050' on an axis of 15°T, and 8 B-26's dropped 64 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 13:41 hours from 11,500' on an axis of 13°T, on the second bomb run due to malfunction in the lead a/c on the first bomb run. The "BAT" method of bombing was used. 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged at 13:25 hours at R-1064, because engine was cutting out on the bomb run. 6 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged at 13:27 hours in the target area, having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 15:01 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: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville, rendezvous; to Sarre-Union -5239; to Lembach, OP-IP, R-0142; to Wissembourg R-0949; to 3 miles west of Landau R-2068; left turn to Hinterweidenthal R-0268; to Fishbach -9853; to Niederbromm, OP-IP, -9339; to target; 360° turn to the left to Lembach, IP, R-0144; to target; left break to Lembach; to Sarre-Union; to Luneville; to base. (Briefed drift correction over IP - none; briefed axis over IP - 12°T; evasive action over IP - loss of altitude).

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WEATHER:

- a. enroute : Scattered cumulus at Dijon, merging into a solid stratocumulus deck between Dijon and Luneville, 10/10ths coverage, tops estimated 8,000'. Vis. excellent.
- b. Vicinity of Target : 10/10ths stratocumulus, tops 8,000',
- c. Target Area : 10/10ths stratocumulus, tops 8,000'.
- d. Return : as enroute.

RESULTS: No results observed, as the formation bombed through 10/10ths cloud cover.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

WILLIAM (MMI) COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 491 - 10 MARCH 1945.

SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	Red 45 17th Bomb Ship
MERRILL, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off 1150
LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1458 1/2
O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WOOLRIDGE, FC., Col.		
BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	78
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1151
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1455
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
HARTLEY, ENG., Cpl.		
YOUNG, RADIO, Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1151+
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1459
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MOREY, FOTO,		
SCOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1152
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1500
BALINSKI, ENG., Sgt.		
KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.		
MORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	15
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1152+
VANCE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1501 1/2
TLETZ, ENG., Sgt.		
HAYES, RADIO, Cpl.		
GALDIANO, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	07
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1153
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1502
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.		
PRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KEAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
MIRGILI, OBS., Major 42nd Wing.		
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
CLARK, L., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1153+
MRYOS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1502
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.		
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O
GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.
WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl.
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

early return

61
took off 1154
landed 1314

HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.
ANDERSON, ENG., Cpl.
JENKINSON, RADIO, Sgt.
FERGUSON, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

77
took off 1154+
landed 1503

KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BEEBY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
HARTMAN, NAV., 2nd Lt.
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.
SCHROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.
CAHAN, OBS., Major

444th

87
took off 1155
landed 1503

ESTES, PILOT, Capt.
BARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.
SPANN, BOMB., 1st.
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.
PHALEN, GUNNER, Cpl.
TURPIEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.

442nd

29
took off 1155+
landed 1503 1/2

WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O
SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.
KUCZMA, ENG., Sgt.
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt.
GOUJOT, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

99
took off 1156
landed 1504

WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
LEONARD, ENG., T/Sgt.
CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, T/Sgt.
POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

80
took off 1156+
landed 1505

MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GHENT, CO PILOT, F/O
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt.
PERRILLI, RADIO, Sgt.
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

97
took off 1157
landed 1505 1/2

SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt. KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt. VINSON, ENG., Sgt. WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt. CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt. CASE, FOTO, Cpl.	444th		82 took off 1157+ landed 1506
MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt. KEAGY, CO PILOT, Lt. MCPHERSON, BOMB., F/O ISON, ENG., Sgt. HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt. ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd		30 took off 1168 landed 1506 1/2
LEACH, PILOT, Capt. PERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt. WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt. SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt. MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt. DAWSON, EG., Sgt.	442nd		42 took off 1158+ landed 1507
ROSS, PILOT, Lt. VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt. FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt. ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl. MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl. MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DURHAM, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd		27 took off 1159 landed 1508
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt. ANDREWS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt. EWERS, ENG., Cpl. BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl. SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	(Spare) <i>early return</i>	93 took off 1159+ landed 1351
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt. SYMONS, CO PILOT, Lt. DEWULF, BOMB., F/O MONTGOMERY, ENG., Cpl. KING, RADIO, Cpl. SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd	(Spare)	44 took off 1200 landed 1502 1/2
KAISER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt. BRODIE, ENG., Cpl. KNIGHT, RADIO, Cpl. LANK, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	(Spare) <i>early return</i>	02 took off 1200+ landed 1352