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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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11 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 498.

Flight Commander: Major Hayward.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Brainerd

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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BAD MUNSTER RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (W) M-083351, GSGs 4416, sheet T-2), Germany.

At 11:34 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Bad Munster Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) M-083351, GSGs 4416, sheet T-2), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early: 2 engineering. Total sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 72 x 1,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ Demolition Bombs (.1 & .01 second delay fuses, at 13:24 hours from 11,200' to 10,800' on an axis of 304 $^{\circ}$ T, by the "BAT" method. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 14:42 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 M/A: None.

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

ROUTE: Base to Dole; to Luneville, rendezvous; to Sarrebourg; to Wingen Q-7236; to Steinbach Q-9648; to Wilgartswiesen R-1168; to rail junction 2 miles west of Lambrecht R-2387; to Grunstadt, OP, M-3108; to 3 miles south of Alzey, IP, M-2724 (briefed axis over IP - 302 $^{\circ}$ T; drift correction over IP - 08 $^{\circ}$ to the left; evasive action used - loss of altitude); to target; left break to Hochstatten M-0830; to Alzey 2728; to Wilgartswiesen; to Sarrebourg; to Spinal; to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Broken stratus at take-off, bases 4,000', tops 6,000', becoming overcast just north of Dijon, and tops rising to 10,000' at Luneville and to the North.
- b. Vicinity of Target : 10/10ths stratocumulus, tops 10,000'.
- c. Target Area : 10/10ths stratocumulus, tops 10,000'.
- d. Return : Same as enroute.

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FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR HAYWARD 11 March 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

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WLF	BLUMBERG	MOSEBY
BLUSKO	87 Peterson	45 Howe
55 Goch	DRILEY	
WLF	71 Purvis	LOBECK
ZOLLNER,		65 Chacko
07 Gorman	DOHRE	
WLF	19 Anderson	BLACK
KAISER		16 Sacco
01 Bush	ESTES	
WLF	29 Spann	KALINSKI
ROJNOVSKI		90 Beeby
38 Locurto	PEARSON	
WLF	33 Prather	STUTLER
MCHALEIRA		39 Sivilla
47 Miller	WADDELL	
WLF	93 EVELAND	WALKER
CATALANO		77 Sheehan
99 Duggan	BARRETT	HICKELSON
SPRIES	23 Vance	75 Bennett

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 11 MARCH 1945.

TIME	FLAME COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	R G G	C	X
0700-1300	R R R	H	S
1300-1900	G R R	O	U
1900-0100	Y Y R	V	D

THE GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION:

hh1st	index number A	431	FLY
hh2nd	index number A	434	FRG
hh3rd	index number A	437	HQW
hh4th	index number A	440	HEH

RADIO CALL SIGNS: :::::

320TH BOMB GROUP:

"FLOORMAT"

R/T CALL SIGN FOR WING LEADER

320TH BOMB GROUP: H-02

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGN:

320TH BOMB GROUP: "TROMBONE"

CHECK POINTS:

WILHELMSTRIESEN - How, WINGEN - Dog,

GRUNSTADT - Jig, ALZEY - Love, LUMEVILLE - George.

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #492 - 11 MARCH 1945.

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	87
STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 11:34
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 14:42
MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
PERKINSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
Maynard, Lt. Col., Maj. F.C.		
MOSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	45 RED
POOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 11:34
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 14:42
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DZIENISZ, ENG., Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	55
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 11:35
GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 14:43
WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl.		
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CASE, FOTO, Sgt.		
DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 11:35
PURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 14:44
WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAFFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LOBECK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	65
MC HUGH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 11:36
CHACKO, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 14:44
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	07
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 11:36
GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 14:45
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REAVIS, FOTO, Sgt.		
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
LOAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 11:37
ANDERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 14:45
PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	16	
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:37
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	14:46
LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.			
DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.			
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
KAISER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	04	
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:38
BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	14:46
BRODIE, ENG., Cpl.			
KNIGHT, RADIO, Cpl.			
LANK, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29	
WELLS, DE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:38
SPANN, BOMB., Lt.		landed	14:46
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.			
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.			
PHALEN, GUNNER, Cpl.			
KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98 RED	
PIERCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	11:39
BEEBY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	14:47
MCQUADE, NAV., 2nd Lt.			
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.			
FRIEL, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38	
LIGHTFOOT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:39
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed	14:47
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MOREY, FOTO, Sgt.			
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33	
GUEDEL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:40
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed	13:17
GRADY, ENG., Cpl.			
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.			
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39	
CLEMON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off	11:40
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O		landed	14:49
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.			
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

(early return)

MCGNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd		17
MATSON, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 11:41
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 14:50
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.			
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.			
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th		93
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 11:41
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 14:51
LEONARD, ENG., T/Sgt.			
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
WEYENBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WALKER, PILOT			
WALKER, PILOT, Lt.	441th	(early return)	77
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.			took off 11:42
SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 11:54
KUCZMA, ENG., T/Sgt.			
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt.			
POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl.			
CATALANO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441th		99
SUTHERLAND, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 11:42
DUGAN, BOMB., F/O			landed 14:52
PRENDERGAST, ENG.,			
LEBLANG, RADIO,			
RUPERT, GUNNER,			
BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	(Spare)	23
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 11:43
VANCE, BOMB., F/O			landed 14:49
BALINSKI, ENG., Sgt.			
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.			
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.			
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th	(Spare)	75
HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 11:43
BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt.			landed 14:51
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.			
HUMMEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.			