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

Final Mission Report No. 504.

Flight Commander: Captain Steinbach.
Lead Pilot : Captain Abernathy.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

KIRKEL AMMUNITION AND SUPPLY AREA (M/R; (W) Q-628769, GSOS 4416, Sheet U-1), Germany.

At 14:15 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Kirkel Ammunition and Supply Area (M/R; (W) Q-628769, GSOS 4416, Sheet U-1), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early; engines cutting out. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 17 B-26's dropped 136 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (Inst. nose & .025 second delay tail fuses) at 15:56 hours from 12,750' to 11,500' on an Axis of 27°T. No bombs were salvoed. 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were returned to base, not having been dropped due to bombardier error. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26 damaged by flak. 18 B-26's returned to base at 17:03 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

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

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

FLAK: See Final Mission Report No. 503, this date.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
 - (1) At Q-6383, white flashes with black smoke at 15:56 hours.
 - (2) At Q-5563, several aluminum balls at 5,000' at 15:58 hours.
 - (3) At Q-2935, a bellied-in a/c believed to be either a B-26 or a B-17, appeared to be not badly broken up.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) At Q-5575, 15 M/T, parked, at 15:53 hours.
 - (2) At Q-6879, 100 M/T in convoy, stationary, at 15:55 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/c TAKING PHOTOS: 3.

ROUTE: Same as Mission No. 503, this date, except Axis of attack was 27°T (briefed Axis - 25°T; drift correction - 05° right; evasive action - loss of 1,500' and slow turns).

WEATHER: Same as Final Mission Report No. 503, this date.

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RESULTS: An excellent bomb pattern covered the target area, however no large explosions were seen.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION NO. 495 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Capt. STERNBERG 13 MARCH 1945.

DECOY	DAILY	"A"	BERNATHY
BL SKO	64 DAVIS	LARSONS	40 VILA
52 FORD		59 LUCARDO	METSCHAN
SP RES:	JONES	58 MILLER	37 HAUN
	69 TRAFTON	ROJNOWSKI	PEARSON
		48 MILLER	31 YOWELL
		"B"	LEACH
		MARBLELL	36 VENTURINO

RUNWAY LINEUP

40	64	MARRIDGE	81 MALYSZEK	H. FRIDLYER
37	58	"D"	STELER	95 SCHEMPF
39	52	ROBINSON	23 DEVER	K. UFFMAN
31	69	14 WILLIAMS	LEVERING	O. ALLEN
36		"E"	BLACK	L. ANPKE
48		16 SACCO	19 VANCE	20 BUSH
81		"F"	UHLIG	55 LUSSENDEN
95		63 KATZMAN	NEUMANN	53 GORDAN
82		SP RES	NEUMANN	McHUGH
23		14	93 EWELAND	54 THOMPSON
01		19		
14		20		
19		16		
20		55	93	
16		53	54	
55	93	63		
53	54			
63				

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 13 MARCH 1945. AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

TIME	FLTR COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	441st Index No. 4431	UGY
0100-0700	YY	D	Q	442nd Index No. 4434	NGS
0700-1300	RRR	O	L	443rd Index No. 4437	SZR
1300-1900	YYR	W	C	444th Index No. 4440	FJ.
1900-0100	RR	H	B	CANCELLATION CODE WORD: HITCH UP	

BOMBER CALL SIGNS: FL. TOP CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 17th and 320th Groups
 BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C" W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 MET: 486 FIGHTER
 VOICE CALL SIGNS: R. FTURE CHECK POINTS: (LUNSVILLE ZEBRA) (SARGABLE BAKER)
 (SARGABLES FOX) (ROHFELDER VICTOR) (PALZEM ITEM) (ROLL SUGAR) (METZ WILLIAM)

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #495 - 13 MARCH 1945.

d e e o y

DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
RECHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1423
DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1647
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1424
MIAZGA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1647
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
ANDREWS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1424
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1648
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.		
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
	(NO TAKE OFF)	
	(SPARE)	
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(NOTE: Crew of Ship 40 took ³⁷ as 40 did not take off)		
ABERNATHY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	37
PECKHAM, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1440
VILA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1703
WERNICK, NAV., 1st Lt.		
STEINBACH, FC., Capt.		
SURABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	27
LIGHTFOOT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1416
HAUN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1651
TEICH, NAV., 1st Lt.		
BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
MCNAMARA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	39
GUEDEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1416
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 1652
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		

PEARSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
KRAGY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1417
YOWELL, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1652
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	36
FERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1417
VENTURINO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1653
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.		
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.		
DANIELS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	48
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1417
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1654
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.		
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
MICKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		
WADDELL, PILOT, Lt.	444th	81
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1418
MALYSZEK, BOMB., (T)		landed 1655
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.		
PERALLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	95
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1418
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1655
HILSMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WYENBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	82
COGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1419
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1656
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MACDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
OBROCHTA, RADIO, Cpl.		
STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1419
DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1657
SIPOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HILER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1419
ALLEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1657
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt. - WILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 14
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1420
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt. landed 1658
LUCHANSKY, ENG., Sgt.
HAVEL, GUNNER, Cpl.
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
KRAUS, FOTO,

LEVERING, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 19
ERIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1420
VANCE, BOMB., F/O landed 1658
SMELAND, ENG., Sgt.
SMITH, C.T., RADIO, Sgt.
SMITH, GUNNER, P.G., Cpl.

LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 20
HEDGES, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1421
BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1658
LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.
STRAND, RADIO, Cpl.
DRAKE, GUNNER, Cpl.

BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 16
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1421
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1450
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl. (early return)
WOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.
POTTS, FOTO, S/Sgt.

DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 55
NESSITT, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1422
LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. landed 1659
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl.
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt. 443rd 53 RED
RIKKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1422
GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1545
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt. (early return)
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 63 RED
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1423
KATZMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. landed 1601
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
POIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.
PERKINSON, FOTO, Cpl.

MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(SPARE)	93
BROWNE, CO PILOT, RW, 2nd Lt.			took off 1425
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1659
BAILLEY, ENG., Sgt.			
BROWN, JA, RADIO, Sgt.			
HOLLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MCHUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	(SPARE)	54
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1425
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1700
SHEW, ENG., S/Sgt.			
MILLS, RADIO, Cpl.			
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			