

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 502.

Flight Commander: Major Cahan.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Kamanski.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

KIRKEL AMMUNITION AND SUPPLY AREA (M/R: (W) Q-598765, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-1), Germany.

At 11:55 hours, 39 B-26's took off to bomb Kinkel Ammunition and Supply Area (M/R: (W) Q-598765, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-1), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: Spares. Total Sorties: 36. 36 B-26's were over the Primary target and 36 B-26's dropped 282 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) at 13:25 hours from 12,500' on an Axis of 16°T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 36 B-26's returned to base at 15:35 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 16 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:

- a. General:
 - (1) Hospital at Q-6076 at 13:26 hours.
 - (2) 2 rows of 6 tents each, East of the target, at Q-6277 at 13:26 hours.
 - (3) Large fires observed burning at Q-6673 at 13:24 hours.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 200 RR cars at Q-6686 at 13:25 hours.
 - (2) 5/6 trains of 100 RR cars at Q-5576 at 13:27 hours.
 - (3) 20 M/T at Q-5658 at 13:22 hours.
 - (4) 30/40 M/T at Q-4955 at 13:21 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 8.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville, rendezvous; to Serralbe, IP, Q-4945; to target; left break to Sarreguemines Q-5258; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Clear except for one patch of low stratocumulus
South of Mirecourt. Vis. unlimited in light haze.
- b. Vicinity of Target : CAVU.
- c. Target Area : CAVU.
- d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: Excellent concentration of bombs fell in the target area - causing fires and at least 1 large explosion.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Counter-Battery fire observed striking in assigned area, believed good.

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

MISSION NO. 494 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major GILLEN 13 MARCH 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP	"A"	KILMINSKI	
87	ALLAIDGE	87 BEARE	POLING
90	91 PODAJERSKY		90 HEPNER
91	"B"	SUTTERLAND	
80	LIEBENLOFER	80 SCHULT	CARY
76	97 SPARKS		76 BENNETT
97	"C"	ELLIS	
99	HARTMAN	99 T.B.CO	WALKER
86	84 RINDEN		86 PHILLIPS
84	"D"	ESTES	
29	ROSS	29 SPANN	CONNOLLY
46	38 SIVULA		46 MARD
38	"E"	LOUTKOSKI	
30	LODLITTLE	30 HELFAND	FLACE
47	43 FISHER		47 LODDARD
43	"F"	GUSTAFSON	
34	BROWN	34 BECKMAN	STUTLER
35	75 44 PRATHER		35 LILITSCHAR
44	27 SIKORS	MICKELSON	ROSEN
		75 MCLOONE	27 FARMALL

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Capt. West 13 MARCH 1945.

10	"A"	BRINARD	
60	LOLLER	10 PETERSON	KOTAS
67	67 CLARK, J.R.		60 LUNNAN
50	"B"	WINGERT	
59	50 LAR	50 PURVIS	POOR
57	57 CHRISTOP		59 STUECKE
51	"C"	LIVELY	
61	BUFFETT	51 DILL	LOBACK
56	56 LOUGHRIDGE		61 LAVOS
21	"D"	MERRILL	
12	NETZEL	21 KINGSBURY	GALL
07	07 DELTRICH		12 LURRAY
04	"E"	DYOME	
15	BOLLAS	04 MCKINLEY	ZELLER
17	17 BILLIN		15 GALLAGHER
05	"F"	BARRETT	
03	278K	05 ROJAS	TORONGE
06	06 MILLER		03 GRICE
	72 SIKORS	NELSON	DOLKE
		72 HOGAN	09 ANDERSON

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 13 MARCH 1945.

TIME	FLARE	COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	YY	D	Q	
0700-1300	RRR	O	L	
1300-1900	YYR	W	C	
1900-0100	RR	H	B	

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION
 441st Index No. 4431 UGY
 442nd Index No. 4434 NGS
 443rd Index No. 4437 SZR
 444th Index No. 4440 PJW
 CANCELLATION CODE WORD: HITCH UP
 BOMBER CALL SIGNS: PEACHES CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 17th and 320th Groups
 BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C" W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 R/T: "G91" FIGHTER
 VOICE CALL SIGNS: SHOCKER CHECK POINTS: (LUNEVILLE 26Bd) (SARABLE BAKER)
 SHARGUAINES FOX) (NOHFIELDEN VICTOR) (PILZEM ITED) (KELL SUGAR) (LITZ WILLIAM)

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #494 - 13 MARCH 1945.

	<u>d</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>c</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>y</u>	
LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st					02
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O						took off 1213
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.						landed 1431
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.						
FRAZIER, GUNNER, Cpl.						
KRON, GUNNER, Cpl.						
KAISER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st					18
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.						took off 1214
TIETZ, ENG., Sgt.						landed 1431
SLADE, RADIO, Cpl.						
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.						
O'BRIEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st					22
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.						took off 1214
MCHIRIDE, ENG., Pvt.						landed 1431
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.						
TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.						

KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th					87
BRESETTE, CO PILOT, Capt.						took off 1155
BEEBY, BOMB., 1st Lt.						landed 1535
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.						
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.						
FRIEL, RADIO, T/Sgt.						
CAHAN, FC, Major.						
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th					90
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.						took off 1159
HEFHNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.						landed 1540
HARTMAN, NAV., 1st Lt.						
KUCZMA, ENG., T/Sgt.						
RUMMELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.						
MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.						
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th					91
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.						took off 1156
PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.						landed 1536
GREEAR, ENG., T/Sgt.						
CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, T/Sgt.						
ROSS, GUNNER, Sgt.						
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th					80
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O						took off 1156
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.						landed 1536
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.						
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.						
WELLS, MW, GUNNER, S/Sgt.						
NADEAU, OBS., Capt.						

CARY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
DAVIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1157
BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1537
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	97
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1157
SPARKS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1537
LESTER, ENG., Sgt.		
OTELL, RADIO, Cpl.		
JOHNSON, JB, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
TENBARGE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1158
TABACCO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1538
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1158
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1539
LEONARD, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SHROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CASE, FOTO, Cpl.		
HARTMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1159
RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1539
IVERSON, ENG., Cpl.		
PHILIPS, RADIO, Cpl.		
POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
WELLS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. (DE)		took off 1155
SPAWN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1535
ENGLISH, NAV., 1st Lt.		
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CONNELLY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	46
TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1200
WARD, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1540
MCDUGAL, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
SEILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

ROSS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		38
OLSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1200
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O			landed 1541
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.			
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.			
TRAUT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HAYES, FOTO, Cpl.			
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		30
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1201
HELFAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1541
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.			
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
PIERCE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		47
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1201
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1542
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FREDETTE RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		43
KOKOLUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1202
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1542
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.			
GODIN, RADIO, Cpl.			
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.			
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		34
FERRIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1202
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O			landed 1543
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.			
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	NO TAKE OFF	35
BRENNAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd		44
HECKERS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1203
FRATHER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1544
DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt.			
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(SPARE)	75
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1203
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1544
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.			
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.			
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			

ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 LEVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.
 MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.
 TOWNSMA, RADIO, Cpl.
 VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd (SPARE)

27
 took off 1215
 landed 1344

(early return)

2nd Formation

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
 PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.
 BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.
 BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.
 ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 WEST, FC., Capt.

443rd

10
 took off 1204
 landed 1556

KOTAS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 LUENNEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
 MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.
 LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.
 ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.
 DEVAUGHN, FOTO, S/Sgt.

443rd

60
 took off 1204
 landed 1545

ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 PHILLIPS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 CLARK, JR., BOMB., 2nd Lt.
 HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.
 MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 ALLEN, R.E., GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

67 RED
 took off 1205
 landed 1546

WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 FURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.
 FREUDIGER, ENG., S/Sgt.
 SONNONSTINE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

50
 took off 1205
 landed 1546

POOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 STUEMKE, BOMB., F/O
 ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.
 SEILEY, RADIO, Cpl.
 LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

59
 took off 1206
 landed 1547

MILLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O
 WARD, ENG., Cpl.
 CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Cpl.
 BURGESS, FOTO, Cpl.

443rd

57
 took off 1206
 landed 1547

LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
DUANE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1207
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 1548
LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LOBECK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
MEEHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1207
MRVOS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1548
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FAURIE, RADIO, Cpl.		
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BUFFETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	56
CLARK, L, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1208
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1549
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JENKINSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MERRILL, PILOT, Capt.	441st	21
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1208
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1550
MIRABELLA, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt.		
TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	12
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1209
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1550
MCCARTHY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
GIBSON, ENG., Sgt.		
COOK, MG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	07
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1209
DIETRICH, BOMB., F/O		landed 1551
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl.		
NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
DINOME, PILOT, F/O	441st	04
RAMSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1210
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1552
WASH, ENG., Sgt.		
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

ZELLMER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	15
WALDEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1210
GALLAGHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1552
MCCOY, ENG., Cpl.		
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.		
DIETRICH, P.P., GUNNER, Cpl.		

BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1811
ELMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1553
RARICK, ENG., Cpl.		
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.		
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CIRMO, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	05
COCKRIEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1211
ROJAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1553
BALINSKI, ENG., Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, Sgt.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		

TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	03
KAMINICKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1212
GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1554
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	06
JOHNSON, WE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1212
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1555
WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd (SPARE)	72
FERRY, CO PILOT, F/O	(early return)	took off 1215
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1342
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MORRISS, GUNNER, Cpl.		

DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st (SPARE)	09
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	(early return)	took off 1216
ANDERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1345
MURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		