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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO #374

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D-C-2

14 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 505.

Flight Commander: Captain West.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Sherwood.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

BAD MUNSTER RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (W) M-883351, GSGS 4416, Sheet T-2), Germany.

At 12:45 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Bad Munster Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) M-883351, GSGS 4416, Sheet T-2), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: Spare.
Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay fuses) at 14:25 hours from 11,000' on an Axis of 298°T, on the first bomb run, and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay fuses) at 14:45 hours from 11,500' on an Axis of 294°T, on the third bomb run, because the bombardier could not identify the target on the first bomb run, and smoke from the other Squadrons bombs obscured the target on the second bomb run. 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 15:52 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 16 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: None. Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
 - (1) 4 camouflaged buildings at M-1223 at 14:26 hours.
 - (2) 12 supply buildings at M-0625 at 14:30 hours.
 - (3) Possible ammunition dump at M-1237 at 14:34 hours.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 12 M/T moving South at M-0938 at 14:35 hours.
 - (2) Extensive M/T activity observed in area of Q-5064 on the main road running North and South.
 - (3) 45 RR cars at M-0835 at 14:27 hours.
 - (4) 150 RR cars at M-3007 at 14:53 hours.
 - (5) 30 RR cars at M-2125 at 14:28 hours.
 - (6) 75 RR cars at M-2727 at 14:28 hours.
 - (7) 1,000 RR cars scattered between M-1444 and M-3007 at 14:27 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 7.

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ROUTE: Base to Luneville, rendezvous; to Sarrebourg Q-5017; to Wingen Q-7336; to Q-9648; to Railroad Junction West of Lambrecht R-2387; to Grunstadt M-3108; to Alzey, IP, M-2828 (briefed Axis over IP - 294° T; drift correction over IP - 03° to the left; evasive action used - loss of altitude and slow turns); to target; left break to Hochstatten; to Alzey; and reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

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| a. Enroute | : | Clear from base to front lines. North of front lines, 6-8/10ths very thin altostratus at 13,000', lowering to 10,000' to the North. Haze. |
| b. Vicinity of Target | : | 6-8/10ths very thin altostratus at 10,000'. |
| c. Target Area | : | Clear. Vis. 5 miles in haze. |
| d. Return | : | As enroute. |

RESULTS: Bombs of one Squadron fell over, bombs of second Squadron formed an excellent concentration on the target with possible hits scored on the bridge.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION #496 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. WEST 14 March 1945

LINE UPE	NAME	NAME	NAME
62	NEWTON	62 LOKAN	WATSON
67	69 Hogan	67 SELZER	
69	71	DOCK	
71	MC DONALD	71 Purvis	BONHOLT
67	65 German	67 Clark	
65	71	BENNETT	
50	DUANE	50 OTT	JONES
60	63 Ford	60 Trafton	
63	71	CHARONLEY	
04	SHARP	04 Ferrandino	KAUFFMAN
01	07 Martinson	01 Allen	
07	71	COCKRIEL	
05	EVANS	05 Blackerty	JOHNSON
06	22 Erickson	06 Price	
22	71	DOCK	
09	BLACK	09 Anderson	SETZEL
14	16 Sacco	14 Bush	
16	SPINNEY	UOLIC	ZELLMAN
		55 Stuenke	15 McCreary

COLORS OF THE DAY: ---

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	1st Index Number	2nd Index Number	3rd Index Number	4th Index Number
0100-0700	RRR	B	F	441st	"	"	4431 LSB
0700-1300	GRR	O	X	442nd	"	"	4434 1ST
1300-1900	RR	Y	H	443rd	"	"	4437 VCX
1900-0100	ROG	L	D	444th	"	"	4440 VNI

CONFIRMATION CODE WORD: BITTER/SWEET ---

BOMBER CALL SIGN: 320th Group: BLOODCAT

W/T call sign: 320th group: 478

Fighter call sign: 320th Escort: WISEGUY

CHECK POINTS: LUNEVILLE - MAN SUTCLIFFE - PETER SARTREQUERMINES - GEORGE

CONZ - ABLE BUNELLER - DOG NONFELDEN - OBOE BOUZONVILLE - ITEM

ST. AVOLD - TARE BECKINGEN - ZEBRA.

Control center voice call signs: BAGGAGE and BOXCAR on channel "C"

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APO 374

14 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Bomb Wing (US), APO 374.
ATTENTION: A-2.

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Bad Munster RR Bridge, Germany), of this Group, this date.

		69	T	67	
		K-20 (T)		(T)K-17	
					71
	T	60		65	(T)K-17
		(T)K-15		K-8 (T)	T
		07	T		
		K-17(T)			
	T			22	T
				K-17(T)	T

2. The pictures taken in ship's No. 71 were not printed.

WILLIAM (NEAL) COCK,
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Group Intelligence Officer.

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #496 - 14 MARCH 1945.

SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1245
LOKAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1552
MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEST, FC., Capt.		
WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1245
SELZER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1552
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	69
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1246
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1553
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
RECHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1246
FURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1553
BROOKS, ENG., Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, Sgt.		
CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BOMHOLT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1247
CLARK, JR, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1554
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	65
O'REILLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1247
GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1555
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DE VAUGHN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
BENNETT, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	50
CAMPBELL, CO PILOT, Col.		took off 1248
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1555
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, F, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.	THIRM, FOTO, S/Sgt.	

JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1248
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1556
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZEC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POTTS, FOTO, Sgt.		
 DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd (NO TAKE OFF)	 63
O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	04
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1249
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1557
O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
ROCKABRAND, ENG., T/Sgt.		
VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 01
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1249
ALLEN, RO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1558
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CANZONEITA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 SHARP, PILOT, Major	 441st	 07
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1250
MARTINSEN, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1558
WILLIAMS, 'GL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.		
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
 COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 05
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1250
BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O		landed 1559
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl.		
PRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 JOHNSON, WE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 06
BOWLES, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1251
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1600
WILLIAMS, ENG., CPL - (DY)		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
 BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 16 2
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1251
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1600
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
FEELER, RADIO, Cpl.		
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CIRNO, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	09
LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1252
ANDERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1601
FURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
RAMSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1252
BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1601
MCCOY, ENG., Cpl.		
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, PG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1253
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1602
BRYANT, ENG., Cpl.		
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.		
NORBERT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (SPARE)	55
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1253
STUECKE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1556
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.		
BOATENREITH, RADIO, Cpl.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZELLNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st (SPARE)	15
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1254
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.	(early return)!	landed 1442
WASH, ENG., Sgt.		
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		