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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 506

Flight Commander: BRIG. GENERAL DOYLE.
Lead Pilot: Lieut. Schrantz.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIEGFRIED LINE DEFENSES EAST OF ZWELBRUCKEN (M/R: (W) Q-757708, GSGS 4416, sheet V-2, GERMANY.

19 B-26's took off at 0630 hours to bomb the Siegfried Line defenses east of zweibrucken (M/R: (W) Q-757708, GSGS 4416, sheet V-2), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total sorties: 19. 19 B-26's were over the primary target and dropped th 264 x 250 lb demolition bombs (.1, non-delay fuses) on the primary target at 0752 hours from 11,600' to 10,600' on an axis of 22° T. No bombs were salvoed or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26 damaged by flak. 19 B-26's returned to base at 0836 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: None.
- b. Situation: None.

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

FLAK: S, H, A, I, CP type flak encountered from the target area. A total of 40/50 scattered bursts commencing before bombs away and continuing 10 second into the breakaway.

Losses to flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 1.

GROUND OBSERVATION:

- a. General:
 - 1. Artillery fire was seen in the target area.
 - 2. Silver balls were seen between Rohbrach, Q-6650, and Bitché, Q-7750, at 5-6,000' at 0803 hours.
- b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville, (W) Q-0800; to IP, Lougatte, (W) Q-4418; to target on axis of 22 degrees true (Briefed axis 29 deg. T.) drift correction, 02 deg. to left; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude; breakaway right to Lougatte; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: Enroute: Generally clear. Haze and Ground Fog in patches. Vis. 10 miles. Vicinity of Tgt: same as enroute, with one band of Alto Q at 13,000' running along the front lines.
Target area: Clear. Vis. 10 miles in haze,
Return: As enroute.

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RESULTS: Crews reported that a good pattern covered the target area, scoring direct hits on defenses.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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