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

Final Mission Report No. 507.

Flight Commander: Captain Carraher.
Lead Pilot : Captain Estes.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIEGFRIED LINE DEFENSES EAST OF ZWEIFBRUCKEN (M/R: (W) Q-757708, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 07:06 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Siegfried Line Defenses East of Zweibrucken (M/R: (W) Q-757708, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: engine cutting out. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 16 B-26's dropped 222 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay fuses) on the Primary target at 08:28 hours from 11,600' to 10,600' on an Axis of 46°T. 2 B-26's salvoed 28 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay fuses) 6 miles South-West of the target at (W) Q-731613, due to bombardier error. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 9 B-26's damaged by flak. 1 B-26 seriously damaged by flak; 18 B-26's returned to base at 09:28 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) 4 P-47's circling burning a/c at Q-5718 at 08:29 hours.
- (2) 1 U/I black a/c in the target area at 5,000' at 08:27 hours.
- (3) P-47's provided area cover and were seen straffing and dive-bombing.

b. Situation: None.

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

FLAK: M, H, A, A, & CP type flak encountered from the target area. Commenced 2 minutes before bombs away and 15 seconds into the breakaway. Started high, became accurate, and finished low.

Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 9 B-26's - CATEGORY I,
1 B-26 - CATEGORY II.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General: Artillery fire in the target area.

b. Communications:

- (1) 20 M/T headed North at Q-7564 at 08:27 hours (not radioed in).
- (2) Scattered M/T activity in the target area at 08:28 hours (not radioed in).

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/c TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

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ROUTE: Same as Report No. 506, except that the Axis of attack was 46° T (briefed Axis over IP - 29° T; drift correction over IP - 03° right; evasive action taken - loss of altitude).

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 506, this date.

RESULTS: Crews reported that the bombs started in the center of the target area and walked to the road in the next area North.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Correction of Bomb Data for this Mission:

Bombs dropped on the target now reads 222 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs dropped, SHOULD read 219 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs dropped on the target, and add to bombs salvaged, 3 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area, having hung up.

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Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION # 497: FLIGHT COMMANDER: COL. WOOL DGE. 15 MARCH.
1 "A" SCHRANTZ

RUNWAY LINE UP

10	ROBINSON	10 LEIVER	MOSBY
29	17 Williamson	DOMKE	29 HOWE
17	"B" BLACK	09 Anderson	LAMPKE
09	16 Sacco	GRALA	20 Bush
20	"C" KAISER	19 Murphy	WETZEL
16	08 [unclear]	BRUNERD	14 Dietrich
19	14 Phillips	51 Doughridge	Z IRK
14	06 [unclear]	[unclear]	24 Gorce
06	51 [unclear]	[unclear]	PLANE
51	24 [unclear]	[unclear]	01 [unclear]
24	69 [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
69	05 [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
05	61 [unclear]	[unclear]	LIVSEY
61	72 [unclear]	[unclear]	52 Dill
72	50 [unclear]	COCKRIEL	[unclear]
50	55 [unclear]	08 Kingsbury	MCHUGH
55	54		60 Gorman

08
60

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FLIGHT COMMANDER: "CAPTAIN" KERRATER: 15 March 1945.

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87	"A" CONLEY	87 STANN	ROJNOVSKY
38	46 [unclear]	MAZFIELD	38 Miller
46	"B" DOOLITTLE	28 Prether	PIERCE
28	47 25 Fisher	GUSTAFSON	47 Woodward
47	25 "C" MONMARA	35 Beckman	STUTLER
25	35 39 Lucarto	POLLING	36 Millitscher
35	36 "D" HARTMAN	89 CLAUBI12	WILSON
36	39 95 Bracken	SUTHERLAND	90 Schmidt
39	89 "E" MATTHEWS	80 Hophner	DAVIS
89	90 99 [unclear]	BAFKEMEYER	84 Eveland
90	95 ALDRIDGE	88 Shemp	HAVEL
95	80 91 Podmajersky		91 Rinden
80	84		
84	99		
99	88		
88	91		
91	93		
93			
42		42 Venturnio	TOHNSTON
87			82 Spark

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 15 MARCH 1945.

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHAL	REPLY
0100-0700	R R R	O	N
0700-1300	R G	Y	I
1300-1900	R G G	H	C
1900-0100	Y Y	D	X

W T CALL SIGNS
#1 G 91
2 A 86

A I R GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

41st---	index number	A 431	TVC
42nd---	index number	A 434	GXC
43rd---	index number	A 437	SOF
44th---	index number	A 440	KA L

RADIO CALL SIGNS:.....

320TH BOMBER CALL SIGN GP # 1 "LUNCHBOX"

320th BOMBER CALL SIGN GP # 2 "FOOTLOCKER"

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #497 - 15 MARCH 1945.

SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
WOOLRIDGE, CO PILOT, Col.		took off 0630
LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0853
MIRABELLA, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	DOYLE, ENG. , General. <u>FLT. COMDR.</u>	
MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	29
RECHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0630
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0904
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0631
WILLIAMSON, W, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 0854
WEBER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
LUCHANSKY, RADIO, Sgt.		
HAVEL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	09
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0631
ANDERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0854
FURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
STRAND, RADIO, Cpl.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0632
BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0903
TIETZ, ENG., Sgt.		
DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.		
PRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	16
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0632
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0855
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CIRMO, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
DEATLY, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off 0633
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0856
GIBSON, ENG., Sgt.		
COOK, MG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
RAMSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0633
DIETRICH, BOMB., F/O		landed 0856
MCCOY, ENG., Cpl.		
CRIST, RADIO, Cpl.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, WE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	06
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0634
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O		landed 0857
RARICK, ENG., Cpl.		
HAYES, MO, RADIO, Cpl.		
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0634
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 0858
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZIMRK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	24
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0635
GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 0859
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CARRIER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
JOLLIFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0635
GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0859
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Cpl.		
DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (NO TAKE OFF)	65
DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0637
KAPLAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 0900
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	72
BUFFETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0637
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0901
DZIENISZ, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JENKINSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		

BENNETT, PILOT, Capt.
CAMPBELL, CO PILOT, Lt. Col.
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
PROBST, ENG., S/Sgt.
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ALLEN, RE, GUNNER, Sgt.
BROWN, OBS., Sgt.

443rd

50
took off 0638
landed 0901

LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
DILL, BOMB., F/O
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt.
THIERY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

63
took off 0638
landed 0902

BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CLARK, JR, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
CONKLIN, ENG., Cpl.
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

54 RED
took off 0639
landed 0902

COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
LANK, ENG., S/Sgt.
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.
SLADE, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

(SPARE)

08
took off 0639
landed 0900

MCHUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ANDREWS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.
ROW, RADIO, Cpl.
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.

443rd

(SPARE)

60
took off 0639
landed 0855

ESTES, PILOT, Capt.
WELLS, DE, CO PILOT, Lt.
SPANN, BOMB., Lt.
MENAUGH, NAV., Capt.
CARRAHER, FC, Capt.
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.
SEILER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd



87
took off 0706
landed 0928

ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt.
PECKHAM, CO PILOT, Lt.
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.

442nd

38
took off 0707
landed 0928

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CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
TIBBETTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0707
YOUSSE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0929
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
THOMLEY, FOTO, (PRO) Sgt.		

MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0708
FRATHEP, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0930
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

PIERCE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
RUSSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0708
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 0930
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

(NOTE: DOOLITTLE, PILOT, SHIP #25 - NO TAKE OFF)

GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0709
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 0931
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	36
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.	(early return)	took off 0709
MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 0812
WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl.		
OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MCMANARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
SYMONS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0710
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 0932
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		

POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0710
GLAUBITZ, BOMB., Capt.		landed 0933
HARTMAN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
KUCZMA, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RUMMELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

WILSON, PILOT,	444th	90
BILBREV, CO PILOT		took off 0711
SCHMIDT, BOMB.,		landed 0933
MCQUADE, NAV.,		
FRENDERGAST, ENG,		
MURKETT, RADIO,		
WILKERSON, GUNNER,		

HARTMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0716
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 0942
IVERSON, ENG., Cpl.		
ALLMON, RADIO, Cpl.		
POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0711
HEHNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0934
VINSON, ENG., Sgt.		
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	84
BROWN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0712
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 0934
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.		
SKINNER, RADIO, Cpl.		
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0712
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 0952
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt. (JA)		
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.		
HAWKEMEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
COCULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0713
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 0935
HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
OSROCHTA, RADIO, Cpl.		
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0713
RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0935
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
STUTLAND, FOTO, Pfc.		
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0714
PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 0936
GREEAR, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

LEACH, PILOT, Capt.
FERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.
VINE, RADIO, Cpl.
DANIEL, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

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42
took off 0715
landed 0931

JOHNSTON, CR, PILOT, 1st Lt.
TENBARGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SPARKS, BOMB., F/O
LESTER, ENG., Sgt.
RAY, RADIO, Cpl.
JOHNSON, JB, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

(SPARE)

82
took off 0715
landed 0932