

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

Final Mission Report No. 508

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 1228 hours 17 B-26's took off to bomb the Siegfried Line defenses east of Zweibrücken, Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total sorties: 17. 17 B-26's were over the primary target at 1358 hours from 11,800' on an axis of 26° T, and no B-26's dropped bombs. 238 x 250lb demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay fuses) were returned to base, unable to pick up the target. No bombs salvoed. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 17 B-26's returned to base at 1450 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

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

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None.

FLAK: S, M, H, F/A, F/A, CP type flak encountered from the target area from 50 seconds before break and continuing 30 seconds into the break.

S, I, I, I - CP type flak encountered from target area for 30 seconds starting 1 1/2 minutes before the target.

Losses to flak: None. Damaged by flak: 5 cas. I.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: a. General: None.

b. Communications: 1. 7 M/T at Q-7373 traveling south at 1348 hours.

2. 3 trains of 20/30 RR cars each with locomotive at Q-7469 at 1357 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville, rendezvous; to Sarr-Union, OP, Q-5238; to Rohrbach, IP, Q-6650; to target; right break; to Rohrbach; reciprocal course to base. (Briefed axis over IP - 26° T; Drift correction over IP - 03° right; evasive action - loss of altitude and slow turns).

Weather: Enroute: Clear but hazy.

Vicinity of target: clear but hazy.

Target area: Clear, smoke and haze on the ground limited surface visibility to 6 miles.

Return: Clear but hazy.

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RESULTS: None. All bombs were returned to base.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Gp. S-2 Officer.

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MISSION # 498: FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT STEINBACH: 15 March

	"A"	<u>ABERNATHY</u>	
RUNWAY LINE UP	<u>STRICKLAND</u>	40 VILLA	<u>METSCHAN</u>
40	32 Sivula		37 HAUN
37	"B"	<u>ROJTKOWSKI</u>	
32	<u>ROWAN</u>	45 Helfend	<u>GUEDEL</u>
45	41 Farwell		48 Cross
48	"C"	<u>GILES</u>	
41	<u>KOKOLUS</u>	43 Wells	<u>MCNAMARA</u>
43	47 Dewulf		39 Locurto
39	"D"	<u>MOONEY</u>	
47	<u>DOOLITTLE</u>	27 BURNS	<u>GOEKE</u>
27	44 Fisher		30 Herbst
30	"E"	<u>PEARSON</u>	
44	<u>ROJNOVSKY</u>	31 Yowell	<u>LEACH</u>
31	38 Miller		42 Venturnio
42	"F"	<u>LACHAN</u>	
38	<u>SMITH</u>	34 Brown	<u>CONNLEY</u>
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MISSION # 498 MAJOR CAHAN FLIGHT COMMANDER: 15 Mar

RUNWAY LINE UP	"A"	<u>SULLIVAN</u>	
	<u>SHERMAN</u>	98 DRAKE	<u>TRIMM</u>
98	86 Rinden		83 CAIRNS
83	"B"	<u>SUTHERLAND</u>	
86	<u>FORD</u>	80 Goldman	<u>JOHNSTON</u>
80	77 Ryan		75 Tobacco
75	"C"	<u>HAFKAMYER</u>	
77	<u>MICHELSON</u>	88 Schempf	<u>WADELL</u>
88	94 Kennerson		79 Bracken
79	"D"	<u>BRESSETT</u>	
94	<u>LEIBENDORFER</u>	90 WILLIAMS	<u>DAY</u>
90	81 Skawialka		89 JARMAN
89	"E"	<u>ELLIS</u>	
81	<u>WALKER</u>	82 Hephner	<u>BULLARD</u>
82	97 Forleo		85 Phillips
85	"F"	<u>MATHEWS</u>	
97	<u>CATALANO</u>	99 Malyszer	<u>TRAVELL</u>
99	95 Kilgore		91 Duggan
91	SPARES	<u>DEVIS</u>	
95		84 Eveland	<u>ALDRIDGE</u>
			93 Podmeiersky

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

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

441st ; ; ; ; index number	a 431	TVC
442nd ; ; ; ; index number	A 434	GXC
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RADIO CALL SIGNS:

320TH BOMB GROUP.

FORMATION # 1. WISEGUY.

FORMATION # 2 "YELLOW HAIR.

W/T CALL SIGN

FORMATION # 1 M02

FORMATION # 2 A 86

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: SCAPSUDS

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #499 - 15 MARCH 1945.

ABERNATHY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40
MATTISON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1228
VILA, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1450
MOCQUOT, NAV., Capt.		
STEINBACH, FC, Capt.		
SURABIAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
LIGHTFOOD, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1229
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1451
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, Sgt.		
DEBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major	442nd	32
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1229
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1451
SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1230
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1452
CARTER, ENG., Cpl.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1230
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1453
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.		
PATERSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
ADLEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
WAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1231
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1501
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.		
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Cpl.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GRADY, FOTO, Cpl.		
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1231
WELLS, JC, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1454
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
KING, RADIO, Cpl.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MCNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
SYMONS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1232
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 1455
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1232
DEWOLF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1455
BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	27
HECKERS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1233
BURNS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1456
SOVOCA, NAV., Lt.		
MOORE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GOEKE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1233
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1456
MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.		
DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1234
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1457
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.		
GODER, RADIO, Cpl.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, FOTO, Cpl.		
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	31
KEACY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1234
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1458
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.	DUNNahoo, Obs. Lt.	
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	42
FERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1235
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1458
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
DANIEL, GUNNER, Cpl.		

ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
PECKHAM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1235
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1459
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.		
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
INGHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1236
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1459
LINVILLE, ENG., Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURBACE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
TIBBETTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1236
YOUSSI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1500
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd (NO TAKE OFF)	25