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

15 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 509.

Flight Commander: Major Gahan
Lead Pilot: Lieut. Sullivan.

320th Bombardment Group (M)1

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

At 1300 hours 19 B-26's took off to bomb Siegfried Line Defenses east of Zweibrucken, Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total sorties: 19. 19 B-26's dropped 266 x 250 lb GP bombs (.1, non-delay fuses) at 1429 hours from 12,300' to 11,900' on an axis of 24° T. No bombs were salvaged and no bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost and no B-26's are missing. 19 B-26's returned to base at 1521 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Activity: See Report Number 508, this date.
b. Situation: None.

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

FLAK: S, H, I, I, CP type flak encountered from the target area on last 30 seconds of the bomb run.

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: a. General: None.
b. Communications: See Report Number 508, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville; to Sarr-Union, CP (Q-5238); to Rohrbach, 1P (Q-6650); to target; right break to Rohrbach and reciprocal course to base. (Briefed axis 26° - Drift correction 3° right - Evasive action and loss of altitude).

Weather: see report number 508, this date.

RESULTS: Excellent concentration of bombs started short walking into and covering assigned area. Based on strike photos.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Siegfried Line Defenses East of Zweibrücken, Germany), of this Group, this date.

MISSION 4

T T 83
(T)K8-AB
77 T
(T)K-17 T
T T
T T 81 T
(T)K-20 T
T T 97 T
(T)K-15A T

MISSION 5

T T 23
(T)K-17 T
T T 22 T
(T)K8-AB T
T T 08 T
(T)K-15A T
T T 24 T
(T)K-17 T

MISSION 6

T T 67
(T)K8-AB T
T T 69 T
(T)K-17 T
T T 59 T
(T)K-15A T
T T 72 T
(T)K-17 T

2. The following pictures were not printed in Ships Nos. 59, 08, 97.
81.

WILLIAM GORD,
Major, Air Corps,
Op. S-2 Officer.

Return

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

RUNWAY LINE UP	"A"	SULLIVAN	TRIMM
1450-40	STRICKLAND	40 VILLI	METSCHAN
1451-37	32 Sivule		27 HAUN
1451-32	"B"	NOJTKOWSKI	
1452-45	ROWAN	45 Helfand	GUEDEL
1453-48	41 Farwell		48 Cross
1454-41	"C"	GILES	
1454-43	KOKCLUS	43 Wells	MCNAMARA
1455-39	47 Dewulf		39 Locurto
1455-28	"D"	MOONEY	
1456-27	DOOLITTLE	27 BURNS	GOEKE
1456-30	44 Fisher		30 Herbst
1457-44	"E"	PEARSON	
1458-31	ROJTKOWSKI	31 Towell	LEACH
1458-42	23 Miller		42 Venturnio
1459-34	"F"	FACEAM	
1500-46	BRENNAN	34 Spurn	CONNLEY
	35 GDSKO		46 Youssi

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MISSION # 498 MAPOR CAHAN FLIGHT COMMANDER: 15 mar

RUNWAY LINE UP	"A"	SULLIVAN	TRIMM
1521-98	SHERMAN	98 DRAKE	83 CAIRNS
1522-83	86 Rinden		
1522-86	"B"	SUTHERLAND	
1522-80-1523	FORD	80 Goldman	JOHNSTON
1524-75	77 Ryan		75 Tabacco
1524-77	"C"	HAFKAMYER	
1525-88	MICHELSON	88 Schempf	WADELL
1525-79	94 Kennerson		79 Bracken
1526-94	"D"	BRESSETT	
1526-90	LEIBENDORFER	90 WILLIAMS	DAY
1527-89	81 Skawialka		89 JARMAN
1527-81	"E"	ELLIS	
1528-82	WALKER	82 Hephner	BULLARD
1528-85	97 Forleo		85 Phillips
1529-97	"F"	MATHEWS	
1529-99	CATALANO	99 Malyszer	TRAVELL
1530-91	95 Kilgore		91 Duggen
1530-95-NTO	SPARES	DEVIS	
		84 Eveland	ALDRIDGE
			93 Podmiersky

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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
 443rd::: index number A 437 Sof
 444th;;; index number A 440 KA L

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

320TH BOMB GROUP.

FORMATION # 1. WISEGUY.

FORMATION # 2 "YELLOW HAIR.

W/T CALL SIGN

FORMATION # 1 MO2

FORMATION # 2 A 86

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: SOAPSUDB

TACTICAL CONTROLLER - PELICAN ON CHANNEL "C"

SECTOR CONTROLS : BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C"

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 500 - 15 MARCH 1945.

SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1300
DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1521
THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GAUJOT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CAHAN, FC, Major	Day, A.M., 1st Lt. Nav.	
TRIMM, PILOT, Capt.	444th	83
PIERCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1300
CAIRNS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1522
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DOWLEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	86
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1301
RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1522
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1301
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1523
GAY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
WIGGIL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NADEAU, OBS., Capt.		
JOHNSTON, CR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	75
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1301
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1524
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.		
RAY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77
SAVAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1302
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1524
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1302
SCHIEFF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1525
ROEHM, ENG., Cpl.		
KIRKPATRICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1303
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1525
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.		
HOLLAND, RADIO, Sgt.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94
GHEHT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1304
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1526
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WARREN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BRESETT, PILOT, Capt.	444th	90
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1304
WILLIAMS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1526
WESTROOK NAV., 1st Lt.		
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
LEBLANC, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DAY, MA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1305
ADAMS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1527
JARMAN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
DAY, JR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1305
SKABIKA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1527
CARR, ENG., Cpl.		
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Spl/		
CASE, FOTO, Cpl.		
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	82
STONER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1306
HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1528
DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BULLARD, PILOT, Major	444th	85
SALMONSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1306
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1528
RANKIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		97
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1307
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1529
LEONARD, ENG., T/Sgt.			
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.			
WEYENBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.			
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		99
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1307
MALYSZEK, BOMB., F/O			landed 1529
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.			
BROWN, JA, RADIO, Sgt.			
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
TRAVELL			
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		91
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1308
DUGGAN, BOMB., F/O			landed 1530
RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.			
WITT, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	(NO TAKE OFF)	95
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(Spare)	84
BROWN, RW, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1309
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1532
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.			
SKINNER, RADIO, Cpl.			
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CATALANO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	(Spare)	93
TENBARGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1308
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1531
SMITH, AA, ENG., S/Sgt.			
OTELL, RADIO, Cpl.			
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.			