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

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D-C-2

16 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 52.

Flight Commander: Captain Carreher.
Lead Pilot : Captain Abernathy.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIEGFRIED LINE DEFENSES EAST OF ZWIEBRUCKEN, Areas 17A, (M/R: (W) Q-757708, GSCS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 06:48 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb Siegfried line Defenses East of Zweibrucken, Area 17A (M/R: (W) Q-757708, GSCS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: engineering. Total sorties: 17. 17 B-26's were over the target and 9 B-26's dropped 126 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 08:11 hours from 11,500' on an axis of 25°T., and 8 B-26's dropped 112 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) on a area (W) Q-670173, due to misidentification, at 08:12 hours from 11,000' on an axis of 25°T. No bombs were returned or salvaged. No B-26's damaged. 17 B-26's returned to base at 09:36 hours. No B-26's lost or missing.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: 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: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 3.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville; to Sarre-Union, OF, Q-5238; to Rohrbach, IP, Q-6650; to target; right break to Rohrbach; reciprocal course to base. (Briefed Axis over IP - 30°T; drift correction - 03° right; evasive action used - loss of altitude).

WEATHER:

a. Enroute	:	Few patches of ground fog. Vis. 6 to 8 miles in haze.
b. Vicinity of target	:	
c. Target Area	:	Clear. Vis. 8 to 10 miles in haze.
d. Return	:	As enroute.

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RESULTS: Bombs of first Squadron hit in area (W) Q-670173, due to bombardier, lead bombardier, misidentification, with bombs of second Squadron falling short and walking into the assigned area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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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 (Siegfried Line Defenses, Germany), of this Group, this date.

MISSION II

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      T      62
      (T)K-17
    T      60      T
    T      (T)K8-AB      T
  T      T      T
    (63)      T
    (T)K-20      T
  T      T      65      T
    T      T      (T)K-17      T
  
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MISSION III

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      T      83
      (T)
    T      86      T
    T      (T)K-17      T
  T      T      T
    91      T
    (T)K-15A      T
  T      T      79      T
    T      T      (T)K-17      T
  
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MISSION IV

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      T      02
      (T)K-17
    T      T      T
  T      T      T
    18      T
    (T)K-15A      T
  T      T      22      T
    T      T      (T)K-17      T
  
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2. The pictures taken in Ships Nos. 63, 91, and 02 were not printed.

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250:4P. 17th INST Non-Delay Tail
(NORDEN)

MISSION # 503: Flight Commander: CAPT. CARICHER 16 MARCH 1945.

RUNWAY LINEUP	NAME	NAME	NAME
40	STICKLAND	45 BERTHOLD	STEINBACH
37	Blumhert → 32 DOWELL	40 VILA	37 ROBERTS
32	40	40	40
34	STUTLER	44 Prather	CONNELLY
46	39 Hillischer	46 Youssi	
39	40	40	40
45	ROSS	45 Helfand	DOOLITTLE
44	43 Bruhn	44 Fisher	
43	40	40	40
27	40	27 BURGIS	GOEKE
30	EARLY → 45 Hartwell	30 HERBST	
41	40	40	40
28	40	28	28
42	40	42	42
47	40	47	47
31	KOKOLUS	31 Yowell	ROJNOVSKY
48	36 McPherson	48 Miller	
36	56	PIERCE	56 Woodward

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 MARCH 1945.

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	Y Y	O	H
0700-1300	R G G	C	M
1300-1900	R G	P	I
1900-0100	R G	B	F

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION:

441st - index number	A-431	KQY
442nd - index number	A-434	BNY
443rd - index number	A-437	USM
444th - index number	A-440	HCL

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

SUNRISE.....
W/T CALL SIGN WING 1 NET:
102.....
CANCELLATION WORD: ---
PINPOINT....
CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL
SIGNS: BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR
ON CHANNEL "C".
TACTICAL CONTROLLER:
PELICAN ON CHANNEL "C".

18 98 flying 17
first 0648
last 0657
(NORDEN)

early 41,
two to, 32
all Bark
0936
0949-

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION 503 - 16 MARCH 1945.

ABERNATHY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40
WELLS, CO PILOT, (DE) Lt.		took off 0648
VILA, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0936
ENGLISH, NAV., Lt.		
CARRAHER, FC, Capt.		
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	37
LIGHTFOOT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0648
ROBERTS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0936
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
BESSINE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, FOTO, Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major	442nd	(NO TAKE OFF) 32
MAYFIELD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0649
WARD, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0938
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
TIBBETTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0650
YOUSSI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0939
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
SEILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
PECKHAM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0650
MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 0939
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.		
OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0651
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0940
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DOOLITTLE, CO PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
KEAGY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0651
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0941
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.		
GODER, RADIO, Sgt.	CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	

ROSS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0652
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 0941
SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
DAWSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	27
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0652
BURNS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0942
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GOEKE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0653
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0949
SOVCCA, NAV., Lt.		
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
KING, RADIO, Cpl.		
WEINBERG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0653
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.	(EARLY RETURN)	landed 0710
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRADY, FOTO, Cpl.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0654
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 0943
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	42
FERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0655
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 0944
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
DANIEL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MCNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
GUEDEL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0655
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 0945
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

PEARSON, PILOT, Lt. 442nd
RUSSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.
CRAMER, S/Sgt., ENG.,
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.

31
took off 0656
landed 0945

ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt. 442nd
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt.
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.
SIDEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
PHALEN, EG, Cpl.

48
took off 0656
landed 0937

KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt. 442nd
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.
MCPHERSON, BOMB., F/O
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.
DEBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.
MARSHALL, ~~ENGINE~~ S/Sgt.- Eng. Gunner

36
took off 0657
landed 0946

PIERCE, PILOT, Lt. 442nd
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

(Spare)

56
took off 0657
landed 0943