

16 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 513.

Flight Commander: Major Hayward.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Mosby.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIEGFRIED LINE DEFENSES EAST OF ZWEIFBRUCKEN, Areas 9A, 7A, and 5A (M/R: (W) Q-757708, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 08:44 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Siegfried Line Defenses East of Zweibrucken, Areas 9A, 7A, and 5A (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 19 B-26's dropped 148 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (Inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 10:31 hours from 12,300' to 11,500' on an Axis of 23^{OT}. 2 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 10:32 hours at the target, having hung up over the target. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 19 B-26's returned to base at 11:26 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: Vapor trails were seen 15 miles South-South-West of the target at Q-6548 at 25,000' at 10:40 hours.
- b. Situation: 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:

- a. General: Numerous fires in the towns in the general vicinity of the target.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 100 RR cars at Zweibrucken, (W) Q-7273, at 10:31 hours.
 - (2) 10 M/T burning East of the target at Q-8475.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Lunville, (W) Q-0800; to IP, Rohrbach, (W) Q-6450; to target on an Axis of 23^{OT} (briefed Axis - 26^{OT}; drift correction - 03^o to left; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude); breakaway right to Rohrbach; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Clear. Light haze. Vis. Excellent.
- b. Vicinity of Target : Same as enroute.
- c. Target Area : 3-4/10ths scattered altocumulus, bases 12,000; tops 13,500'. Light Haze. Vis. Excellent.
- d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: The bombs landed in a good pattern slightly East of the assigned areas, with some hits in the assigned areas.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 504: Flight Commander: MAJOR HAYWARD 16 MARCH 1945.
 WAF BOSEBY
 RUNWAY LINEUP
 29 ZOELLER, 29 Howe PARSONS
 62 59 Uzbach 104 62 Blazga
 59 WBF DETHLEN
 64 STRATTON, 64 Lusserden POOR
 61 60 Longbridge 61 Katzman
 60 WCF WAINWRIGHT
 58 ST. MEY 58 Trafton PHILLIPS
 69 52 Suggs 69 Gooch
 52 WDF DAJLY
 70 BOEHOLT 70 Purvis NEWTON
 50 63 Kaplan 50 Chacko
 63 WBF COOK
 67 JONES 67 Hackney MEEHAN
 65 71 Luennemann 65 Klodzinski
 71 WDF LIVSEY
 51 LOBECK 51 DELL ROBERTS
 57 72 Starnke 57 Gorman
 72 55 SPAINES 55 Ford BIRDWELL
 54 54 Thompson

MISSION # 505: Flight Commander: LT. POLING 16 MARCH 1945.
 WAF KLODZINSKI
 RUNWAY LINEUP
 87 WALKER, 87 Reese HRESSETTE
 83 80 Duggan 83 Williams
 90 WBF SUTHERLAND
 80 TRAVELL 80 Goldman GARY
 84 86 Podmajersky 84 Kennerson
 86 WCF MATTHEWS
 99 LIEBENDORFER 99 Eveland NICKELSON
 99 81 Malyszok 75 Kanden
 75 WDF SALMONSON
 81 SHERMAN 85 Reppner DAY, M.
 85 91 Ryan 89 Jarran
 89 WBF WILSON
 91 FORD 90 Schmidt CATALANO
 98 79 Skabialka 98 Kilgore
 82 WBF ELLIS
 79 JOHNSTON, CR, 85 Tabacco DAVIS
 88 77 Forles 97 Schenopf
 97 93 SPAINES 93 Bracken HATHMAN
 77 94 Sparks

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 MARCH 1945.
 TIME FLAME COLORS CHALL. REPLY
 0100-0700 Y Y O H
 0700-1300 R G G C H
 1300-1900 R G P I
 1900-0100 R G B F
 AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION:
 1st - index number - A-431 KQY
 2nd - index number - A-434 BNY
 3rd - index number - A-437 USM
 4th - index number - A-440 HCL

RADIO CALL SIGNS:
 2nd Formation ;;; SUGARTOP
 3rd Formation ;;; SUGARTOP
 W/T CALL SIGN WING 1 NET
 2nd Formation ;;; 486
 3rd Formation ;;; M89
 CANCELLATION WORD - PINPOINT
 CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:
 BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C".
 TACTICAL CONTROLLER:
 PELICAN ON CHANNEL "C".

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #504 - 16 MARCH 1945.

MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	29
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0844
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1126
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYWARD, FC, Major		
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
JOLLIFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0844
MIAZGA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1127
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEVAUGHN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0845
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1127
LALLY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0845
LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1128
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SEILEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
JUMPER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0846
KATZMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1129
WARD, ENG., Cpl.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHRIES, GUNNER, Cpl.		
STRATTON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0846
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1130
WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROW, RADIO, Cpl.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Cpl.		

	WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt. RECHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt. FAURIE, RADIO, Cpl. LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	58 took off 0847 landed 1130
43	PHILLIPS, ^{Clt.} PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt. CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt. CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	69 took off 0847 landed 1131
	STANLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CLARK, L, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SUGGS, BOMB., S/Sgt. CONKLIN, ENG., Cpl. CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	52 took off 0848 landed 1131
	DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCHUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FURVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt. MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt. WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. HAFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	70 took off 0848 landed 1132
	NEWTON, PILOT, Capt. O'REILLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHACKO, BOMB., Sgt. AVERY, ENG., Cpl. MILLS, RADIO, Cpl. RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.	443rd	50 took off 0849 landed 1132
	BOMHOLT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KAPLAN, BOMB., F/O PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt. HARRISSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BURGESS, FOTO, Cpl.	443rd	63 took off 0849 landed 1133
	COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt. VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. BROOKS, ENG., Sgt. CITTI, RADIO, Sgt. CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	67 took off 0850 landed 1134

MEEHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	65
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0850
KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O		landed 1134
ANDERSON, ENG., Cpl.		
YOUNG, RADIO, Sgt.		
CHARLETON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO,		
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd (NO TAKE OFF)	71
LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.		51
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0851
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 1136
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROBERTS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	57
PHILLIPS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	12, 13, 15, 16	took off 0852
GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1136
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LOBECK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	72
MORELAND, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0853
STUEMKE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1137
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.		
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd (NO TAKE OFF)	55 (Spare)
NOTE: The above did not take off in Mission 504 but took off in Mission 506 - See Mission 506.		
BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (Spare)	54
RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0851
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1135
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RUBY, GUNNER, Sgt.		