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

Final Mission Report No. 513.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIGFRIED 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°T. 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°T (briefed Axis - 26°T; drift correction - 03° to left; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude); breakaway right to Rohrbach; reciprocal course to base.

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WEATHER:

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| 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.

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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
MAZGA, 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, ^{CX} PILOT, 1st Lt. JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt. CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt. CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. SZCZECZ, 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.		