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

M
D-C-2

18 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 519.

Flight Commander: Major Cahan.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Kamanski.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

WEIDENTHAL RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (W) R-179926, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-2), Germany.

At 10:17 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Weidenthal Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) R-179926, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-2), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early: spares.
Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 70 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second tail fuses) on the Primary target at 11:41 hours from 10,700' to 10,300' on an Axis of 04⁰T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:50 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 8 P-47's provided escort.
- 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: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville; to Bitche, OP, Q-7851; to Wilgartsweissen, IP, R-1168; to target; right break to Wilgartsweissen; reciprocal course to base. (Briefed Axis - 04⁰T; drift correction - 02⁰left; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude).

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Base clear. Few miles to the North and continuing for the remainder of route, 6-7/10ths stratocumulus, tops 6,000', rising to 9,000' at Luneville and to the North. Vis. excellent.
- b. Vicinity of Target :) 6-7/10ths stratocumulus, tops 9,000'. Vis.
- c. Target Area : excellent.
- d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: Crews of second Squadron report good pattern in the target area with probable hits on the bridge.

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SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

1. The following is the locations of the cameras in the formation as over the Target (Weidenthal ~~IN~~ Bridge, Germany), of this Group, this date.

T T 25
 (T)KE-AB
 T 75 T
 (T)E-17 T
 T T 91 T
 (T)KE-AB T
 T T 82 T
 (T)E-15A T
 - - - - -
 T T 21
 (T)KE-AB T
 T T 22 T
 (T)E-17 T
 T T 12 T
 (T)E-15A T
 T T 01 T
 (T)E-20 T
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 Rimthel Target:
 T T 34
 (T)E-17 T
 T T 38 T
 (T)KE-AB T
 T T 39 T
 (T)E-15A T
 T T 48 T
 (T)E-17 T

2. The pictures taken in ships Nos. 34, 38, 39, 25, 82, 21, 12 and ~~8~~ were not printed.

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

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MISSION NO. 511 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major Cohn 18 MARCH 1945

RUNWAY LINEUP	"A"	K/LANE	87 DEPHY	BRAINERD
87	SHERMAN	79 SPARKS	25 BOY	
25	"B"	MATHEUS		
79	LIEBENDORFER	83 HEPNER	CHANNEL	
83	75 BRACKEN	"C"	94 HALE	
94	75	ALDRIDGE		
75	JOHNSTON, C.R.	88 PODNAJERSKI	TRAVEL	
88	77 WILYSZEK	"D"	99 PHILLIPS	
99	77	POLING		
77	89 CARY	89 GLUBITZ	HAVEL	
89	91 DUGGAN	"E"	90 TABACCO	
90	91	SUTHERLAND		
91	85 GADDELL	85 EVELAND	HARTMAN	
85	97 E. RYAN		97 KEMMERSON	
97	82	H/FRIDRICH		
82	98	98 SCHMIDT	DAVIS	
98	86		86 KILGORE	
86	93		93	

80 SCHMIDT 72 FORLEO

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 18 MARCH 1945. AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

TIME FLARES CHALLENGE REPLY 441st Index No. A 431 2LK

0100-0700 YIR D B 442nd Index No. A 434 2GF

0700-1300 RGG N S 443rd Index No. A 437 UAU

1300-1900 RGG C P 444th Index No. A 440 CHN

1900-0100 RRR H F CANCELLATION CODE ORD: BOE TIE

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 320th Group SUGARTOP W/T CALL SIGNS FOR 42nd

WING 1 NET: 691 CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON

CHANNEL "C" CHECK POINTS: ALL FORMATIONS WILL REFER TO POSITIONS

DESIRED BY GEOGRAPHICAL NAME IN REQUEST FOR NAVIGATIONAL AID.

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #511 - 18 MARCH 1945.

KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	87
JOHNSON, HD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1017
BEEBY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1250
DAY, AM., NAV., 1st Lt.		
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CAHAN, FC, Major		
 BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 25
MCHUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1018
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1250
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
HUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROW, RADIO, Cpl.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 444th	 79
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1018
SPARKS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1251
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 83
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1019
HEPHNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1251
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
BROWN, JA, RADIO, Sgt.		
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 CHANNEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 94
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1019
HALE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1252
LESTER, ENG., Sgt.		
VINEYARD, RADIO, Cpl.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 75
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1020
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1252
ROEHM, ENG., Cpl.		
CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CASE, FOTO, Cpl.		
 ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 88
TENBARGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1020
PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1253
GREER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SHROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RAY, GUNNER, Cpl.		

TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1021
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1253
THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSTON, CR. PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1021
MALYSZEK, BOMB.,		landed 1254
CARR, ENG., Sgt.		
PHILIPS, RADIO, (JA) Sgt.		
CLORY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
DAY, MA, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1022
GLAUBITZ, BOMB., Capt.		landed 1254
ADAMS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
RUMMEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	90
COGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1022
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1255
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CARY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1023
DUGGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1256
SMITH, AA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
D'AGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.		
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.		
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1023
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1256
VINSON, ENG., Sgt.		
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HARTMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	97
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1024
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1257
IVERSON, ENG., Cpl.		
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

WADDELL, PILOT, Lt.	444th		82
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major			took off 1024
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1257
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.			
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.			
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.			
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		98
SINK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1025
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1258
HILKMAN, ENG., Sgt.			
PIERCE, WH, RADIO, Sgt.			
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		86
BROWNE, RW, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1025
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1258
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.			
TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
CATALANO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th		93
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1026
SKABIALKA, BOMB., F/O			landed 1259
RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.			
KIRKPATRICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WIGELL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(Spare)	80
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1026
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1241
DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.			
FLEMMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(Spare)	72
PIERCE, DR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1027
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1203
TAKALA, ENG., S/Sgt.			
MULLANEY, RADIO, Sgt.			
WEYENBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			