

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

M
D-C-2

18 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 520.

Flight Commander: Captain Deatly.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Schrantz.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 10:45 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Weidenthal Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) R-179926, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-2), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 engineering (engineering credited with sortie). Total Sorties: 18. 17 B-26's were over the Primary target and 17 B-26's dropped 63 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary at 12:11 hours from 10,600' on an Axis of 358°T. 3 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 12:12 hours in the break from the target, due to rack malfunction. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 17 B-26's returned to base at 13:36 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: 12 P-47's provided escort.

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: None.
- b. Communications: 15 M/T dispersed at Q-9684 at 12:07 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville; to Sarrebourg Q-7851; to Wilgartswiesen, IP, R-1168; to target; right break to Wilgartswiesen; reciprocal course to base. (Briefed Axis - 17°T; drift correction - 05° right; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude).

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 519, this date.

RESULTS: Good concentration of bombs in the target area with probable hits scored on the bridge.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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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 RR Bridge, Germany), of this Group, this date.

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      T      25
      (T)K8-AB
    T      T      75
    (T)K-17      T
T      T      T
    91      T
    (T)K8-AB      T
T      T      T
    82      T
    (T)K-15A      T

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      T      21
      (T)K8-AB
    T      T      22
    (T)K-17      T
T      T      T
    12      T
    (T)K-15A      T
T      T      T
    01      T
    (T)K-20      T

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Weidenthal Target:

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      T      T      34
      (T)K-17
    T      T      38
    (T)K8-AB      T
T      T      T
    39      T
    (T)K-15A      T
T      T      T
    48      T
    (T)K-17      T

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2. The pictures taken in ships Nos. 34, 38, 39, 25, 82, 21, 12 and 41 were not printed.

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MISSION NO. 512 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Capt. Deatly 18 MARCH 1945.

RUNWAY LINEUP

Take off

10-1045 #2

10-45-10	"A"	CCHP/RTZ	
45-2829	GARRETT	10 LIEVER	KAUFFELIN
46-04	04 TRIAS		21 ALLEN
46-05	"B"	BERRETT	
47-06	BOWLES	05 ROJAS	RAMSEY
47-22	22 MCCREARY		06 DIETRICH
48-19	"C"	GRALA	
48-16	FORBYTHE	19 MURRAY	LAMPRE
49-24	24 SISCO		16 GOME
49-02	"D"	LYONS	
50-20	JONES	02 GARVEY	EVANS
50-12	12 VANCE		20 KINGCO
51-23	"E"	LOCKRIEL	
51-17	PRATT	23 BLACKERBY	ROBINSON
52-01	01 MARTINSEN		17 WILLIAMSON
52-07	"F"	WILSON	
53-03	REEREN	07 WALTER	TORONCO
53-18	18 MCKINLEY		03 GRICE
	SPTES	WALLEN	21 ERK
		14 ERICKSON	15 ELMAN

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 18 MARCH 1945: 17th GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

TIME	Flares	Challenge	Reply	1st Index No.	2nd Index No.	3rd Index No.	4th Index No.
0100-0700	YYR	D	S	A431	A432	A433	A434
0700-1300	RCG	N	S	A435	A436	A437	A438
1300-1900	RCG	C	P	A439	A440	A441	A442
1900-0100	RRR	K	F	A443	A444	A445	A446

ACCELERATION CODE WORD: BOWTIE

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

WING 1 NET: 320th Group 186 CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BAGGAGE

AND BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C" CHECK POINTS: ALL FORMATIONS WILL REFER TO

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Authority NND 7450

By VRS NARA Date 3/2/00

Return

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RUNWAY LINEUP

13 36-10
36-24 29

37-04

37-05

38-06

38-22

39-19

40-21

40-02

41-20

41-12

42-23

42-17

43-01

43-07

44-03

44-18

ER-1238

127115

1231155

"A"

GARRETT

04 TRIAS

"B"

BOMLES

22 MCCREARY

"C"

FORSYTHE

24 SISCO

"D"

JONES

12 VANCE

"E"

PRATT

01 MARTINSEN

"F"

DEERIN

13 GRIMLEY

SPARES

0357/112

10 LIEVER

BARRETT

05 ROJAS

GRALI

19 MURRAY

LYONS

02 GARVEY

COCKRIFE

23 BLUCKERBY

ILSON

07 WALTER

BALDEN

14 ERICKSON

15 ELMAN

KUFFELMAN

21 ALLEN

RAMSEY

06 DILTRICH

LAMPKE

16 BUSH

EVANS

20 KINGSBURY

ROBINSON

17 WILLIAMSON

TORONCO

03 GRICE

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 18 MARCH 1945.

TIME Flores Challenge Reply

0100-0700 YFR D S

0700-1300 RGG N S

1300-1900 RGG C P

1900-0100 RRR H F

4TH GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

41st Index No. A431 21A

42nd Index No. A432 2CF

43rd Index No. A437 0AU

44th Index No. A440 0AN

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: DO TIE

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

WING 1 NET: 320th Group A86 CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: B/CG/GE

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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #512 - 18 MARCH 1945.

SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1045
LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1336
O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
DEATLY, FC, Capt.		
ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
WELLS, DE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1045
SPANN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1336
ENGLISH, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	04
ZELLMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1046
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1337
RARICK, ENG., Capt.		
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SCOTT, HG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEIRA, FOTO, Cpl.		
BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	05
JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. (WE)		took off 1046
ROJAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1337
BALINSKI, ENG., Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, Sgt.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
RAMSEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	06
KAISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
DIETRICH, BOMB., F/O		landed 1338
MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.		
GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1338
WASH, ENG., Sgt.		
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CIRMD, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
GRALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
SHARP, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1048
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1339
GIBSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. MG		
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O
BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.
FERNANDEZ, ENG., T/Sgt.
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt. (TE)
SMITH, PG, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

16
took off 1048
landed 1238

early return

FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
HEDGES, JT, CO PILOT, F/O
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.
KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.
BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

24
took off 1049
landed 1240

LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O
GARVEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.
LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

02
took off 1049
landed 1240

EVANS, EA, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
WILLIAMS, GL, ENG., T/Sgt.
FEELER, RADIO, Cpl.
DIETRICK, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

20
took off 1050
landed 1241

JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VANCE, BOMB., F/O
TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt.
THOMAS, RADIO, Cpl.
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.
NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.

441st

12
took off 1050
landed 1241

COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.
CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.
SATTERWHITE, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

23
took off 1051
landed 1242

ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.
LUCHANESKY, ENG., Sgt.
HAVEL, G, RADIO, Cpl.
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

17
took off 1051
landed 1242

BRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		01
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1052
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1243
FEINEN, ENG., Cpl.			
SLADE, RADIO, Cpl.			
FEATHERSTON, GUNNER, Cpl.			
POTTS, FOTO, S/Sgt.			
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		07
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1052
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1243
BRYANT, ENG., Cpl.			
GERONIMOS, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
NORBERT, GUNNER, Cpl.			
TORONCO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		03
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1053
GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1244
WILLIAMS, DY, ENG., Cpl.			
HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
STRAND, GUNNER, Cpl.			
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.			
HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		18
LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1053
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1244
GARNER, ENG., Sgt.			
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.			
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	(Spare)	14
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1054
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O			landed 1227
WYATT, ENG., T/Sgt.			
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.			
ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	(Spare)	15
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1054
ELMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1231
EVANS, DG, ENG., Cpl.			
MELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.			