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

D-G-2

18 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 521.

Flight Commander: Captain Carraher.
Lead Pilot : Captain Mooney.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

RINNTAL RAILROAD EMBANKMENT AND BRIDGES (M/R: (W) R-134688, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

Alternate: NEUSTADT M/Y (M/R: (W) R-302835, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 11:00 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Rinnthal Railroad Embankment and Bridges (M/R: (W) R-134688, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: spares. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target, but no bombs were dropped, due to cloud cover. 18 B-26's were over the Alternate target and 18 B-26's dropped 72 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay tail fuses) on the Alternate target, Neustadt M/Y (M/R: (W) R-302835, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany, at 12:51 hours from 11,600' to 10,600' on an Axis of 51°T, on "ETA", due to cloud cover, which prevented a bomb run. 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 13:59 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) F-47's provided escort.
- (2) One crew reported 1 FW-190 at 8,000' headed South in the target area.

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 (W) Q-0800; to Sarrebourg (W) Q-5016; to Wingen (W) Q-7337; to IP, Steinbach, (W) Q-9746; to Alternate target on an Axis of 51°T (briefed Axis - 39°T; drift correction - 08° left; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude); breakaway left; reciprocal course to base.

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

RESULTS: The target was missed. A small break in the clouds enabled crew members to see bombs bursting in an open field at (W) R-2975.

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SPECIAL COMMENTS: Visual 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.

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

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

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Weidenthal Target:

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

2. The pictures taken in ships Nos. 34, 38, 39, 25, 82, 21, 12 and 42 were not printed.

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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #510 - 18 MARCH 1945.

MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	27
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1100
BURNS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1359
MOCQUOT, NAV., Capt.		
CARRAHER, FC, Capt.		
MOORE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
WEINBERG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 GILES, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 34
LIGHTFOOT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1101
WELLS, JC, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1359
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, FOTO, Cpl.		
 STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major.	 442nd	 32
MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1101
SIWULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1400
SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DAWSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 45
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1102
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1400
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 36
CLEMON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1102
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1401
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURBACE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 38
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1103
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1401
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.		
GODER, RADIO, Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GRADY, FOTO, Spl.		

GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1103
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1402
COOK, OBS., Major		
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1105
ALLEN, RO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1405
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DUARTE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, EC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
PECKHAM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1104
PRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1404
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	37
HEDGES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1105
ROBERTS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1404
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CONNELLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
TIRBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1109
YOUSSE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1410
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SIELER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
RUSSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1106
MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1405
WILLIAMS ENG., Cpl.		
OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	31
PETERSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1106
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1406
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MCDUGAL, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	42
WALLING, CO PILOT, Major		took off 1107
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1407
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.		
KING, RADIO, Cpl.		
DANIEL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PIERCE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1107
MCPHEARSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1350
DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
FURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOFO, S/Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1108
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1408
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MENAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1108
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 1409
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, Sgt.		
GLAZER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1104
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1245
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
TOUWSMA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	(Spare)
WAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		33
WAGNER, BOMB., Lt.		took off 1109
MULLINS, ENG., Cpl.		landed 1403
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.		
SMITH, RE, GUNNER, Cpl.		

(early return)