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

Final Mission Report No. 522.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIEGFRIED LINE DEFENSES AREA AND TOWN OF ERLBACH (M/R: (W) R-092568, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 06:44 hours, 40 B-26's took off to bomb Nieder Schlettenbach (M/R: (W) R-085538, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: propeller governor out. Total Sorties: 39. 20 B-26's were over the first Primary target, Nieder Schlettenbach, and dropped 270 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs (Inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) on the second run on the first Primary target at 08:40 hours from 11,500' to 10,500' on an Axis of 23°T. The entire formation had been instructed to bomb the second Primary, Erlbach, but the first Primary target was bombed, due to bombardier error. 19 B-26's were over the second Primary, Siegfried Line Defense Area and town of Erlbach (M/R: (W) R-092568, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany, and dropped 300 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs on the second Primary target on the first bomb run at 08:27 hours from 10,900' to 10,000' on an Axis of 13°T, under last minute instructions. 8 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 08:40 hours at the target, having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 39 B-26's returned to base at 09:32 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) P-47's provided area cover.
- (2) 2/3 S/E U/I A/C in the target area headed South at 08:39 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: Artillery fire was seen South-West of the target in a wooded area.
- b. Communications: 3 tanks and 6 M/T at (W) R-1348, headed South-East, at 08:40 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 7.

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ROUTE: Base to Luneville(W) Q-0800; to Sarrebourg (W) Q-5016; to Saverne (W) Q-7316; to Sarrebourg; to IP, Reichshoffen (W) Q-9536; first run on the target at 13°T; curve left to IP; second bomb run on the target at 23°T (briefed Axis - 19°T; drift correction - 05° right; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude); breakaway left to Reichshoffen; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Clear. Vis. 6 miles in haze.
- b. Vicinity of Target :
) Clear except for scattered patches of ground
- c. Target Area : fog in low areas. Vis. 6 miles in haze.
- d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: Excellent bomb patterns covered both the target areas.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Group Intelligence Officers.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Siegfried Line Defenses Area, Germany), of this Group, this date.

Mission I - Nieder Schlettenbach

			T	62		
			T	(T)K-17		
	T			69	T	
T		T		(T)KS-AB		T
			T			
		T				
	T			63	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T
			T			
			T	02		
		T		(T)K-17		
	T			17	T	
T		T		(T)KS-AB		T
			03			
		T	(T)K-15A			
	T			06	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T

MISSION II - Erlenbach

			30	T		
			(T)KS-AB		T	
	T			38	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T
			42	T		
			(T)K-15A		T	
	T			39	T	
T		T		(T)KS-AB		T
			99	T		
		T	(T)K-17		T	
	T			75	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T

2. The pictures taken in Ships Nos. 69, 03, 30, 42, 39, were not printed.

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MISSION #473 FL 11 COORDINATOR: MAJOR WYNN 19 March 1945

87	513	POOR	BR/INERD	87 PETERSON	YES
62		53 Ketzner			65 Green
53		"B"	COOK		
61	250 MP	ZOELLER	64 Otto	KORCOWSKI	
52	not race	69 Cochr		53 Loughbridge	
69	not delay	"C"	LIVSEY		
66		POOR	66 Bill	BIRDWELL	
56		59 Smith		56 Thompson	
59	NT051	"D"	SHERWOOD		
70		BLISKAC	6 Selzer	DUNE	
67		57 Simmons		57 Ruff	
57		"E"	DEPHAN		
58		LOBECK	58 Bussenden	JULIA	
61		63 Stuenkel		61 Ruff	
63		"F"	MC DONALD		
60		RENTON	60 Clark	BUFFET	
60	72	60 Ford		60 Czech	
60	25	SPARES:	URLEU	EEHAN	
64			72 Irwin	64 Kiedzinski	

COLORS OF THE DAY				AIR GROUND R/T AUTHORITY			
TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	1st Index No.	2nd Index No.	3rd Index No.	4th Index No.
0100-0700	RRR	V	H	442nd	"	"	4431 JAG
0700-1300	RR	D	L	443rd	"	"	4437 PLS
1300-1900	RY	O	S	44th	"	"	4440 LAG
1900-0100	RCG	Y	G				

Bomber voice call sign: WISEGUY

W/I call sign: A 86

Control center voice call signs: HALFBAKE, SAGGAGE, BOXCAR on channel "C"

Contact HALFBAKE over orientation point. Request clearance to GOALPOST. If clearance to attack is not granted the answer will be terminate.

CHECK POINTS: All formations will refer to positions desired by geographical name in requests for navigational aid.

Cancellation code word: TOUCHDOWN

MISSER. WEATHER GOOD-
#BACK

21 88

FIRST 0644

LAST 0706

NT0 70-65-

EARLY-

FIRST: 0944

LAST: 0952

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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION # 513 - 19 MARCH 1945.

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	87
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0644
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0944
MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYWARD, FC, Major		
WEST, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	62
ANDREW, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0645
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0945
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAFFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEVAUGHN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
POOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
HUDSPETH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0706
KATZMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 0945
WARD, ENG., Cpl.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHRIES, GUNNER, Cpl.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0645
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 0945
BROOKS, ENG., Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, Sgt.		
CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KOMOROWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0646
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 0946
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PERKINSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ZOLLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0646
COOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0947
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Cpl.		
LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0647
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 0947
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		

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BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0647
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0948
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RUBY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SCOTT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0648
SUGGS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 0948
SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROW, RADIO, Cpl.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
OLHOUSE, OBS., Capt.		
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0648
KAPLAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 0948
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
RECHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0706
SELZER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0949
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WOODWARD, OBS., Captain.		
BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0649
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0949
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
JOLLIFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0649
LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 0950
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STRATTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0650
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 0950
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, F, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

LOBECK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
PHILLIPS, GB, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0651
STUECKE, BOMB., F/O		landed 0951
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Cpl.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	55
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0651
CLARK, BOMB., 2nd Lt. (JR)		landed 0951
HARTLEY, ENG., Cpl.		
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BUFFETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
CLARK, L, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0652
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 0952
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Captain	443rd	50
O'REILLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0652
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 0952
AVERY, ENG., Cpl.		
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ALLEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	25
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0704
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 0944
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
LENKENSCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (Spare)	72
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0704
TRAFON, BOMB., F/O		landed 0929
SHEW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SEILEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MEEHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd (Spare)	54
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0705
KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O		landed 0930
DZIENISZ, ENG., Sgt.		
YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CHARLTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		