

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

D-G-2

19 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 523.

Flight Commander: Captain Steinbach.
Lead Pilot : Captain Estes.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 07:08 hours, 31 B-26's took off to bomb Siegfried Line Defense Area and Town of Erlenbach (M/R: (W) R-092568, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 31. 31 B-26's were over the Primary target and 27 B-26's dropped 428 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs on the Primary target at 08:44 hours from 10,380' on an Axis of 11°T on the second bomb run, as formation was unable to align on the target on the first bomb run. 4 B-26's dropped 64 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs on the Primary target at 08:30 hours from 10,380' on an Axis of 11°T, on the first bomb run, due to bombardier error. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's were lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 31 B-26's returned to base at 10:00 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 522, this date.

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: See Report No. 522, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville; to Sarrebourg; to Ingwieler, OP, Q-8130; to Reichshoffen, IP, Q-9536; to target on an Axis of 11°T, on first bomb run; break left to Reichshoffen; to target on an Axis of 11°T; break left to Ingwieler; reciprocal course to base. (Briefed Axis - 12°T; drift correction - 05°right; evasive action - loss of altitude).

WEATHER: See Report No. 522, this date.

RESULTS: Good concentration of bombs hit in the target area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Bombed by the "BAT" method.

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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 Defense Area, Germany), of this Group, this date.

Mission I - Nieder Schlettenbach

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(T)K-17
69 (T)KB-A B
63 (T)K-17
02 (T)K-17
17 (T)KB-A B
03 (T)K-15A
06 (T)K-17

MISSION II - Erlendbach

		30	T	
		(T)KB-AB	T	
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		42	T	
		(T)K-15A	T	
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		(T)K-17	T	
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		75	T	
		(T)K-17	T	

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

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Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

C-O-N-F-I-D-H-N-T-A-L

MISSION #515 FLI 1 COMMANDER: CAPT. STEIN 19 March 1945

29 "A" EGGES
 34 ROJINSKY 29 SPARK GILES
 30 Miller 34 Wells
 45 DOOLITTLE 45 Beckman KOKOLUS
 38 Fisher 40 Prather
 33 "C" LEACH
 32 BRENNAN 33 Wagner STRICKLAND
 36 Cross 32 Sivula
 37 "D" GOEKE
 48 HECKERS 37 Stough PIERCE
 42 Venturing 48 Poppen
 31 "E" PIERSON
 46 SLUTLER 31 Yovell PECKHAM
 39 Wiltischer 46 Yovell
 43 "F" ROWAN
 47 REAGY 43 Fervell LEWIS
 27 Obeid 47 Leach
 98 "G" SULLIVAN
 36 SHERMAN 98 Drake REVEL
 99 Dumas 26 Fabrice
 93 "H" ELLIS
 94 NICHOLSON 93 Hochner CHARNEL
 75 Ryan 94 Kennerton
 89 "I" WILSON
 91 FORD 89 Schmidt TRAVELL
 76 Wilcox 91 Hale
 28 SPERES WILKINSON CUDELL LEIBENDORFER
 41 27 28 Bruno 41 Woodward 97 Phillips

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	AIR GROUND R/T	AUTHENTICITY
0100-0700	ARR	V	A	1st Index No. 4	431 MRE
0700-1300	RR	D	L	2nd " "	434 J2J
1300-1900	RY	C	B	3rd " "	437 PLY
1900-0100	PGC	Y	C	4th " "	440 LXJ

Bomber voice call sign: YELLOW 1A

W/T call sign: MOZ

Control center voice call signs: ALPINE, SIGGEE, BOYCIR on channel "C"

Contact H/LFB/KE offer orientation point. Request clearance to GOALPOST. If clearance to attack is not granted, the answer will be DENY.

CHECK POINTS: All forgeries will refer to positions desired by geographical name in requests for as variations 1 did.

Cancellation code word: TOUCHDOWN.

30-078

0708:

0724:

N70

EARLY

A BACK

FIRST: 1000

LAST: 1614

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #515 - 19 MARCH 1945

ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0708
SPANN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1000
WERNICK, NAV., Lt.		
STEINBACH, FC, Capt.		
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
LIGHTFOOT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0709
WELLS, JC, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1000
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROJNOWSKY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0709
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1001
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.		
GLADDEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SIMEC, XR, S/Sgt.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0710
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1001
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KOKCLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0710
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1002
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0711
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1002
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.		
GODER, RADIO, Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	33
WAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0711
WAGNER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1003
MULLINS, ENG., Cpl.		
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major	442nd	32
MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0712
SIWULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1003
SUGARMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
DAWSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 BRENAN, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 36
FERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0712
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1004
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURFACE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 COEKE, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 37
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0713
STOUGH, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1004
SOVOCA, NAV., Lt.		
DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 PIERCE, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 48
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0713
MCPHERSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1005
BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
FURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 42
HEDGES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0714
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1005
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.		
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DANIEL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GRADY, FOTO, Cpl.		
 PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 31
PETERSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0714
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1006
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 46
TIBBETTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0715
YOUSSI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1007
KILSY, ENG., Cpl.		
SEILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
RUSSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0715
MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1007
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.		
OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, FOTO, Cpl.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0716
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1008
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.		
STACY, RADIO, Cpl.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MCNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0717
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 1009
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
RCUSH, XG, Sgt.		
KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	27
VILLELLI, CO PILOT		took off 0717
OBEID, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1010
PATRICK, ENG., Cpl.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MCCLELLAN, XG, S/Sgt.		
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
JOHNSTON, HD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0718
DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1010
MCQUADE, NAVIGATOR, 2nd Lt.		
THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WEYENBERG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
STONER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0718
TOBACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1011
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	99
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0719
DUGGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1011
SORRELL, ENG., Cpl.		
SHROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
JOHNSTON JB, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
SINK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0719
HEPNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1012
DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FLEMMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CHANNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0720
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1012
GREER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
LEBLANC, RADIO, Cpl.		
WARREN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	75
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0720
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1013
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SMITH, GE, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
PIERCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0721
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1013
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.		
BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SKINNER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91
HARRISON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0722
HALE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1014
ROEHM, ENG., Cpl.		
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
MUSICK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0722
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1014
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WHITEIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	(Spare)
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		28
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		took off 0723
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		landed 0943
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

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GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	(Spare)	41
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.			took off 0723
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 0943
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HARRSI, RADIO, Sgt.			
HALEN, GUNNER, Cpl.			
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(Spare)	97
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 0724
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1008
DELEC, ENG., S/Sgt.			
KIRKPATRICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.			