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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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APO #374

D-C-2

20 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 524.

Flight Commander: Captain Trimm.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Kamanski.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

ROAD AND RAIL BLOCK AT LAMBRECHT (M/R: (W) R-231866, GSUS 4416, Sheet V-2),
Germany.

At 09:16 hours, 21 B-26's took off to bomb Road and Rail Block at Lambrecht (M/R: (W) R231866, GSUS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 cowling loose; 1 spare. Total Sorties: 19. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 142 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 10:49 hours from 11,000' to 10,000' on an Axis of 178° T. 8 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 10:45 hours at Lambrecht (W) R-2387 by A/C now missing, which was hit by flak. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost. 1 B-26' is missing. A/C Battle No. 77 was hit by flak, West of Neustadt, at 10:45 hours. Bombs were salvoed, right engine was feathered. A/C turned to a Southerly course and was last seen losing altitude at 8,000', as it disappeared into a cloud. A/C was heard to contact escort by radio, escort reporting that they saw him, but no position was given. 8 B-26's slightly damaged by flak (excluding missing a/c). 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:03 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity:
 - (1) P-47's provided escort.
 - (2) 4 U/I S/E a/c West of the target with black markings flying West at 9,000' at 11:13 hours.
- b. Situation: None.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None. Losses to E/A: None. Damaged by E/A: None.
Claimed E/A: None.

FLAK: S, H, A, A, -GP type flak encountered from Neustadt through cloud cover, lasting for 10 seconds.

Losses to Flak: None. (1 B-26 missing). Damaged by Flak: 8.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS.

- a. General: Towns East of Pirmasens (W) Q-9067 burning at 10:40 hours.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 10/15 RR cars at (W) R-2568.
 - (2) 8/9 M/T just West of Flamborn (W) M-2922 at 10:47 hours.
 - (3) 2/3 M/T moving East into Edesheim at (W) R-2773 at 10:46 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

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ROUTE: Base to rendezvous with secret at Luneville (W) Q-0800; to Garreboung (W) C-5016; to (W) R-1268; to rail junction West of Lambrecht (W) R-2387; to Alzes (W) M-2828; curve left to IP, Mannheim (W) M-2215; bomb run on an Axis of 178°T to target (briefed Axis - 177°T; drift correction - 11° left; evasive action - loss of 500' altitude); breakaway left; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Base to Luneville, broken altostratus, base 12,500'. North of Luneville, altostratus was 8/10ths with scattered multi-layered stratus decks below 8,000'.
- b. Vicinity of Target :
) 8/10ths altostratus, base varying between
- c. Target Area : 12,500' to 13,500'. Large broken patches of altostratus, bases 9,500', tops 10,500' below 8,000' varying scattered multi-layered stratus decks. All formations dropped through 8/10ths to 10/10ths lower cloud cover.
- d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: Not observed.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

WILLIAM COCK,
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Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION NUMBER 7 516 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN ARTHUR MARCH 1945

9 16-87	RUNWAY LINE UP	<u>TRAVELL</u>	<u>KAMANSKY</u>	<u>DAY</u>
16-89		80 Bracken	87 BEEBY	89 JARMAN
17-80		<u>"B"</u>	<u>HICKALYER</u>	
17-88		<u>W/ DDELL</u>	88 Goldman	<u>JOHNSTON CR.</u>
18-77		24 Ryan		77 Kigsek
18-24				
19-93		<u>"C"</u>	<u>ALDRIDGE</u>	
19-94		<u>BROWNE</u>	93 He hner	<u>CARY</u>
20-97		97 Forleo		97 S. rky
20-85		<u>"D"</u>	<u>SILMONSON</u>	
21-75		<u>SHERMAN</u>	85 WILLIAMS	<u>NICHOLSON</u>
21-98		98 K. Lore		75 S. ch. t
22-83	- E.R. - 9.33	<u>"E"</u>	<u>SUTHERLAND</u>	
22-95		<u>DAVIS</u>	83 Evelyn	<u>C. W. LING</u>
23-76		76 Phillips		97 Kennerton
23-82		<u>"F"</u>	<u>MATTHEWS</u>	
24-79		<u>FORD</u>	82 Tobacco	<u>LEIBENDORFER</u>
24-99		99 Dou an		79 Scherof
25-90		<u>SPARES</u>		
25-86		<u>HAVEL</u>		<u>CHANNELL</u>
		90		86 Hale

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 20 MARCH 1945

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHAL	REPLY
0100-0700	R Y	Z	X
0700-1300	G R R	J	T
1300-1900	Y Y	C	V
1900-0100	R Y	L	M

AIR GROUND R/T IDENTIFICATION

1st --- index number A 431 FNR
2nd --- index number A 434 FZF
3rd --- index number A 437 CY A
4th index number B 440 VCL

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS

"FLOORWAY"

W/ T CALL SIGNS FOR KING 1 MET

G 91 :

CONTROLL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS. BY VOICE IN
BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C"

C A NOELLATION CODE WORD

C GRIDIRON

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGN:

"GAMBLER"

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #516 - 20 MARCH 1945

KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	87
JOHNSON, CO PILOT, HD 1st Lt.		took off 0916
BEEBY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1203
WEBB, NAV., Capt.		
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TRIMM, FC, Capt.		
DAY, MA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
BOSCA, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0916
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1203
WESTBROOK, NAV., Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZALAWSKI, GUNNER,		
WEINBERG, GUNNER,		
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0917
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1204
IVERSON, ENG., Cpl.		
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
POINDEXTER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0917
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1204
HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
PIERCE, WH, RADIO, Sgt.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSTON, CR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0918
MALYSZEK, BOMB., F/O		landed
LESTER, ENG., Sgt.		
RAY, RADIO, Cpl.		
CLOEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	24
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0918
RYAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1205
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.		
WHITEIS, RADIO, Cpl.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.		

ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
HARTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0919
HEHNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1206
GREEAR, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CLEARY, RADIO, Sgt.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CARY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
TENBARGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0919
SPARKS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1206
SMITH, AA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SKINNER, RADIO, Cpl.		
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BROWNE, RW, PILOT, Lt.	444th	97
SAVAGE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0920
FORLEO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1207
FRIENDERGAST, ENG., Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GAUJOT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0920
WILLIAMSON, RL, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1207
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.		
RANKIN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	75
HARRISON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1208
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.		
ZOLLIE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SAVRESE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SHERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	98
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0921
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1208
SORRELL, ENG., Cpl.		
POCH, RADIO, Cpl.		
RYAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CASE, FOTO, Cpl.		
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0922
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1209
VINSON, ENG., Sgt.		
WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

CATALANO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SINK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.
RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.
PHILIPS, RADIO, Cpl.
ALLMON, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

early return

95
took off 0922
landed 0933

DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PHILLIPS, E, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.
RUPERT, GUNNER, Sgt.
MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.

444th

76
took off 0923
landed 1210

MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt. (JA)
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

82
took off 0923
landed 1211

LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
PIERCE, DR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
GAY, ENG., S/Sgt.
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, T/Sgt.
WIGGIL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

444th

79
took off 0924
landed 1211

FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major
DUGAN, BOMB., F/O
HORTON, ENG., Cpl.
OBROCHTA, RADIO, Cpl.
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

99
took off 0924
landed 1212

HAVEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.
STONER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
SKABIALKA, BOMB., F/O
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

(Spare)

90
took off 0925
landed 1210

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.
SONNOSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.

443rd

(Spare)

*No Mission
Credit*

25
took off 0926
landed 1216

CHANNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HALE, BOMB., F/O
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.
SMITH, RADIO, Cpl.
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th (Spare)

86
took off 0925
landed 1222