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

D-C-2

20 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 525.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

ROAD AND RAIL BLOCK AT ALBERSWEILER (M/R: (S) R-207689, GSCS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany.

At 09:55 hour, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Road and Rail block at Albersweiler (M/R: (W) R-207689, GSCS 4416, Sheet V-2), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: engineering. Total sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 140 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 11:27 hours from 12,600' to 10,500' on an axis of 193°T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. 1 B-26 lost in crash landing at base, due to flak damage; crew is safe. No B-26's missing. 10 B-26's slightly damaged by flak; 2 B-26's seriously damaged by flak. 17 B-26's returned to base at 13:07 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 524, this date.

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

FLAK: M, H, L, A, -CP type flak encountered from Heustadt.
Losses to Flak: 1. Damaged by Flak: 10 Cat. I.
2 Cat. II.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 524, this date.

CASUALTIES: None - Killed: 3 Wounded (1 Infantry Observer): None - Missing.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to rendezvous with escort at Luneville (W) Q-0800; to Sarrebourg (W) Q-5016; to (W) R-1369; to rail junction West of Lambrecht (W) R-2367; to Alsenz (W) R-2828; curve left to Mannheim (W) R-2215; to IP, Lambrecht (W) R-2486; to target on an axis of 193°T (briefed axis - 192°T; drift correction - 07° left; evasive action - loss of 600' altitude); breakaway right to (W) R-2069; to Sarrebourg; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: See Report No. 524, this date.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs were seen to cover the target area, scoring many hits on the town.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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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 (Albersweiler, Germany), of this Group, this date.

			32	T	37		
			(T)K-20		(T)K-17		
T	T	T			38	T	
					(T)K8-AB		T
				T			
		T					
T	T						
		T			48	T	
					(T)K-17		T

2. The pictures taken in Ship No. 32 were not printed.

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MISSION NUMBER 518 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT CARRAHER 20 march

RUNWAY LINE UP	"A"	<u>STRICKLAND</u> 32 Sivula	<u>ESTES</u> 29 SPANN	<u>METSCHAN</u> 37 HAUN
29				
37	"B"	<u>KOKOLUS</u> 38 Prather	<u>GUSTAFASON</u> 28 Beckman	<u>PECKMAN</u> 46 Farwell
32				
28				
46	"C"	<u>DOOLITTLE</u> 43 Fiske	<u>ROWAN</u> 27 Wagner	<u>MCNAMARA</u> 47 Locurto
38				
27				
47				
43	"D"	<u>ROJNOVSKY</u> 35 Miller	<u>STEINBACH</u> 40 ROBERTS	<u>STUTLER</u> 39 Millitscher
40				
39				
35				
31	"E"	<u>PIERCE</u> 48 Woodward	<u>PETERSON</u> 31 Cross	<u>HECKERS</u> 30 Brunn
30				
48				
33				
36				
35				
		<u>KEAGY</u> 35 Mcpherson	<u>LEACH</u> 33 Venturnino	<u>BRENEN</u> 36 Youssi
45				
41				
	SPARES	<u>WOJTKOWSKY</u> 45 Helfand		<u>GUEDELL</u> 41 Denule

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	W
1300-1900	Y Y	O	V
1900-0100	R Y	L	M

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION			
441st.	index number	A 431	FNR
442nd	index number	A 434	F2F
443rd	index number	A 437	CxA
444th	index number	A 440	VQL

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS

"FLATTOP"

W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 NET

U 78:

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BAGGAGE AND
BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C"

CANCELLATION CODE WORD GRIDIRON.

FIGHTER CALL SIGNS:

"STA IRCASE"

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #518 - 20 MARCH 1945.

ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
CARRAHER, CO PILOT - FC - Capt.		took off 0939
SPANN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1307
ENGLISH, NAV., Lt.		
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
LIGHTFOOT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0940
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1308
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
FURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSEROLE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major.	442nd	32
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0940
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1309
LINVILLE, ENG., Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HURBACE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ADLEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0941
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1238
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.	Day Lt Obs.	
PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0941
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1311
SURABIAN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.		
SMITH, RE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0942
PRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1310
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRADY, FOTO, Cpl.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	27
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0955
WAGNER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1314
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		

MCMAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0943
LOCURTO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1312
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
RUSSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0943
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1313
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.		
CODER, RADIO, Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40
SYMONS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0944
ROBERTS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1313
JOHNSON, OBS., Capt.		
BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	(NO TAKE OFF) 39
ROJNOVSKY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
WAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0951
MILLER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1314
LUKER, ENG., Cpl.		
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	31
MCCLUNG, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0951
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1315
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0952
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1315
DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
STACY, RADIO, Cpl.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PIERCE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0952
WOODWARD, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1316
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOORING, RADIO, Cpl.		
UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	33
FERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0953
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1316
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.		
GLADDEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	36
TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0953
YOUSSEI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1317
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SIELER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	42
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0954
MCPHERSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1318
MORGAN, ENG., Cpl.		
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DURHAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WOJCIKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd (Spare)	45
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0942
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1311
CARTEH, ENG., Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GURDEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd (Spare)	41
MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt.	<i>early return</i>	took off 0955
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1127
PATRICK, ENG., Cpl.		
PATTERSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		