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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 528

Flight Commander: Major Cahan.
Lead Pilot: Lt. Kamanski.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

AMMUNITION FACTORY & STORAGE AREA AT EBERSTADT, AREA D, (M/R: (W) M-6483
GSGS 4416, sheet T-3), Germany 48.

At 1333 hours 20 B-26's took off to bomb Eberstadt, Area D, Germany. 2 B-26's returned early; spares. Total sorties: 18. 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 1547 hours from 12,200' on an axis of 359° T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's were lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 1735 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Activity: 24 P-47's provided good escort.
b. Situation: See report No. 527, this date.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTER: None.

FLAK: S, H, I, I - CP type flak encountered from the west of Heidelberg on route to the target.

S, H, I, I, - CP type flak encountered on the break from the west of Darmstadt.

S, H, I, I, - CP type flak encountered from Offenbrug Area on the route home.

Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 527, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to rendezvous at Luneville; to St. Die; to Selestat; to Haslach W-2763; to Oppenau W-3187; to Caiw R-7413; to Eppingen, OP, R-8561; to Hirschorn R-8396; to target; break right to Hirschorn; reciprocal course to base. (Briefed axis - 351° T; Drift correction - 050 right; evasive action - None).

Weather: Enroute: 6-7/10ths cumulus, bases 5,500' - 6,000', tops 8,000', with occasional build-up to 9,000'. Large breaks. Vis. 6-8 miles in haze.

Target Area: 3-4/10ths Q, bases 5,500'-6,000', tops 8,000'.

Return: Same as enroute.

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RESULTS: Excellent concentration of bombs fell in the target area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Bombed by "Bat" method.

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