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

Final Mission Report No. 531

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

HEIDELBERG M/Y GERMANY (M/R: (W) R-673901, GSCS 4416, sheet, U-3.)

At 1245 hours, 3 B-26's took off to fly anti-flak for a force attacking Heidelberg RR Bridge, and to bomb Heidelberg M/Y, Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 3. 3 B-26's were over the primary target, but no bombs were dropped due to smoke obscuring the target. The formation was over the primary target at 1245 hours from 10,000' on an axis of 255° T. No bombs were salvoed and all bombs were returned to base. No B-26's were lost and no B-26's are missing. No B-26's damaged. 3 B-26's returned to base at 1406 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Activity: See Report No. 1, this date.
b. Situation: See Report No. 1, this date.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: None.

Losses to E/A: None.

Damaged E/A: None.

CLAIMED E/A: None.

FLAK: S, H, A, I, GP type flak encountered from the target area on the breakaway. Only 8 bursts were seen. Flak was on altitude but trailing slightly.

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: a. General: See Report no. 1, this date.
b. Communications: See Report No. 1, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: 1.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 1, this date, to target except here axis was 255° T (Briefed axis, 254° T; Drift correction, 4 ½ degrees left; evasive action, loss of 1,500' altitude) from target, breakaway left to Heilbronn (W) 0861; to Eppingen, (W) R-8661; to Pforzheim, (W) R-7033; to Oppenau, (W) W-3287; reciprocal course to base.

Weather: Same as Report No. 1, this date.

RESULTS: None.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 7 cartons of chaff were dropped by this formation. See Chaff Interrogation Report to follow.

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4X 1000 Gp. 1 hour - .01 tail

MISSION NO. 522 FLIGHT COMMANDER CAPT. CARPENTER 22, March 1945

27	37	8X500. 1101	DECOY	
30	31		STANLEY	
42	41	HECKERS	37 Roberts	METSON
45		41 Yowell	41 Yowell	31 Dean
39		"A"	COMPT	
38		PECKHEM	27 Elough	INGHAM
33		42 Wagner		30 Herbst
47		"B"	NOJTKOWSKI	
44		<u>EOKCLUS</u>	45 Helfand	GUEDEL
62		38 Cross		39 Obeid
67		"C"	ROWAN	
53		BRENNAN	33 Farvell	MCNEMARA
55		44 Youssi		47 Locurto
60		"D"	WITSON	
57		NEWTON	62 Elzer	WEST
72		53 Jordan		67 Greene
50		"E"	COOK	
79		MILLER	55 Hackney	ROBERTS
34		57 Dill		60 Katzman
43		"F"	UHLIG	
48		RECHER	72 Lunnemann	BIRDWELL
46		79 Klodzinski		50 Czechowicz
76		"G"	MOONEY	
91		DOOLITTLE	34 Youenes	GILES
36		48 Fisher		43 Wells
82		"H"	Strickland	
95		STUTLER	46 McPherson	KEAGY
99		91 Militischer		76 Burnn
75		"I"	PEARSON	
56		LIGHTFOOT	36 Prather	PIERCE
		95 Sivula		82 Woodward
		SPARES	LEECH	OLSON
				DUNNE
			99 Venturing	75 DeWulf
				56 Thompson

Colors of the Day For 22 March 45 Air Ground R/T Authentication
 Time Flare Colors Challenge Reply 441st Index No 4431 YCA
 0100-0700 GRR C F 442nd Index No 4434 PLY
 0700-1300 RG H D 443rd Index No. 4437 MTF
 1300-1900 YYR I G 444th Index No 4440 MYL
 1900-0100 RRR P W Cancellation Word: Firstdown
 BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 1st Gp. OVERCOAT 2nd Gp. FOOTLOCKER
 W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 NET: 1st Gp. U78 2nd GP. G91
 Control center voice call signs: Baggage and boxcar on Channel "C"
 FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 1st Gp. ABSTRACT, 2nd Gp. TOPRANK

Off: 30

Back: 29

First: 1045

First: 1406

Last: 1100

Last: 1427

No take off