

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

Final Mission Report No. 532

Flight Commander: Captain Carraher.
Lead Pilot: Lt. Goeke.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

HEIDELBERG RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (W) R-673907, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-3), Germany.

At 10:47 hours, 27 B-26's took off to bomb Heidelberg Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) R-673907, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-3), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 27 B-26's dropped 106 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 12:46 hours from 12,300' to 11,300' on an Axis of 257° T. 2 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at the target at 12:46 hours, having hung up. No bombs were returned. 1 B-26' lost: The lead A/C, Battle No. 27, was hit over the target by flak in the left engine. It dropped its bombs on the target, fell out of the formation, to the right, going into a dive. The nose wheel lowered, just before the dive commenced. Three men emerged and opened chutes while a/c was in the dive. The a/c crashed and exploded, at (W) R-7582. 2 chutes landed in Heidelberg, and 1 in wooded area at (W) R-7182. No B-26's missing. 11 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 1 seriously damaged by flak. 26 B-26's returned to base at 14:08 hours.

Note: Photo shows a/c to have crashed at R-642876.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 529, this date.

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

FLAK: S-M, H, A, A, -GP type flak encountered from the target. Commenced 40 seconds before bombs away and continued for 50 seconds into breakaway. Bursts of 4 were seen. The flak was stacked in layers at several altitudes at which the Squadrons were flying.

Losses to flak: 1. Damaged by Flak: CAT. I - 11.
CAT. II - 1.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 529, this date.

CASUALTIES: Killed - None; Wounded - 3; Missing - 6.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 531, this date, except here Axis was 257° T (briefed Axis-251° T; drift correction - 03° left; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude).

WEATHER: SEE Report No. 529, this date.

RESULTS: The third Squadron obtained an excellent concentration of bombs on the target, scoring probable direct hits. The first two Squadrons bombs landed over to the West.

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SPECIAL COMMENTS: A/C, Battle No. 27, missing from mission, 20 March 1945, is now confirmed to have been lost. The crew having bailed out over the SAAR Battle front. An 8th A. F. Combat Cameras Unit cameraman riding this mission, reports that he took a motion picture of the loss of A/C reported for this mission (22 March 1945).

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MISSION NO. 522 FLIGHT COMMANDER CURTIS CARPENTER 22. March 1945

27	37	<u>DECKY</u>	<u>4 boxes - 2 P/ten break</u>
30	31	<u>STERN</u> 21	
42	41	<u>NECKERS</u>	<u>37 Roberts</u> <u>NECKMAN</u> <u>3 boxes - 2 P/ten break</u>
45		<u>41 Youell</u>	<u>21 down</u>
39		<u>COLE</u>	
38		<u>PECKMAN D-8</u>	<u>27 Slough</u> <u>INGHAM D-9</u>
33		<u>42 Wagner (SS)</u>	<u>30 Herbat</u>
47		<u>"B" OLSON</u>	<u>WOJTKOWSKI</u>
44	30	<u>KOKOLU NTO</u>	<u>45 Helfand D-2</u> <u>GUEDER D-1</u>
62		<u>38 Cross</u>	<u>39 Oheid</u>
67	1045	<u>"C"</u>	<u>ROSEN D-1</u>
53		<u>BRENNAN D-2</u>	<u>33 Farwell</u> <u>MCNEER D-3</u>
55		<u>44 Youssi</u>	<u>47 Locura</u>
60		<u>"D"</u>	<u>WILSON</u> <u>SPFZAZER + Sgt JC Roush</u>
57		<u>NEWTON D-2</u>	<u>62 Sizer</u> <u>WEST D-1</u>
72		<u>53 Jordan</u>	<u>MILLER</u> <u>67 Greene</u>
50		<u>"E" DUANE</u>	<u>CSOX NTO</u>
79		<u>MILLER D-1</u>	<u>57 Hackney</u> <u>ROBERTS</u>
34	44	<u>57 Bell</u>	<u>60 Katzman</u>
43		<u>"F"</u>	<u>UHLIC</u>
48		<u>RECHER</u>	<u>72 Lunnemann</u> <u>BIRDWELL</u>
46		<u>79 Klodzinski</u>	<u>50 Czechowicz</u>
76		<u>"G"</u>	<u>MOONEY</u>
91		<u>DOCLITTLE D-1</u>	<u>31 Youenes</u> <u>GILES</u>
36		<u>48 Fisher</u>	<u>LEACH D-1</u> <u>43 Wells</u>
82		<u>"H"</u>	<u>Strickland NTO</u>
95		<u>STUTLER 2A+ST</u>	<u>9946 McPherson</u> <u>KEAGY</u>
99		<u>91 Militzcher</u>	<u>76 Burnn</u>
75		<u>"I"</u>	<u>PEARSON</u>
56		<u>LIGHTFOOT</u>	<u>36 Prather</u> <u>PIERCE</u>
		<u>95 Sivula</u>	<u>82 Woodward</u>
		<u>SPARES</u> <u>NECH</u> <u>GLSON</u> <u>DUANE</u>	
		<u>99 Venturino</u> <u>70 DeWulf</u> <u>86 Thompson</u>	

Colors of the Day for 22 March 45 Air Ground R/T Authentication

Time	Flare Colors	Challenge	Reply	1st 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

27
108

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #522 - 22 MARCH 1945.

d e c o y

STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	37
HEDGES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1058
ROBERTS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1406
WERNICK, NAV., 1st Lt.		
BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
WOOLF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1058
HAUN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1407
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LOVERIDGE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HECKERS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	41
FERRIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1059
YOWELL, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1408
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
STACY, RADIO, Cpl.		
TOUWMA, GUNNER, Cpl.		

ODEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	27
CAPRAHER, CO PILOT, FComdr		took off 1045
STOUGH, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed ———
ENGLISH, NAV.,		
DEROSA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
INGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	30
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1046
HERBST, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1414
BRAIN, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURBACE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
PECKHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	42
LARSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1046
WAGNER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1415
SURABIAN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45
KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
HELFAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1416
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

GUEDEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	39
PETERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
OBEID, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1416
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MIRDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		

KOKOILUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	NO TAKE OFF	38
SIMPER, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1047
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		NO TAKE OFF	landed
MARSIO, ENG., Cpl.			
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.			
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
GRADY, FOTO, Cpl.			

ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	33
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1048
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1417
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		

MENAMARA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47
MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1048
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 1418
MORDUE, ENG., Cpl.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BRENAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1049
YOUSSEI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1418
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
GLADDEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	62
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1049
SELZER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1423
NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DICKINSON, OBS., Capt.		

WEST, PILOT, Major.	442nd	67
BUFFETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1050
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1424
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	53
WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1050
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1424
BURK, ENG., T/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FOIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Cpl.		
 COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd (NO TAKE OFF)	 55
ROBERTS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
KATZMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1425
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 MILLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 57
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 1409
WARD, ENG., Cpl.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Cpl.		
 UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 72
BOMHOLT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
LUNNEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1426
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.		
YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHRIES, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 50
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
SZCZCHOWICZ, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1426
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PERKINSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 RECHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 79
PHILLIPS, CB, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1053
KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O		landed 1427
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HERREMA, RG, Cpl.		
 MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	 442nd	 34
CLEMONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1053
YOUNES, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1419
SAVOCA, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
MCORE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

GILES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	43
WAGNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1054
WELLS, JC, 2nd Lt., BOMB.,		landed 1419
MCDUGAL, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOORING, RADIO, Cpl.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	48
RUSSELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1054
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1420
SULLIVAN, ENG., Cpl.		
GODER, RADIO, Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NEAL, FOTO, Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major.	442nd	46
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	NO TAKE OFF	took off
MCHERSON, BOMB., F/O	NO TAKE OFF	landed
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KEAGY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	76
DAVIES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1421
SUGARMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
DAWSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	91
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1056
MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1421
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PETRO, FOTO, Sgt.		
PEARSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	36
SYMONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1056
FRATHER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1422
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
PIERCE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	82
WAUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1057
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1422
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
STUTLAND, FOTO, Pfc.		

LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O
FARMER, ENG., Sgt.
NEWTON, RADIO, Sgt. Staff
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

95
took off 1057
landed 1423

LEACH, PILOT, Capt.
FERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VENTURINO, BOMB., F/O
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.
VINE, RADIO, Cpl.
DANIEL, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

(Spare)

99
took off 1055
landed 1420

OLSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LEVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O
WIDAU, ENG., Sgt.
PATTERSON, RADIO, Cpl.
ADLEN, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

(Spare)

75
took off 1059
landed 1415

DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.
AVERY, ENG., Cpl.
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl.
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

(Spare)

56
took off 1100
landed 1425