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

D-G-2

23 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 533.

Flight Commander: Major Cahan.
Lead Pilot : Captain Trium.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

NECKARELZ RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (W) S-069613, GSGS 4416, sheet U-3), Germany.

At 10:08 hours, 29 B-26's took off to bomb Neckarelz Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) S-069613, GSGS 4416, sheet U-3), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 engineering. Total sorties: 26. 26 B-26's were over the Primary Target and 26 B-26's dropped 104 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 12:06 hours from 11,400' on an Axis of 22°T. 4 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 11:40 hours at (W) V-9863 by the early return, with engineering trouble. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 26 B-26's returned to base at 13:20 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: See Report No. 534, this date.
- b. Situation: See Report No. 534, this date.

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

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 534, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to rendezvous with escort at Luneville (W) Q-0800; to St. Die; to Selestat (W) V-7962; to Haglach (W) W-2862; to Oppenau (W) W-3286; to Calw (W) R-7312; to Durmenz (W) R-7938; to IP, Germmingen (W) R-9063; to target on an Axis of 22°T (briefed Axis - 23°T; drift correction - none; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude); breakaway left to Durmenz; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: Clear Vis. 5 - 6 miles in haze in all areas.

RESULTS: Target was missed. Bombs started short, walking to the bridge, with others cutting the west approach.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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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 (Neckarsels RR Bridge, Germany), of this Group, this date.

Mission I

			T	89		
			T	(T)K-17		
	T			79	T	
T		T		(T)KB-AB		T
		32	T			
		(T)K-20		T		
	T			47	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T
		91	T	80		
		(T)K-20		(T)KB-AB		
	T			94	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T

Mission II

			T	71		
			T	(T)K-17		
	T			52	T	
T		T		(T)KB-AB		T
		14	T			
		(T)K-17		T		
	T			22	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T
		53	T			
		(T)KB-AB		T		
	T			54	T	
T		T		(T)K-17		T

2. The pictures taken in Ships Nos. 32, 91, 80, and 14 were not printed.

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VISUALMISSION NO. 523 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major CARM 23 MARCH 1945.
RUNWAY LINEUP

83	"A"	WADDELL	TRIMM	DAY
89		76 KENNERSON	83 CLARES	89 JARMAN
76	"B"	CHANNELL	MITCHEWS	
88 NTO		79 KILGORE	88 NADE/ALTO	FORD
97	"C"	WICKELSON	ELLIS	27 DUGGAN
79		75 HALE	93 DUFFEL	HARTMAN
93	"D"	KOKOLUS	METSCHAN	86 BRUCKEN
86		32 CROSS	37 HUN	INGHAM
75	"E"	McN/MIRA	STRICKLAND	34 HERBST
37		47 LOCURTO	43 McPHERSON	LIGHTFOOT
34	"F"	KEAGY	ROMAN	38 YOUSSEI
32		46 CREID	33 FARNWELL	HECKERS
43	"G"	CITALINO	S/L ONSON	30 SIVULA
38		91 T/BICO	98 WILLIAMS	LALPMAN EARLY
47	"H"	LIEBENDORFER	SUTHERLAND	80 GOLDMAN
33		94 SPARKS	99 EVELAND	BROWNE
30	"I"	STUTLER	LEACH	82 POINDEXTER
46		39 WILTSCHER	45 VENTURINO	GUEDEL
98		SPYRES	DOOLITTLE	44 WOODWARD
80		PECKHAN	42 FISHER	CARY
91		36 HELFOND		95 SKIBLKA

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 23 MARCH 1945

TIME	FL	RE	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	GRR	O	X	
0700-1300	YYR	H	Z	
1300-1900	YY	D	V	
1900-0100	RY	N	M	

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 320th Group PLATOP 3/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING
1 NET: 320th Group 186 CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BAGGAGE AND
BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C" FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: ICEBOX
CHECK POINTS: ALL FORMATIONS WILL RIFER 2 POSITIONS DESIRED BY
GEOGRAPHICAL NAME IN REQUESTS FOR NAVIGATIONAL AID.

of 29 A86 3-5 9

first 1008

Last 1022

NTO 88

EARLY 80 42 36

4 BACK 1320

FIRST 1336

LAST

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #523 - 23 MARCH 1945.

TRIMM, PILOT, Capt.	444th	83
SHERMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		TOOK OFF 1008
CAIRNS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1320
WEBB, NAV., Capt.		
DOWLEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CAHAN, FC, Major.		
DAY, MA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
MUSICK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1008
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1320
HARTMAN, NAV., Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
DAY, GUNNER, (JE) S/Sgt.		
MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1009
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1322
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.		
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(NO TAKE OFF) 88
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	97
PIERCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1010
DUGGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1323
GREEAR, ENG., T/Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CHANNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1010
KILCORE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1323
ROEHM, ENG., Cpl.		
KIRKPATRICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SAVARESE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CASE, FOTO, Cpl.		
ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
STONER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1011
DUFFEL, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1324
SORRELL, ENG., Cpl.		
FLEMMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

HARTMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	86
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1011
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1324
IVERSON, ENG., Cpl.		
POOR, RADIO, Cpl.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	75
GHEENT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1012
HALE, BOMB, F/O		landed 1325
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.		
OBROCHTA, RADIO, Cpl.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Spl.		
METSCHAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1012
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1325
SAVOCA, NAV., Lt.		
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
INGHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
INGHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1013
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1326
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURBACE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1013
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1327
O'CONNER, ENG., Cpl.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major	442nd	43
RUSSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1014
MCPHERSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1327
SULLIVAN, ENG., Cpl.		
GODER, RADIO, Cpl.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
CLEASON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1014
YOUSSEI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1328
MARSIO, ENG., Cpl.		
SIELER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MCNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
MCCLING, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1015
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O		landed 1329
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33
SYMONS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1015
FARWELL, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1329
MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
MEYER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1016
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1330
MORDUE, ENG., Cpl.		
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ADLEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1016
OBEID, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1331
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.		
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
JOHNSTON, HD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1017
WILLIAMS RD, 1st Lt. BOMB.		landed 1331
WESTBROOK, NAV., 1st Lt.		
RANKIN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAMPMAN, PILOT, Lt.	444th	80
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1017
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1230
ADAMS, NAV., Lt.		
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
WIGGILL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CATALANO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91
TENBARGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1018
TABBACO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1334
HUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.		
LEBLANC, RADIO, Cpl.		
PHILIPS, GUNNER, JA, Cpl.		

early return
Mission Credit

SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
STARR, CO PILOT, Lt. 2nd		took off 1018
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1334
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.		
WALCHLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WARREN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NADEAU, OBS., Capt.		
BROWNE, PILOT, Lt.	444th	82
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1019
POINDEXTER, BOMB.,		landed 1335
FRENDERGAST, ENG.,		
SKINNER, RADIO,		
GAUJOT, GUNNER,		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1019
SPARKS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1335
CLIFT, OBS., 1st Lt.		
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DINYER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRADY, FOTO, Cpl.		
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	45
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1020
VENTURINO, BOMB, Lt.		landed 1335
MORGAN, ENG., Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
DANIEL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1020
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1336
ISON, ENG., Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1021
MILITSCHER, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1336
MULLINS, ENG., Cpl.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	42
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O	(Spare) ←	took off 1021
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.	early	landed 1205
LUKER, ENG., Cpl.		
KING, RADIO, Cpl.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

CARY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SKABIALKA, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th (Spare)

95
took off 1022
landed 1320

PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.
HELFNAND, BOMB., Lt.
SWICK, ENG., Cpl.
PATTERSON, RADIO, Cpl.
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th (Spare)

36
took off 1022
landed 1200

early return