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

D-G-2

24 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 535.

Flight Commander: Major Deatly.
Lead Pilot : Captain Scott.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

BIETIGIEN RAILROAD VIADUCT (M/R: (W) S-020405, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-3), Germany.

At 09:58 hours, 29 B-26's took off to bomb Bietigien Railroad Viaduct (M/R: (W) S-020405, GSGS 4416, Sheet V-3), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early: spares. Total Sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target on two bomb runs, and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target on the first bomb run at 11:56 hours from 11,200' on an Axis of 212°T, and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target on the second bomb run at 12:03 hours from 12,300' on an Axis of 210°T, not having been in position to drop on the first bomb run. No bombs were salvoed. 36 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs were returned to base by 9 B-26's, the second Squadron, which were not in position to drop on the first bomb run and did not identify the target on the second bomb run, and did not drop on the Alternate target, because the Flight Commander ordered them to return with the formation. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26 slightly damaged by flak. 27 B-26's returned to base at 13:31 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation: See Report No. 536, this date.

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

FLAK: S, H, A, A, -CP type flak encountered from Offenbergl area. 10/12 bursts only. One crew member reported a 4 gun battery at (W) W-176882, on edge of wooded area.

Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 1.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Report No. 536, this date.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to rendezvous with escort at Luneville (W) Q-0800; to St. Dis (W) V-4164; to Selestat (W) V-7962; to Haglach (W) W-2862; to Oppenau (W) W-3286; to Calw (W) R-7312; to Vaihingen (W) R-8237; to Bietigien (W) S-0204; to Adolfsfurt (W) S-2664; to IF, (W) S-1362; to target on an Axis of 210°T. on the first bomb run; curve right to IF; to target on Axis of 212°T. (Briefed Axis - 207°T; drift correction - 013° right; evasive action - loss of 700' altitude); breakaway left to Vaihingen (W) R-8273; reciprocal course to base.

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GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd)

b. Communications: (Cont'd)

(5) 2 locomotives with steam up, stationary, at Wildberg (W) R-0274 at 11:42 hours.

(6) Train of 50 RR cars, with locomotives on each end, stationary, locomotives had steam up, at Weil-Der-Stadt (W) R-8317 at 12:07 hours.

(7) Train of 20 RR cars moving in yards, 300 RR cars in yards, at Heilbronn (W) S-0862 at 11:28 hours.

(8) 100 RR cars scattered on tracks between target and 5 miles South at 11:58 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 5.

ROUTE: Route was the same as that of Mission Report No. 535, this date, except here only one bomb run was made on an Axis of 210°T; no drift corrections; evasive action - loss of 1,500' altitude.

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 535, this date.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern covered the target, scoring several direct hits.

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 (Bietigheim Railroad Viaduct, Germany), of this Group, this date.

MISSION I

		24	T			
		(T)K-17		T		
	T				22	T
T					(T)K8-AB	12
		72	T			(T)K-20
		(T)K-15A		T		
	T				69	T
T					(T)K-17	T
		17	T			
		(T)K-17		T		
T	T				20	T
					(T)K8-AB	T

MISSION II

			T	30		
				(T)K-17		
	T			47	T	
T				(T)K8-AB		T
		91	T			
		(T)K-15A		T		
	T				75	T
T					(T)K-17	T
		44	T			
		(T)K8-AB		T		
T	T			39	T	
				(T)K-17		T

2. The pictures taken in strips nos. 12, 72, 69, 47, 91, 44, and 39 were not printed.

William Cook,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION # 525 FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR DELTY 24 March 1945

01	"A"	SCOTT	
02	PORSYTHE	01 POSEY	LYONS
24	24 Bush		02 GARVEY
04	"B"	<u>150</u>	
12	KAISER	04 McGroary	RAISEY
22	22 Nelson		12 Turnard
05	"C"	JONES	
18	WALDEN	05 Erickson	HEAGEN
14	14 Martinson		18 McKinley
58	"D"	FARSONS	
62	HOOVER	58 Hanga	DETHEAN
72	72 SUGGS		62 Green
71	"E"	LIVSEY	
61	PHILLIPS	71 Clark	MEEHAN
69	69 Gooch		61 Chacko
67	"F"	COOK	
56	MECHER	57 Christrup	ZOELLER
51	51 Gunn		<u>65 Orr</u>
11	"G"	DOCKE	
21	ROBINSON	11 Ferrindino	KAUFFMAN
17	17 Grice		21 Anderson
19	"H"	DOCKTIEL	
06	BLACK	19 Blackerby	ZIECK
20	20 Murray		06 Hoja
64	"I"	UHLIG	
60	POON	64 Dell	JONES
63	63 Ford		60 Trafton

0954

COLORS OF THE DAY				AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION			
TIME	FLAME COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	1st	Index number	2nd	TRM
0100-0700	RG	L	N	2nd	"	"	231 KRG
0700-1300	GR	X	O	3rd	"	"	237 YPH
1300-1900	IR	C	V	4th	"	"	240 VEM
1900-0100	YY	B	S	CANCELLATION: BLACKFIELD			

Bomber call sign: 320th Group: CONNEY

V/T call sign for wing 1 net: HQ2

Control center: BAGGAGE AND DOCK on channel "G"

Escort: TURKEY

CHECK POINTS: All formations will refer to positions desired by geographical name in requests for navigational aid.

HOFF 29

FIRST 0958

LAST 1012

N70 04-56-21-

BACK 29

FIRST 1335

LAST 1331

Span
57-54

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #525 - 24 MARCH 1945.

SCOTT, PILOT, Capt.	441st	01
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0958
POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1315
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt. (01)		
WILSON, TF, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEATLY, FC, Major		
LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0958
GARVEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1316
SIPOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.		
WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, OBS., Major		
FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	24
HEDGES, JT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0959
BUSH, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1331
MCBRIDE, ENG., Pvt.		
COOK MG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, PG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HOWLINGCRANE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
RAMSEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	DINONE, PILOT, F/O 441st (NO TAKE OFF) Ship No. 04
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		12
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O		took off 1000
EVANS, DG, ENG., Cpl.		landed 1317
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KAISER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
BIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0959
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1317
FEINEN, ENG., Cpl.		
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CIRMO, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	05
WILSON, SC, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1000
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1318
BRYANT, ENG., Cpl.		
SLADE, RADIO, Cpl.		
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PICKARD, OBS., Capt.		

PHILLIPS, PILOT, CM, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
PHILLIPS, CO PILOT, CB, 2nd Lt.		took off 1004
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1323
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEVAUGHN, FOTO,		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1005
CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O		landed 1323
BROOKS, ENG., Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, Sgt.		
CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1005
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.	(This was crew of 56	landed 1324
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.	which didn't t/o)	
SEILEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RECHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
RULEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1006
GUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1324
WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1006
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1324
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
FURCELL, ENG.,		
STRAND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	Ship # 21-N.T.O.	
ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1007
GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1325
LUCHANESKY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOSTIC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLUE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
JOHNSON, WE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1007
BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O		landed 1326
WILLIAMS, DY, ENG., Cpl.		
HAVEL, G, RADIO, Cpl.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		

ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	06
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1008
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1327
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1008
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1327
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.		
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.		
UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1009
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 1328
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.		
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ALLEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. (RE)		
ROBERTS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
NESBITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1009
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1329
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
POOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1010
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1330
CEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd (Spare)	57
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1010
KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O		landed 1057
WARD, ENG., Cpl.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd (Spare)	54
RIEBE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1012
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1056
SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HERREMA, RADIO, Cpl.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.		

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HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1319
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
LOAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1001
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1320
WYATT, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DALTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1002
MAZGA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1320
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DETHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1002
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1321
STUEMKE, NAV., F/O		
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	72
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1003
SUGGS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1321
DZIENISZ, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JENKINSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Cpl.		
LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1003
CLARK, BOMB., 2nd Lt. (JR)		landed 1322
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAVER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MEEHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
CLARK, L, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1004
CHACKO, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1322
WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl.		
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CHARLETON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

COLTR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 441st
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.
KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.
LANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

08
took off 1011
landed 1325

DINOME, PILOT, F/O 441st
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
WASH, ENG., Sgt.
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.
VANDYKE, GUNNER, Sgt.

09
took off 1011
landed 1317