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

D-G-2

31 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 537.

Flight commander: Lt. Col. Hayward.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Mosby.

320th bombardment group (M).

HEILBRONN M/Y (M/R: (W) S-064604, GSGS 4416, sheet V-3), Germany.

At 10:39 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Heilbronn M/Y (M/R: (W) S-064604, GSGS 4416, sheet V-3), Germany. 4 B-26's returned early: 1 engineering; 3 spares. Total sorties: 26. 26 B-26's were over the Primary target on two bomb runs and 26 B-26's dropped 204 x 500-lb. demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 13:27 hours from 12,000' to 11,000' on an axis of 168°. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 21 B-26's returned to base at 15:13 hours and 5 B-26's returned between 16:30 hours and 17:15 hours after landing at Luneville for fuel.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation:

- (1) A bellied-in C-47 was seen at field at (W) C-5341 at 14:01 hours.
- (2) A crashed B-26 on the ground at (W) H-4628 at 12:22 hours.

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:

- a. General:

- (1) 30/40 small black puffs at 1,500' were drifting at (W) S-0974 at 13:26 hours; not believed, by observer, to be flak.
- (2) 18 barges at target at 13:27 hours.
- (3) 20 barges between target and Neckarlex (W) R-9984 at 13:27 hours.
- (4) 5 buildings and gun emplacements south-east of the target at (W) S-1855 at 13:27 hours.

- b. Communications:

- (1) 200 RR cars at target at 13:27 hours.
- (2) 100 RR cars at (W) S-2062 at 13:28 hours.
- (3) 50 cars marked with red crosses at Neudeman (W) S-1278 at 13:30 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/c TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

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ROUTE: Base to rendezvous with escort at Luneville (W) Q-0800; to Zweibaucken (W) Q-7372; to Kaiserlautern (W) R-0294; to Alzey (W) M-2729; to Bickenbach (W) M-6329; to Hetsbach (W) M-9011; to IP, Auerbach, (W) S-0890; to target on the first bomb run; curve left to IP; second bomb run to target on an Axis of 168°T (briefed Axis - 184°T; drift correction - 03° right; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude); breakaway left to Auerbach; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : 8-9/10ths stratocumulus, base varying between 3,000' and 4000', tops 8,000', with occasional thin patches of altostratus at 8,000'.
- b. Vicinity of Target :)- 8-9/10ths stratocumulus, tops 8,000'. Few
- c. Target Area : breaks over the target.
- d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: The bombs of first 2 squadrons started just north of the target and walked through the east end, across large concentration of RR cars. Bombs of 3rd squadron cut through the west end of the yards.

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 (Heilbronn R/Y, Germany), of this group, this date.

MISSION I

			I	68		
				(T)K-17		
				72	T	52
				(T)K8-AB		(T)K-20
			71			
			(T)K-15A			
				69	T	
				(T)K-17		
			17			
			(T)K8-AB			
				23	T	
				(T)K-17		

MISSION II

			T	25		
				(T)K-17		
				76	T	97
				(T)K8-AB		(T)K-20
			86			
			(T)K-17			
				82	T	84
				(T)K-17		(T)K-20
			39			
			(T)K8-AB			
				32	T	
				(T)K-17		

2. The following pictures in ships Nos. 52, 71, 25, 76, 97, 86, 84, and 39, and 82 did not take photos, were not printed.

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MISSION 527 FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. HAYWARD 31 MARCH 1945

RUNWAY LINEUP

66	"A"	HOSBY	
68	O'REILLY	66 HOWE	BRAINARD
55	55 Gunn		68 PETERSON
51	"B"	LIVELY	
52	HOOVER	51 Otto	KOMOROWSKI
72	72 Suggs		52 Tranton
70	"C"	UHLIG	
50	DUANE	70 Clark, JR	NEWTON
57	57 Orr		50 Thompson
62	"D"	WEST	
64	LODECK	62 GREENE	BIRDWELL
71	71 Klodzinski		64 Davis
67	"E"	MCDONALD	
60	PHILLIPS	67 Lussenden	SCOTT
69	69 Ford		60 Czechowitz
05	"F"	WILSON	
22	PLATT	05 Murray	EVANS
14	14 Martinson		22 Trias
10 - E.R.	"G"	SCHLANTZ	
21	ROBINSON	10 LIEVER	KAUFFMAN
17	17 Hayward		21 ALLEN
12	"H"	ELMORE	
23	WEFFEL	12 McCrory	ZELLNER
01	23 Wilson	09	12 Williamson
06	"I"	COCKRILL	
18	JOHNSON	01 McKinley	WHITEMAN
	18 Thomas		06 Bush
	SHIRES	SMITH	
	GRONIS	63 Katzman	LEVERING
	24 Walter		19 Vance

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 31 MARCH 1945.

THE	FLARE COLORS	CHAL.	REPLY
0100-0700	R G	S	B
0700-1300	R G	J	Q
1300-1900	R Y	D	M
1900-0100	R Y	L	Y

AIR GROUND E/T AUTHENTICATION

441st - Index Number A-431 YGC
 442nd - Index Number A-434 JFN
 443rd - Index Number A-437 XTQ
 444th - Index Number A-440 UJA

BOHEM VOICE CALL SIGNS: DEESWAX

W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 NET: A 86

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:
 BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON CHANNEL "C".

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: TURBINE

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: CLEMPFIELD

CHECK POINTS: ZWIEDRUCKEN - DOG
 KAISERLAUTERN - ZEDRA
 ALZHEY - NAN AUERDACH - FOX

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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #527 - 31 MARCH 1945.

MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed
MURRAY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAYWARD, FC, Lt. Col.		
BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	68
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		
O'REILLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off
GUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed
BROOKS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KOMCROWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O		landed
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, F, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	72
PHILLIPS, CB, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
SUGGS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
DZIENISZ, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Cpl.		

UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
BOMHOLT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
CLARK, JR, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.		
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	50
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
SHEW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WEST, PILOT, Major	443rd	62
BUFFETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
REDACTED , CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	Johansen, F/O	took off
LUSSENDEN , BOMB., 2nd Lt.	Davis 1st Lt.	landed
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORT, RADIO S/Sgt.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LOBECK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71
WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O		landed
WARD, ENG., Cpl.		
VALHOS, RADIO, Cpl.		
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
O'CONNOR, FOTO, Cpl.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	67
RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off
LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

SCOTT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., Sgt.		landed
WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl.		
HAFFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SEILEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		

PHILLIPS, CH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Cpl.		

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	05
HEDGES, JT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed
STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SLADE, RADIO, Cpl.		
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

EVANS, EA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed
GARNER, ENG., Sgt.		
NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

PRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
LOAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
WYATT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DALTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	<i>Early Return</i>	took off
LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CONNELL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off
ALLEN, RO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed
DIETRICH, NAV., F/O		
PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.		
WILLIAMS, EC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O		landed
LUCHANSKY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOSTIC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.		

SHIP NUMBER 11 ----NO TAKE OFF (CREW IN 09)

DINOME, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	09
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed
WASH, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MESSINGER, OBS., Capt.		

ZELLMER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	12
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.		
FEELER, RADIO, Cpl.		
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Sgt.		

WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
REISDORF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
FEINEN, ENG., Sgt.		
DIETRICK, PP, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CIRMO, FOTO, T/Sgt.		

COCKRIEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed
BALINSKI, ENG., Sgt.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		

WHITEMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	06
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
BUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed
MCBRIDE, ENG., Cpl.		
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.		
COOK, M., GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		

JOHNSON, WE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed
FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HAVEL, MD, RADIO, Sgt.		
SUPANICK, GUNNER, Cpl.		

SMITH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KATZMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.
YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ALLEN, RE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd (Spare)

63
took off
landed

Early Return

LEVERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O
VANCE, BOMB., F/O
SMELAND, ENG., Sgt.
SMITH, CT, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st (Spare)

19
took off
landed

Early Return

GRONIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
RARICK, ENG., Cpl.
PRITCHETT, RADIO, Cpl.
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st (Spare)

24
took off
landed

Early Return