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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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1 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 539.

Flight Commander: Captain Meeney.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Mesby.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

VAIHINGEN BARRACKS AND DEPOT AREA (M/R: (W) R-990160, GSGS 4416, Sheet W-3),
Germany.

At 12:20 hours, 2 B-26's took off to bomb Vaihingen Barracks and Depot Area (M/R: (W) R-990160, GSGS 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany, and to drop "Chaff" in advance of the main formation. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 2. 2 B-26's were over the primary target, but malfunction of equipment prevented bombing the target, and 2 B-26's dropped 14 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) 10 miles North of the target at 14:41 hours from 12,300' on an Axis of 350°T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26 slightly damaged by flak; 1 B-26 seriously damaged by flak. 2 B-26's returned to base at 16:33 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

(1) P-47's provided escort.

(2) 2/3 S/E U/I a/c at 5,000' headed North at Everbach (W) R-9198 at 14:50 hours.

b. Situation: None.

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

FLAK: S, H, A, A, -GP type flak encountered from the target area. Commenced one minute before the target, and continued for one minute after breakaway. 30 seconds of flak was experienced.

Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 1 Category I.
1 Category II.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

CASUALTIES: None - Killed; 1 - Wounded; none - Missing.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville, rendezvous, (W) Q-0800; to Zweibrucken (W) Q-7272; to Kaiserslautern (W) R-1094; to Worms (W) M-4515; to Everbach (W) R-9198; to Geppingen (W) S-4114; to Reutlingen (W) X-0989; to IP, 2 miles east of Tübingen (W) X-0092 (briefed Axis - 357°T; drift correction - 09° left; evasive action - loss of 1,300' altitude); breakaway left to IP; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

a. Enroute : 9-10/10ths stratocumulus, tops 5-6,000' topped by 5-6/10ths thin altocumulus, tops 9,000'. Vis excellent.

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- b. Vicinity of Target : As enroute.
c. Target Area : 6/10ths stratocumulus, tops 5-6,000',
large breaks over target. 5-6/10ths thin altostratus, tops 9,000', small
altostratus cloud lay over the target. Vis excellent.
d. Return : As enroute.

RESULTS: Bombs landed 10 miles North of the target at (W) R-9634.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 4 cartons of "CHAFF" were dropped from IP to target and
return to IP. This was a "BAT" mission.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION NO. 529 FLIGHT COMMANDER 1 April 1945

Runway line	UP	DECOY	MOSEBY
29	Decoy	BROWN	Howe 66
40	66	91 Nickelson	SAVAGE
47	79	"A"	79 Forleo
37	91	MCNAMARA	29 Span
35		47 Obeid	WOJTKOWSKI
32		"B"	40 Roberts
45		PECKHAM	37 McPherson
44		32 Brunn	OLSON
41		"C"	35 Cross
83		RUSSELL	45 Yowe
80		41 Worn	LIGHTFOOT
84		"D"	44 Yowe
98		WIDDELL	83 Cairns
94		84 McQuade	LAMPMAN
75		"E"	80 Goldman
93		NICKELSON	SUTHERLAND
76		75 Sparks	98 Duggan
95		"F"	CATALANO
25		PIERCE	94 Hale
30		95 Kilmore	93 Schmidt
42		"G"	DAVIS
31		GUEDEL	76 Takala
38		42 Sivula	SPRADDLING
39		"H"	25 Anderson
88		SIDLER	GUSTAFSON
57		32 Dewulf	30 Herbst
97		"I"	PEARSON
36		WILSON	31 Beckman
82		22 McDexter	KOKOLIS
86		SMITH	38 Prather
		HAVEI	WILSON
		86 Phillips	88 Tebecco
			LIEBENPORTER
			57 Bracken
			KENGY
			36 Fisher
			HUFMEYER
			82 Skebialske

COLORS OF THE DAY For 1 April 1945 Air Ground R/T Authentication

Time	Flare Colors	Challenge	Reply	1st Index No.	2nd Index No.	3rd Index No.	4th Index No.	Cancellation code
0100-0700	YY	C	W	1441	1442	1443	1444	UBV
0700-1300	RG	D	B	1441	1442	1443	1444	LBN
1300-1900	RR	Y	C	1441	1442	1443	1444	UFV
1900-0100	RRR	J	M	1441	1442	1443	1444	XZW

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: Gp. #529 Tablecloth # 530 Wiseguy

W/T call signs for Wing 1 Net: Gp. 529-U78 and Gp 530 M02

Control center voice call signs: Baggage and Boxcar on Channell "C"

Fighter Voice call signs: Gp 529 Icebox, Gp 530 Geemen

CHECK POINTS: WORMS (M-4516) Easy EBENACH (R-9198) Dog
 GOPPINGEN (S-4014) Nan REUTLINGEN (X-1150) Peter