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

1 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 541

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Capt. O'Mahoney.

HEAD PILOT : Lt. Peterson.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

Vaihingen Barracks and Depot Area (M/R: (W) R-009160, GCS 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany.

At 12:50 hours, 3 B-26's took off to bomb Vaihingen Barracks and Depot Area and dropped chaff in advance of main formation, (M/R: (W) R-009160, GCS 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total sorties: 3. 3 B-26's were over the target and 3 B-26's dropped 22 x 500 lb. Demolition bombs (Inst. Nose & No Delay Tail Fuses) on the primary Target at 15:13 hours from 12,300 feet to 11,300 feet on an axis of 357 degrees True. No bombs were salvos or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 3 B-26's returned to base at 16:57 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation: None.

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

FLAK: S, H, I, I, Type Flak encountered from the target. Encountered 40 seconds before bombs away and for 20 seconds into the breakaway. Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 1.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: -0

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 539, this date, except here the axis was 357 degrees True.

RESULTS: No observations due to cloud cover.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 19½ cartons of "chaff" were dropped from the IP to Target and return to IP.
"Bat Mission".

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, ~~in charge~~
Group S-2 Officer.

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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 (Vaihingen Barracks & Depot Area, Germany), of this Group, this date.

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T)K-17 38
T) K-20

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