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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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APG 374

1 April 1945

Final Mission Report No. 542

Flight Commander: Capt. O'Mahoney.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Schrantz.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

Vaihingen Barracks and Depot Area (M/R: (W) R-990160, GCS 4416, Sheet W-3),
Germany.

At 12:52 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Vaihingen Barracks and Depot Area, (M/R: (W) R-990160, GCS 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: Spares. Total sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 142 X 500 lb. Demolition Bombs (Inst. Nose & No Delay Tail Fuses), and 9 B-26's dropped 70 X 500 lb. Incendiary clusters, M-17, set with M-138 fuses set at 19 seconds delay on the primary target at 15:16 hours from 13,300 feet to 12,300 feet on an axis of 351 degrees True. No bombs were salvoes or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 13 B-26's were slightly damaged by flak; 1 B-26 seriously damaged by flak. 27 B-26's returned to base at 16:59 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: M, H, A, A, CP type flak encountered from the target area. Encountered 40/50 seconds before bombs away and continued 1 minute into breakaway. Flak at first was inaccurate - low and ahead of the formation, believed to be due to the chaff dropped by the decoy. The flak became accurate towards the end of the bomb run. Several Red Bursts were reported. Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 13 cat. I. 1 cat. II.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: see report No. 540, this date.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 7.

ROUTE: same as No. 539, this date.

WEATHER: same as report No. 539, this date.

RESULTS: The bombs of the third Squadron hit the Target squarely, causing fires and explosions. The Bombs of the other 2 Squadrons, landed west of the target.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: "Bat" Mission.

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MISSION NO 530

FLIGHT COMMANDER CAPT. O'DONOHUEY 1 April 1945

RUNWAY LINE UP

87	Decoy	DECOY	PETERSON	
02	78	SHIPLE	78 Ingles	LOBECK
06	63	54 Orr		63 Kat
14	54	54	SCHRIANTZ	
22		ZIEPK	87 Liever	LYONS
08		54 Spire		02 Garvey
01		54	DINOME	
18		LINKE	14 Martinson	O'BRIEN
17		24 Spire		22 Biddle
11		54	COCKRIEL	
21		54	54 Blackerby	JOHNSON
20		54 McKinley		18 Kingsbury
07		54	DUNN	
24		54	11 Ferrandino	LEVERING
03		20 Williamson		21 Vance
58		54	WILSON	
50		JANTR	07 Trias	LEKUS
53		03 Thomas		24 Nelson
68		54	DELMAN	
67		POOR	58 LUSSENDEN	NEWTON
69		53 Simmons		50 Hogan
70		54	BRAUNARD	
61		PHILLIPS	68 Peterson	TOWNSEND
55		69 Loughridge		67 Holland
62		54	WEINGART	
56		BUFFETT	70 Otto	JOLLITT
71		56 Christman		61 Lunemann
05	Ground	54	BOLHOLT	
52	Spares	SMITH	62 Clark	JONES
51	64	71 Thomson		56 Trafton
97	Decoy 60	SPARES	JONES	
		LIVSEY	05 Lantry	BETHAN
		51 Dill		24 M...

Colors of the Day for 1 April 1945

Time	Flare Colors	Challenge	Reply	1st Index No.	2nd Index No.	3rd Index No.	4th Index No.	Authentication
0100-0700	YY	C	W	441	442	443	444	UBV
0700-1300	RG	D	H	441	442	443	444	LBN
1300-1900	RR	Y	C	441	442	443	444	UFV
1900-0100	RRR	J	M	441	442	443	444	XZW

Cancellation code word: Screwball

Bomber Voice call signs: Gp# 529 Tablecloth # 530 Wiseguy

W/T call signs for Wing 1 Net: Gp 529 J78 for Gp 530 M02

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

Fighter voice call signs: Gp# 529 Icebox, Gp# 530 Geeman

CHECK POINTS: WORMS (M-4516) - Easy EBERBACH (R-9198) - Dog

GOPPINGEN (S-4014) - Nan Reutlingen (X-1090) - Peter.

No. Off. : 32

N.T.O.i 18+

First Off : 12:50

17:09

17:23

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 530 - 1 APRIL 1945.

d e c o y

PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	78
KAISER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1302
INGLE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1707
SIPORIEN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.		
LANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LOBECK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1303
KATZMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1707
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl.		
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SHADLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
O'REILLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1303
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1708
WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl.		
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	87
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1250
LIEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1709
MIRABELLA, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CONNELL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
O'MAHONY, FC, Capt.		
LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02
WALDEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1250
CARVEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1710
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WILLIAMS, GL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, GUNNER, Cpl.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	06
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1251
GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1710
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GOLTZMAN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DINOME, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1251
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1714
STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.		
TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

O'BRIEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
MCHURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1252
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1711
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
HEDGES, TA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	08
REISDORF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1252
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1712
TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
COOK, MG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CIRNO, FOTO, T/Sgt.		
COCKRIEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1253
BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O		landed 1712
BALINSKI, ENG., Sgt.		
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
JOHNSON WE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st (NO TAKE OFF)	18
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		XXXXXX
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		XXXXXX
WILLIAMS, ENG., CPL, DY		
MELLAS, RADIO, Sgt.		
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LOAR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1253
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1713
EVANS, ENG., Cpl.		
SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl.		
GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.		
IDMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1254
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1714
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
FURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
LEVERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1254
VANCE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1714
DIETRICH, NAV., F/O		
SMELAND, ENG., Sgt.		
SMITH, CT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1255
WILLIAMSON W, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1715
LUCHANSKY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOSTIC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POTTS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt (SG)	441st	07
LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1255
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1715
FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.		
SLADE, RADIO, Cpl.		
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LEKUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	24
WETZEL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1256
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1716
GARNER, ENG., Sgt.		
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JANER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	03
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1256
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1716
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.		
BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BLUE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
DEHMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1257
LUSSENDEN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1717
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VALHOS, RADIO, Sgt.		
KRES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	50
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WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1257
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1717
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FAURIE, RADIO, Cpl.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1258
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1718
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BRAINARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	68
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1313
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1719
LOWREY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1258
HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1719
KAPLAN, NAV., F/O		
CONKLIN, ENG., Cpl.		
ALLEN, F., RADIO, S/Sgt.		
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PHILLIPS, PILOT, CH, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
CLARK, L, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1259
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1720
WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MILLS, RADIO, Cpl.		
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Sgt.		
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1259
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1721
SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
JOLLIFF, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
RECHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1300
LUNNEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1721
WARD, ENG., Cpl.		
CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MERCER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BUFFETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
RIEKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1301
CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O		landed 1722
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SLATER, FOTO, Sgt.		
BOMHOLT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	62
RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1301
CLARK, BOMB., 2nd Lt. (JR)		landed 1722
EWERS, ENG., Cpl.		
KNOFF, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CASEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HAFFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

56
took off 1302
landed 1723

SMITH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

71
took off 1302
landed 1723

JONES, PILOT, GM, 2nd Lt. 441st (Spare)
COLTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
MCBRIDE, ENG., Cpl.
DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.
HOWLINGHAM, GUNNER, Cpl.

05
took off 1304
landed 1725

early

MEEHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd (Spare)
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O
MRVOS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.
SEILEY, RADIO, Cpl.
SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.

52
took off 1304
landed 1459

early

LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd (Spare)
ANDREWS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
DILL, BOMB., F/O
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

51
took off 1305
landed 1455

early