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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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APO #374

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2 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 543.

Flight Commander: Captain Triam.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Kamansky.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

TUBINGEN BARRACKS AND SUPPLY AREA (M/R: (W) W-992912, GSGS 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany.

At 11:10 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Tubingen Barracks and Supply Area (M/R: (W) W-992912, GSGS 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 27 B-26's dropped 208 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 13:25 hours from 13,000' to 12,000' on an axis of 050°. 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. 27 B-26's returned to base at 15:09 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) F-47's provided escort.
- (2) 6 U/I a/c flying North-East at 5,000' at (W) W-4383 at 12:39 hours.
- (3) 3 U/I a/c flying South at 8,000' at (W) V-8863 at 12:15 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) 3 S/S a/c on I/G at (W) W-7793 at 12:40 hours.

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

FLAK: S, H, I, I, -CP type flak encountered from Offenber (W) W-1586. Accurate as to last Squadron only. Total of 3-4/40 bursts were seen.

S, H, I, I, -CP type flak encountered from Stuttgart (W) S-1620. Only 6 bursts were seen.

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS.

a. General:

- (1) 8 red cross buildings just North of the target at (W) W-9598 at 12:37 hours.
- (2) 3 highway bridges in immediate vicinity of the target appeared serviceable at 12:37 hours.
- (3) 3 barges at Rottenberg (W) W-8987 at 12:36 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 500 RR cars, most damaged, at Offenber (W) W-1586 at 12:28 hours.
 - (2) 45 RR cars at Mogold (W) W-7295 at 12:36 hours.
 - (3) Train of 15 RR cars moving North, and 50/75 stationary RR cars at Wildberg (W) W-7502 at 12:40 hours.
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b. Communications: (Cont'd)

- (4) Train of 50 RR cars moving south and 75 stationary RR cars at Herrenberg (W) W-8399 at 13:00 hours.
(5) 5 large M/T moving west at (W) X-1293 at 12:05 hours.
(6) 100 RR cars at Rusttungen (W) X-0989 at 12:05 hours.
(7) 150 RR cars, including 25 red cross cars, at Tübingen (W) W-9893 at 12:37 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to Luneville (W) W-0800; to Erstein (W) V-958-; 360° curve to left to (W) V-9793; to (W) V-9793; to (W) W-2270 - (W) W-4890; to R-8015; 360° curve for change of lead a/c due to non-function of navigational equipment; to (W) S-2011; (W) X-3890; to Gammering (W) X-1062; to IP, Osnaburg (W) 9465; to target on an axis of 05° T (Bridged Axis - 14° T; drift correction - 10° right; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude); breakaway left to Herrenberg (W) W-8399; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- A. Enroute : Starting 40 miles north of Dijon and extending across the Rhine, 10/10ths cloud cover, with a broken deck, tops 5,000', a broken deck, tops 8,000', and 5-6/10ths thin altocumulus varying between 11,000' and 12,500'. Vis. excellent.
B. Vicinity of Target : Clouds as enroute, beginning to break up.
C. Target Area : 5-6/10ths stratocumulus, tops 8,000', with scattered patches of altostratus at 11,000'. Break over target. Clear to East and south.
D. Return: : Clouds were the same as enroute with additional broken altostratus deck at estimated 14,000' from the Rhine to Luneville. Clouds broke up last part of route, but vis. became restricted in haze.

RESULTS: Almost complete cloud cover obscured the target, but some crews believe that target was hit. An explosion was seen in the target vicinity as bombs were landing.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Bombardment Wing (US), APO 374.

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Tubingen Barracks & Supply Area, M/R: (N)W-992912, 4416, Sheet W3), Germany, of this Group, this date.

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2. The following pictures in Ships Nos. 16, 32, 84, 95, 94, 78, 64, and 14 were not printed.

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BACK 1400

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1109
1123

MISSION NO. 531 FLIGHT CO. LEADER: Capt. Trimm 2 APRIL 1945.

RUNWAY LINEUP		NAME	
87-1109-1508	"A"	KILINSKI	PETERSON
16-1109-1508	"B"	87 BEEBY	16 INGLE
89-1112-1509	"B"	WITHEWS	
80-1112-1509	FORD	80 SCHLIDT	TENBARGE
95-1111-1510	84 SKIBIALKA		95 TIKILA
84-1111-1511	"C"	LDRAIDGE	
93-1112-1511	ELBORN	93 PODAJERSKY	HARTMAN
90-1112-1511	86 NICHOLSON		90 BRCKEN
86-1113-1512	"D"	ESTES	
29-1113-1512	HECKERS	29 SPANN	WOJAKOWSKY
40-1114-1513	32 PRATHER		40 ROBERTS
32-1114-1514	"E"	DOOLITTLE	
45-1115-1514	PEIRCE	45 WAGNER	FRANKEL
36-1115-1514	48 CROSS		36 BRUNN
48-1116-1514	"F"	MCLUGHLIN	
44-1116-1515	STUTLER	44 VOWELL	LIGHTFOOT
43-1117-1516	39 DeWOLF		43 YOUSSE
39-1117-1516	"G"	SPREDLING	
25-1118-1516	McNIMARA	25 ANDERSON	GUSTAFSON
46-1118-1517	47 CREID		46 HERBST
47-1119-1517	"H"	HAFKEMEYER	
88-1119-1518	CHANNELL	88 SCHELPE	CATLANO
94-1120-1519	79 DUGGAN		94 POINDEXTER
79-1120-1519	"I"	HVEL	
98-1121-1520	31-1122-1520	98 TBB/CO	NICKELSON
75-1121-1520	76-1123-1521		75 KENNERSON
91-1122-1521	41-1123-1521	PEARSON	
		31 LOCURTO	DAVIS
		41 STIVOLA	76 PHILLIPS

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 2 APRIL 1945

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	RG	P	C
0700-1300	YY	O	G
1300-1900	YY	H	I
1900-0100	RG	X	J

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

1st Index No.	A163	TNF
2nd Index No.	A166	XZW
3rd Index No.	A169	MOY
4th Index No.	A172	JKR

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: SIDELINE

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 320th Group LUNCHBOX W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING

1 NET: 320th Group G91 CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BIGG GE

AND BABY ON CHANNEL "C" FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 320th Group

BALLBEARING

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #531 - 2 APRIL 1945.

KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	87
JOHNSTON, HD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1109
BEEBY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1509
DAY, AM, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DOWLEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, RADIO, Sgt.		
TRIDAM, FC, Capt.		
PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	16
McBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1109
INGLE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1508
SIFOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEDGES, RADIO, TA, S/Sgt.		
LANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
DAY, MA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
SINK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1110
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1509
ADAMS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
MCDANIELS, RADIO, Sgt.		
DAY, JE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
MUSICK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1110
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1509
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
BROWN, JA, RADIO, Sgt.		
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TENBARGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
LEFEVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1111
TAKALA, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1510
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FORD, LE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	84
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1111
SKABIALKA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1511
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
SMITH, G., RADIO, Cpl.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MOREY, FOTO, Sgt.		
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
ERVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1511
DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

HARTMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	90
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1511
IVERSON, ENG., Sgt.		
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
ALLMON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WELBORN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
STONER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1113
NICKOLSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1512
SMITH, AA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1113
SPANN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1512
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
SURABIAN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1114
ROBERTS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1512
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1114
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1513
WIDAU, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRADY, FOTO, Sgt.		
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
WAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1115
WAGNER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1514
SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRANKEL, PILOT, F/O	442nd	36
CLEMON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1115
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1514
FARMER, ENG., Sgt.		
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Sgt.		

PIERCE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1116
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1514
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1116
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1515
SUGERMAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1117
YOUSSEI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1515
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
KING, RADIO, Cpl.		
ADLEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
WITHERS CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1117
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1516
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.		
OLSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SERADLING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	25
LEVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1118
ANDERSON, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1516
MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.		
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
MCCLUNG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1118
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1516
MCPHERSON, NAV., Lt.		
SHKHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MENAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1119
OBEID, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1517
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WARREN, FOTO, Sgt.		

HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88	
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	1119
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1517
HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt.			
PIERCE, RADIO, Sgt. (WH)			
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CATALANO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94	
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1120
POINDEXTER, BOMB., Sgt.		landed	1518
RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.			
PHILIPS, JA, RADIO, Cpl.			
GAUJOT, GUNNER, Cpl.			
CHANNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79	
HARRISON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1120
DUGGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed	1519
FRANCIS, ENG., Cpl.			
POOR, RADIO, Cpl.			
LEBLANC, GUNNER, Cpl.			
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, S/Sgt.			
HAVEL, CB, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98	
BOYD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	1121
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1519
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.			
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.			
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MICKELSON, PILOT, Lt.	444th	75	
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	1121
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed	1519
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.			
POZNIAK, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
VOGT, GUNNER, Cpl.			
SAVAGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91	
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1122
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1520
KING, ENG., Cpl.			
IVES, RADIO, Cpl.			
WHITEIS, GUNNER, Cpl.			
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	(Spare)	31
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		early	took off
LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O			1122
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.			landed
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.			1318
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.			

DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GHENT, CO PILOT, F/O
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th (Spare)

early

76
took off 1123
landed 1319

SYMONS, PILOT, Lt.
OLSON, CO PILOT, Lt.
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.
FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.
DURHAM, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd (Spare)

early

41
took off 1123
landed 1315