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

D-g-2

8 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 549.

Flight Commander: Major Deatly.
Lead Pilot : Captain Mooney.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

TO BOMB PER COCONUT PLAN, AND AS ALTERNATE, TO BOMB KLEIN ENSTINGEN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, AREA "A" (M/R: (W) X-150750, GS GS 4416, sheet W-3), Germany.

At 09:27 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb per Coconut Plan, and as Alternate, to bomb Klein Enstingen Ammunition Storage Area, Area "X" (M/R: (W) X-150750, GS GS 4416, sheet W-3), Germany. 1 B-26's returned early: spare. Total sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Alternate target and 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the first bomb run at 12:14 hours from 12,000' on an axis of 134°T (briefed axis - 136°T; drift correction - 10° left; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude). 18 B-26's were over the Alternate target and 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the second bomb run at 12:26 hours from 11,500' on an axis of 125°T (briefed axis - 136°T; drift correction - 03° left; evasive action - loss of 800' altitude). A second bomb run was made to enable the second Squadron to bomb as it was not in position on the first bomb run. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 13:45 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: 3, H, 1, 1, -CP type flak encountered from Offenbergl area. Total of 15 bursts were seen.

Losses to flak: None. Damaged by flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) supplies on both sides of Goppingen S-4114, piled along RR tracks at 12:00 hours.
- (2) camouflaged storage dump at Rentlengen X-1089 at 12:06 hours.
- (3) 6 buildings and several large mounds of earth at X-1485 at 12:13 hours.
- (4) supplies at Ober. Lennigen X-2695 at 12:04 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 75/100 RR cars at Herrenberg W-8399 at 12:08 hours.
- (2) 20 RR cars at Ober. Hamersbach W-3077, at 13:03 hours.
- (3) 60 RR cars at W-2466 at 13:06 hours.
- (4) 50 RR cars at Haslach W-2664 at 13:06 hours.
- (5) 20 RR cars at W-3065 at 13:06 hours.

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CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to Kaiserlautern R-0294; to Mannheim R-5399; to Heilbronn S-0861; to Goppingen S-4113; to Rentlingen X-1089; to Herrenberg W-8399; 360° curve to left to Herrenberg; to IP, Tübingen, W-9892; to target on first bomb run on an Axis of 134°T; breakaway left to Tübingen; to target on second bomb run on an Axis of 125°T; breakaway left to Tübingen; to Herrenberg; to Besenfeld W-5099; to Oppenau W-3287; to Haslach W-2767; to Erstein V-9480; to Saverne; to base.

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 548, this date.

RESULTS: An excellent concentration of bombs covered the target, causing large fires and explosions.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: The lead a/c took off at 09:19 hours, flew to Mannheim, where ground controller ordered that briefed alternate target be hit. It thereupon became the Primary target.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Bomb Wing (US)? APO 374
Attention: A-2 Section.

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Klein Enstingen Ammo Storage Area, Germany), of this Group, this date.

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	18			
	(T)K-17	T		
	T		T	
			08	17
T			(T)K-17	(T)K-20

2. The pictures taken in Ship Nos. 17, and 38 were not printed.

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O'BRIEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.
BALINSKI, ENG., S/Sgt.
MELLAS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CIRMO, FOTO, T/Sgt.

441st

08
took off 0934
landed 1352

COLTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
MCBRIDE, ENG., Cpl.
DRAKE, RADIO, Sgt. (DC)
ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.

441st

05
took off 0934
landed 1352

ZELMER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.
CONNELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

22
took off 0935
landed 1353

BOBLITT, PILOT, 1st Lt.
REISDORF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O
EVANS, DG., ENG., Cpl.
HEDGES, RADIO, TA., S/Sgt.
SCOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.
NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

12
took off 0935
landed 1354

SHARP, PILOT, Major
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.
SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.
TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st (Spare)

23
took off 0928
landed 1346

MCMAKIN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ELMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.
FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.
BOWIE, RADIO, Cpl.
FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st (Spare)

07
took off 0936
landed 1228

early

LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt.
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.
SWICK, ENG., Cpl.
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ADLEN, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

39
took off 0930
landed 1349

OLSON, PILOT, Lt.
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.
TRAMMELL, BOMB., F/O
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.
FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BEDFORD, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

48
took off 0931
landed 1349

LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GARVEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
PERFETTO, NAV., Capt.
GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

02
took off 0931
landed 1350

LEVERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VANCE., BOMB., F/O
SIPOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.
SMELAND, ENG., S/Sgt.
SMITH, CT., RADIO, S/Sgt.
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

01
took off 0932
landed 1351

PRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O
MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.
GALDIANO, RADIO, Sgt.
DIETRICK, GUNNER, Cpl.
NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.

441st

18
took off 0932
landed 1351

DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.
PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.
STRAND, RADIO, Cpl.
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

441st

11
took off 0933
landed 1351

ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.
LUCHANISKY, ENG., S/Sgt.
HAVEL, G., RADIO, Sgt.
BOSTIC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

17
took off 0933
landed 1352

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION # 537 - 8 APRIL 1945.

MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40
MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0919
YOUENES, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1345
SAVOCA, NAV., Lt.		
DEATLY, FC., Major.		
MOORE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0927
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1345
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
TISDAL, CO PILOT,		took off 0928
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1346
MULLINS, ENG., Cpl.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd (NO TAKE OFF)	45
PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
MCCLUNG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0929
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1347
STEVENSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BERRY, RADIO, Cpl.		
PHALEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	36
WITHERS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0929
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1347
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.		
OLSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GRADY, FOTO, Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major	442nd	44
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0930
WELLS, BOMB., JC., Lt.		landed 1348
MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
SMITH, RE, GUNNER, Cpl.		