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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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L-G-2

9 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 550.

Flight Commander: Captain O'Mahoney.  
Lead Pilot : Lt. Steier.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

KLEIN ENGSTINGEN WEST AMMUNITION DUMP, SOUTH-WEST PORTION OF AREA "B" (M/R: (W) X-110740, GSGS 4416, sheet W-3), Germany.

At 08:10 hours, 27 B-26's took off to bomb Kleinengstingen West Ammunition Dump, south-west Portion of Area "B" (M/R: (W) X-110740, GSGS 4416, sheet W-3), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 27 B-26's dropped 766 x 100-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 10:40 hours from 12,000' to 11,000' on an axis of 50°T (briefed Axis - 45°T; drift correction - 04° left; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude). 26 x 100-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 10:40 hours at the target and 7 x 100-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed in lake 10 miles south of Pijon per "SOP". No bombs were returned to base. One a/c carried only 20 x 100-lb. demolition bombs and another a/c carried only 29 x 100-lb. Demolition bombs. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 12:10 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) P-47's provided escort.
- (2) P-38 flying East at 15,000' over Heilbronn S-1861 at 10:15 hours.
- (3) 1 S/E U/I a/c, circling at 20,000' at S-3802 at 10:43 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) 1 possible a/c reported on L/G at Ebingen W-9558 at 10:36 hours.
- (2) 10,000' L/G ending in a circular taxi strip at X-0275 at 10:33

hours.

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

FLAK: None. Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Hospital and barracks area at Ebingen W-9558 at 10:36 hours.
- (2) 32 Barracks buildings and 6 supply buildings at Stetten X-0048 at 10:35 hours.
- (3) Supplies at S-4612 at 11:00 hours.
- (4) Towns on fire at S-1650 and S-1172 at 10:15 hours and 11:05 hours.

b. communications:

- (1) 120 RR cars, train of 50 moving South out of M/Y at Rentlingen X-1089 at 10:30 hours.
- (2) 20 car train with locomotive, no steam, stationary, at X-0591 at 10:30 hours.
- (3) 1 locomotive moving North at X-1092 at 10:30 hours.

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GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (cont'd).

b. Communications: (cont'd).

- (4) 25 RR cars at Egingen W-9558 at 10:32 hours.
- (5) 1 locomotive, stationary, no steam, at S-4619 at 11:01 hours.
- (6) 50 RR cars in M/Y, train of 50 cars moving West, not radioed in, at Goppingen S-4113 at 10:22 hours.
- (7) 75 RR cars at Geislingen S-5504 at 10:59 hours.
- (8) 75 RR cars at Schorndorf S-3223 at 11:02 hours.
- (9) 40 RR cars at Backnang S-2540 at 11:05 hours.
- (10) Train of 15 cars moving North at S-0357 at 11:06 hours.
- (11) 60 RR cars at Ludwigsburg S-0733 at 10:17 hours.
- (12) 250 RR cars at Wimpfen S-0372 at 10:15 hours.
- (13) 75 barges at S-0372 at 10:15 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to Spinal; to Saverne Q-7216; to rendezvous at Speyer R-5080; to Jagstfeld S-0771; to Goppingen S-4113; to Rentlinge X-1089; to Ebingen W-9558; curve right to IP, Ebingen W-9558; to target on an axis of 50°T; slight break to the left; to Goppingen S-4113; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: An excellent concentration of bombs covered the assigned area. The pattern started slightly short to the South-West and walked to North-East edge. A large explosion occurred on the North-East edge of the area. Smoke was seen reaching 10,000' and could be seen for 70 miles (based on photos & interrogations).

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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MISSION #538 FLIGHT COMMANDER: O'MAHONY 9 APRIL 1945. 1st Formation

RUNWAY LINEUP

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| ROBINSON      | STEEL         | SCOTT        |
| 17 Williamson | 23 DEVER      | 21 POSEY     |
| WILSON        |               |              |
| ZIEGLER       | 05 Kingsbury  | WEY          |
| 08 Office     |               | 22 Nelson    |
| SHARP         |               |              |
| FRATT         | 04 Walter     | WHITEMAN     |
| 14 McKinley   |               | 12 Hartinsen |
| INGHAM        |               |              |
| LEACH         | 30 VILA       | GUSTAFSON    |
| 41 Venturino  |               | 40 HERBST    |
| HECKERS       |               |              |
| RUSSELL       | 32 Prather    | OLSON        |
| 45 Wagner     |               | 46 Fisher    |
| MC LAUGHLIN   |               |              |
| FRANKEL       | 31 Bruhn      | PECKHAM      |
| 48 Woodward   |               | 03 Cross     |
| DOKE          |               |              |
| WETZEL        | 11 FERNANDINO | BARRETT      |
| 18 Murray     |               | 01 ALLEN, RO |
| COLTER        |               |              |
| LOAR          | 06 Thomas     | MCMAKIN      |
| 20 Trias      |               | 10 Elman     |
| JONES         |               |              |
| KAISER        | 09 Erickson   | FORSYTHE     |
| 07 Biddle     |               | 24 Sacco     |

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 9 APRIL 1945.

| TIME      | FLARE COLORS | CHAL. | REPLY |
|-----------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 0100-0700 | R R          | W     | D     |
| 0700-1300 | R G          | N     | C     |
| 1300-1900 | G R R        | X     | H     |
| 1900-0100 | G R R        | Y     | O     |

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

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|-------|----------------------|-----|
| 441st | - Index Number A 163 | STL |
| 442nd | - Index Number A 166 | OXH |
| 443rd | - Index Number A 169 | ROA |
| 444th | - Index Number A 172 | KGP |

COMBAT EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS.

A\*90 CROIX DE RETE: CALL SIGN: "LANIFOLD 6440 "C"

Y-8 LUXEUIL CALL SIGN: "FRONTROOM" 6440 AND "C"

Y-2 LUNEVILLE: CALL SIGN: "DRY CLOTH" 6440 "C"

Y-39 MACQUEMAU: CALL SIGN: "JUBILEE" 6440 "C"

BOMBER CALL SIGNS: "STOVEPIPE"

W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 NET: G-91

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BABY AND BAGGAGE ON CHANNEL "C".

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: "OLAH"

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: LONG PANTS.

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #538 - 9 APRIL 1945.

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| STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.      | 441st | 23            |
| HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  |       | took off 0810 |
| DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.       |       | landed 1212   |
| PERFETTO, NAV., Capt.       |       |               |
| STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.        |       |               |
| BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.  |       |               |
| O'MAHONY, FC, Capt.         |       |               |
| SCOTT, PILOT, Capt. (ML)    | 441st | 21            |
| BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.  |       | took off 0811 |
| POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.       |       | landed 1212   |
| O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.    |       |               |
| CONNELL, ENG., T/Sgt.       |       |               |
| SCOTT, HG, RADIO, Cpl.      |       |               |
| GOLTZMAN, GUNNER, Cpl.      |       |               |
| BLUE, FOTO, S/Sgt.          |       |               |
| ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.    | 441st | 17            |
| TRONCO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.   |       | took off 0812 |
| WILLIAMSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.   |       | landed 1214   |
| LUCHANSKY, ENG., S/Sgt.     |       |               |
| HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.        |       |               |
| HAVEL, G., GUNNER, Sgt.     |       |               |
| BOSTIC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.      | 441st | 05            |
| LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.    |       | took off 0812 |
| KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.   |       | landed 1215   |
| FEINEN, ENG., Cpl.          |       |               |
| SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.       |       |               |
| SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.    |       |               |
| WEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.         | 441st | 22            |
| ZELLMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  |       | took off 0813 |
| MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.       |       | landed 1222   |
| RARICK, ENG., Cpl.          |       |               |
| CONRAD, RADIO, Sgt.         |       |               |
| BRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.     |       |               |
| ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.       | 441st | 08            |
| MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. |       | took off 0813 |
| GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.          |       | landed 1215   |
| WILLIAMS, DY, ENG., Cpl.    |       |               |
| CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.        |       |               |
| JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.        |       |               |
| SHARP, PILOT, Major         | 441st | 04            |
| GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  |       | took off 0814 |
| WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.      |       | landed 1222   |
| MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.        |       |               |
| GOERING, RADIO, Cpl.        |       |               |
| EVANS, GUNNER, DG., Cpl.    |       |               |

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| WHITEMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.   | 441st | 12            |
| GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O      |       | took off 0814 |
| MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.   |       | landed 1216   |
| WASH, ENG., S/Sgt.         |       |               |
| WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| VANDYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.    |       |               |
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| PRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.      | 441st | 14            |
| WALDEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.  |       | took off 0815 |
| MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.   |       | landed 1216   |
| SMELAND, ENG., S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| WEBER, RADIO, T/Sgt.       |       |               |
| TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. |       |               |
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| INGHAM, PILOT, Lt.         | 442nd | 30            |
| PETERSON, CO PILOT, Lt.    |       | took off 0815 |
| VILA, BOMB., Lt.           |       | landed 1217   |
| HOOD, NAV., Lt.            |       |               |
| POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| POND, GUNNER, Cpl.         |       |               |
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| GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.      | 442nd | 40            |
| SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.      |       | took off 0816 |
| HERBST, BOMB., Lt.         |       | landed 1217   |
| MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.         |       |               |
| SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.      |       |               |
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| LEACH, PILOT, Capt.        | 442nd | 41            |
| KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.       |       | took off 0816 |
| VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.      |       | landed 1210   |
| SULLIVAN, ENG., Cpl.       |       |               |
| GODER, RADIO, Sgt.         |       |               |
| CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.      |       |               |
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| HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.        | 442nd | 32            |
| RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O   |       | took off 0817 |
| FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.        |       | landed 1218   |
| CARTER, ENG., Sgt.         |       |               |
| CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.       |       |               |
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| OLSON, PILOT, Lt.          | 442nd | 46            |
| MEYERS, CO PILOT, Lt.      |       | took off 0817 |
| FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.      |       | landed 1219   |
| ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.        |       |               |
| MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.       |       |               |
| WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.   |       |               |

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| RUSSELL, PILOT, Lt.         | 442nd | 45            |
| WAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.        |       | took off 0818 |
| WAGNER, BOMB., Lt.          |       | landed 1220   |
| MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.      |       |               |
| RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt.     |       |               |
| NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.         |       |               |
| TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.        |       |               |
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| MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt.      | 442nd | 31            |
| STEVENS, CO PILOT, F/O      |       | took off 0818 |
| BRUNN, BOMB., F/O           |       | landed 1220   |
| SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt.        |       |               |
| DAWSON, RADIO, Sgt.         |       |               |
| REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.      |       |               |
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| PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.         | 442nd | 03            |
| MCCLUNG, CO PILOT, F/O      |       | took off 0819 |
| CROSS, BOMB., F/O           |       | landed 1220   |
| STEVENSON, ENG., S/Sgt.     |       |               |
| BERRY, RADIO, Cpl.          |       |               |
| DANIELS, GUNNER, Sgt.       |       |               |
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| FRANKEL, PILOT, Lt.         | 442nd | 48            |
| GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O      |       | took off 0819 |
| WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.     |       | landed 1221   |
| FARMER, ENG., Cpl.          |       |               |
| HALEN, RADIO, Cpl.          |       |               |
| SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.         |       |               |
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| DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.       | 441st | 11            |
| CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O     |       | took off 0820 |
| FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.  |       | landed 1222   |
| SIPOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.      |       |               |
| PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| STRAND, RADIO, Cpl.         |       |               |
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| BARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.     | 441st | 01            |
| BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O    |       | took off 0820 |
| ALLEN, CO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.   |       | landed 1223   |
| NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.       |       |               |
| BALINSKI, ENG., S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| MELLAS, RADIO, S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.     |       |               |
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| WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.      | 441st | 18            |
| REISDORF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. |       | took off 0821 |
| MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.      |       | landed 1223   |
| MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.           |       |               |
| GALDIANO, RADIO, Sgt.       |       |               |
| DIETRICK, GUNNER, Cpl.      |       |               |
| NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.            |       |               |

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| COLTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.         | 441st | 06            |
| JOHNSON, CO PILOT, WE, 2nd Lt. |       | took off 0821 |
| THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.            |       | landed 1224   |
| MCBRIDE, ENG., Cpl.            |       |               |
| DRAKE, RADIO, Sgt.             |       |               |
| ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.             |       |               |
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| MCKIN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.          | 441st | 10            |
| MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.    |       | took off 0822 |
| ELMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.          |       | landed 1224   |
| FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.             |       |               |
| BOWIE, RADIO, Cpl.             |       |               |
| CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.        |       |               |
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| LOAR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.           | 441st | 20            |
| LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.   |       | took off 0822 |
| TRIAS, BOMB., F/O              |       | landed 1225   |
| GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.           |       |               |
| TURNER, RADIO, Cpl.            |       |               |
| HOWLINGCRANE, GUNNER, Cpl.     |       |               |
| HAYES, FOTO, Cpl.              |       |               |
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| JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.          | 441st | 09            |
| JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.       |       | took off 0823 |
| ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O           |       | landed 1225   |
| GIBSON, ENG., S/Sgt.           |       |               |
| COOK, MG., RADIO, S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.           |       |               |
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| FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.       | 441st | 24            |
| HEDGES, JT., CO PILOT, F/O     |       | took off 0823 |
| SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.           |       | landed 1225   |
| FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.            |       |               |
| SMITH, RADIO, CT., S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.           |       |               |
| WRIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.           |       |               |
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| KAISER, PILOT, 1st Lt.         | 441st | 07            |
| O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.     |       | took off 0824 |
| BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.          |       | landed 1226   |
| TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| HEDGES, TS., RADIO, S/Sgt.     |       |               |
| CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.            |       |               |
| KLOTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.            |       |               |