

HEADQUARTERS 340TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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7 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 551.

Flight Commander: Major Cohen,
Lead Pilot : Captain Sullivan.

340th Bombardment Group (M).

TO BOMB PER "COCONUT PLAN", ALTERNATE TARGET, KLEIN MUGSTINGEN WEST AMMUNITION DUMP, SOUTH-WEST PORTION OF AREA "B" (M/R: (M) X-110740, CSCE 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany.

At 09:26 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb per "Coconut Plan", Alternate target, Klein Mugstingen West Ammunition Dump, South-West Portion of Area "B" (M/R: (M) X-110740, CSCE 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany. No B-26's returned early. 1 B-26 loaded at Lunenburg enroute to the target on single-engine. Total Sorties: 17. 17 B-26's were over the Alternate target per instruction from "Coconut Controller", and 17 B-26's dropped 134 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Alternate target at 12:20 hours from 12,000' on an axis of 70°T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 17 B-26's returned to base at 13:55 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) 12 P-47's provided escort.
- (2) At 12:48 hours S/S a/c, dark in color, headed north at 4,000' in area of Heilbronn.

b. Situation: 2 S/S a/c on ground at Coppingen A/D at S-4113.

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) Two black vapor trails, 250' in length observed at 11,000', one headed North, the other South, at 11:50 hours at S-1649.
- (2) 3 oil tanks, camouflaged, in wooded area South-West of Spingen at N-9557 at 12:16 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 35 RR cars and 2 locomotives at S-2340 at 12:00 hours.
- (2) 100 RR cars at X-1988 at 12:10 hours.
- (3) 100 RR cars and 4 locomotives at S-4113 at 12:26 hours.
- (4) 20 RR cars at N-9558 at 12:16 hours.
- (5) 6/8 tanks 2 miles South of Heilbronn S-1852, no movement, at 12:40 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

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ROUTE: Base to Spinal; to Saverne R-7216; to rendezvous at Mannheim R-5398; to Jagstfeld S-9771; to Goppingen S-4113; to Reutlingen X-1089; to Bingen R-9558; turn right to Bingen R-9558, IP;; to Target on an axis of 70° T (briefed Axis - 46° T; drift correction - 03° left; evasive action - loss of altitude); slight break to left to Goppingen S-4113; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: Bombs of 1st Squadron fell just North-East of the target area, causing explosions; 2nd Squadron bombs hit in assigned area, no explosions observed.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

WILLIAM COCK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

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PreBrief 05:30 (Trans 05:00)
Briefing 06:30 (Trans 06:00)

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*with some clouds & some rain
went sky high.
smoke 10000 ft.*

GROUP 1

NO 12 Plane # 41
P. Capt. Leach
CP. Lt. Arima
B. Lt. Venturino
C. Cpl. Sullivan
R. Sgt. Cedar
G. S/S Craig

NO 10 Plane # 30
P. Lt. Ingham
CP. Lt. Peterson
B. Lt. Vila
R. Lt. Hood
C. S/S Poshek
G. Cpl. Ford

NO 11 Plane # 40
P. Lt. Gustafson
CP. Lt. Slaper
B. Lt. Herbet
R. Lt. McDougal
C. S/S Sheehy
G. S/S Honey
G. S/S Leone

NO 15 Plane # 45
P. Lt. Russell
CP. Lt. Naugh
B. Lt. Wagner
C. Sgt. Montgomery
R. Sgt. Richardson
G. S/S Nye
F. S/S Turpen

NO 13 Plane # 32
P. Lt. Peckers
CP. F/O Rasmussen
B. Lt. Prather
R. Sgt. Carter
C. S/S Chase
G. Sgt. Zainer

NO 14 Plane # 46
P. Lt. Olson
CP. Lt. Meyers
B. S/S Fisher
R. Cpl. Anthony
C. Cpl. Burdock
G. Sgt. Weinberg

NO 18 Plane # 48
P. F/O Frankel
CP. F/O Gardner
B. S/S Woodward
C. Cpl. Farmer
R. Cpl. Phalen
G. Cpl. Smith

NO 16 Plane # 31
P. Lt. McLaughlin
CP. F/O Stevens
B. F/O Brunn
R. Sgt. Sugerman
C. Sgt. Dawson
G. Sgt. Reichman

NO 17 Plane 03 (441)
P. Lt. Peckham
CP. F/O Hedding
B. F/O Gross
R. S/S Stevenson
C. Cpl. Berry
G. Sgt. Daniels

PreBrief 08:00 (Trans 07:30)
Briefing 09:00 (Trans 08:30)

GROUP III

NO 12 Plane # 44
P. Lt. Villielli
CP. Lt. Davies
B. Lt. Helford
C. S/S Shearer
R. Sgt. Haise
G. S/S Desaki

NO 10 Plane # 34
P. Lt. Giles
CP. Lt. Hedges
B. Lt. Hun
R. Lt. Brain
C. S/S Vidau
G. S/S Marshall

NO 11 Plane # 43
P. Lt. Pearson
CP. F/O Mortimer
B. Lt. Beckman
R. Lt. Tisch
C. T/S Droher
G. Sgt. Short
G. Sgt. Spencer

NO 15 Plane # 47
P. Lt. Messers
CP. F/O Mattson
B. Lt. Obaid
C. Cpl. Morgan
R. Cpl. Glazer
G. S/S Housh
F. Cpl. Grady

NO 13 Plane # 39
P. Lt. Kokolus
CP. F/O Wagner
B. S/S Youssai
C. Cpl. Hogue
R. S/S Seiler
G. Sgt. Jrenshan

NO 14 Plane # 35
P. Lt. Levin
CP. Lt. Wolf
B. F/O Martin
C. Cpl. Rielly
R. Cpl. Ward
G. Cpl. Vanstucker

NO 18 Plane # 36
P. Lt. Symons
CP. F/O Larson
B. F/O Sivula
C. Cpl. Mullins
R. Cpl. Gladden
G. Sgt. Durman

NO 16 Plane # 33
P. Major Strickland
CP. Lt. Tisdial
B. F/O Trammell
C. Cpl. Middlebrooks
R. S/S Shernathy
G. S/S Ortega

NO 17 Plane # 38
P. Lt. Statler
CP. F/O Shaul
B. F/O DeWulf
C. Sgt. Williams
R. S/S Olson
G. S/S Northcott

WALST GUNNERS IN 41 and 44 report to Fiste Lab for Gunnery.
CRITIQUE FOR ALL P, CP, B. ON THIS MISSIONS IN MESS HALL AFTER INTERROGATION.
1. Hall call for 24 in front of orderly room at Transportation Times.
2. Gunnery go to line immediately after briefing to pick up crates for cross.
3. S/S Gremer report to Squadron Operations as 07 at 07:00
TURN BAGS INTO CP. IF MISSION IS CANCELLED WHILE AT LINE OR AT CP & NOT TO S-DM OPS
SHIP # 29 TRANSPORTATION AT 08:00 RALPH W. MORSEY