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

D-P-3

11 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 554.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Hayward.

Lead Pilot : Captain Sherwood.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

GEISLINGEN FUEL DUMP (M/R: (W) S-592010, GSOS 4416, sheet W-4), Germany.

At 10:05 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Geislingen Fuel Dump (M/R: (W) S-592010, GSOS 4416, sheet W-4), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early; spares. Total sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 517 x 100-lb demolition bombs (.1 & non-delay tail fuses) on the primary target at 12:05 hours from 12,000' on an axis of 18 Deg. True. 15 x 100-lb demolition bombs were salvoed at 12:05 hours in the target area, having hung up; 4 x 100-lb demos were salvoed at 12:07 hours at S-5509, having hung up. (1 A/C was carrying only 26 bombs). No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing; no B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 13:35 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity: (1) 12 P-47's provided escort. (2) 1 FW-190 at 10,000' headed west near Heilbronn at 12:20 hours.

b. Situation: Coppingen A/D empty.

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: Possible storage area south of Urspring at X-5894 at 11:55 hours.

b. Communications: (1) 50 RR cars at S-3543 at 11:40 hours. (2) 75 RR cars at X-5181 at 12:00 hours. (3) 25 RR cars at S-4213 at 12:08 hours. (4) 75 RR cars at X-5894 at 11:55 hours. (5) 400 RR cars at Heilbronn S-0961 at 11:35 hours. (6) 2 trains of 75 RR cars each moving south east from Geislingen at S-5504 at 11:55 hours (not called in). (7) 60 RR cars at S-3123 at 12:09 hours. (8) 60 RR cars at Gmund S-5124 at 12:08 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C Taking Photos: 3.

ROUTE: Base to Spinal; to Saverne; to Speyer, rendezvous; to Jagsfeldt, S-0673; to Target; to Blaubeuren, OP, X-5181; 180 Deg. Turn to right to Blaubeuren, IP; to Target on an axis of 18 Deg. True (Briefed axis - 24 Deg True; Drift Correction - 09 Deg. Left); Evasive Action - Loss of Altitude; Break left to Jagsfeldt; reciprocal course to base.

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WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: Bombs of 1st Squadron formed excellent concentration in assigned area, with bombs of 2nd Squadron falling short and right walking into the east edge of the assigned area. 4 fires were observed and smoke rose to 9,000'.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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

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Headquarters 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (G),
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO # 374

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the
the target (Geislingen Fuel Dump, Germany), of this Group, this date.

		I		
			69	
		I	(I)K-17	
				I
	I		59	61
I		I	(I)K-20	(I)K-20
		I		
		38		
		(I)K-8	I	
	I			I
			46	42
I		I	(I)K-17	(I)K-20

2. The pictures taken in ship nos. 67, 46, 38 were printed and those in
ships nos. 42, 61, and 59 were not printed.

William C. C.,
Major, Air Corps,
Gp. Intelligence Officer.

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20 24 10:05 1214
13:20
Pd 1335-1345

MISSION NO. 542 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Lt. Col. Hayward 11 APRIL 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

10:05 70 1335
05 67 1336
06 59 1336
14 64 1245 ~~EARLY~~
07 61 1337
07+ 59 1338
08 62 1339
08+ 53 1339
09 63 1340
09+ 34 1340
10 42 1341
10+ 38 1345
11 33 1342
11+ 42 1342
12 46 1343
12+ 44 1343
13 41 1344
13+ 35 1345

"A"	SHEPHERD	"B"	STANLEY
PHILLIPS, G.E.	70 Home	67 HOLLAND	
50 McCANN			
"B"	64 ARVOS	61 SUGGS	
59 FORD			
"C"	62 KADZINSKI	53 THOMPSON	
63 SULLIVAN			
"D"	64 HUN	43 BROWN	
LEVIN			
38 YOUSSE	35 VENTURINO	42 MORIN	
"D"	44 JORD	41 HOLLAND	
46 CROSS		54 CHRISTOPHER	
"E"	71 LOUGHRAN		
OLSON			
35 FISHER			
S. ARBO			

64
06+ 72 1337
14+ 54-1223 EARLY

Time	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION
0100-0700	RG	P	C	441st Index No. A163 GZG
0700-1300	RRR	2	I	442nd Index No. A166 FRV
1300-1900	RG	O	B	443rd Index No. A169 L.H
1900-0100	YY	h	G	444th Index No. A172 L.V

Colors of the Day for 11 April 1945 -
Can Call Call Colors Road: SPRINGBOARD

Bombard Call Signs: 320th Group SHORTY

n/T Call Signs for Wing 1 NET: U78

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BABY and BROWNIE ON Channel "C"

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 320th Group SUNDAY

COMBAT COMMANDER AIRFIELDS:

A-90 CHOLA DE METZ : Call Sign: MAIRFOID on 6440 and "C"

Y-8 LUNAVIL: Call Sign: FRODO on 6440 and "C"

Y-2 LUNAVIL: Call Sign: DRYCLOTH on 6440 and "C"

Y-39 HAGUNAU : Call Sign: JUBILEE on 6440 and "C"

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 542 - 11 APRIL 1945.

SHERWOOD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	70
CLARK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. (L)		took off 1005
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1335
NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYWARD, FC., Lt. Col.		
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1005
HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1336
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALIEN, RE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
PHILLIPS, CB., PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	50
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1006
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1336
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
CAMPBELL, CO PILOT, Lt. Col.		took off 1006
MRVOS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1337
BROOKS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STANLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
HUDSPETH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1007
SUGGS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1337
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BUFFETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1007
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1338
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JENKINSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DE VAUGHN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1008
KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O		landed 1339
EWERS, ENG., Sgt.		
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Sgt.		
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

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POOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	53
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1008
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1339
SHEW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SHADLE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1009
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1340
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1009
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1340
MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.		
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
WAGNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1010
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1341
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
STELER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LEVIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1010
YOUSSEI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1345
MOORE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Cpl.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PETRO, FOTO, Sgt.		
MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33
SIMER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1011
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1342
SUGERMAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DAWSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRENNAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	42
TISDALE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1011
MORIN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1342
WIDAU, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOORING, RADIO, Cpl.		
UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.		

WAUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	46
DAVIES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1012
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1343
PATRICK, ENG., Cpl.		
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

KOKOLUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1012
OBEID, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1343
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
SHORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VAN ACKERSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		

VILLELLI, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	41
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1013
HELFAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1344
MARSIO, ENG., Cpl.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

OLSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	35
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1013
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1345
SWICK, ENG., Cpl.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DURHAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURBACK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

RECHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd (Spare)	64
JOLLIFF, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1014
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O	early	landed 1245
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, F., RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		

O'REILLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd (Spare)	54
MEEHAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1014
CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O	early	landed 1223
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.		
MERCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		