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

D-F-3

11 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 555.

Flight Commander: Captain O'Mahoney.
Lead Pilot : Captain Scott.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

STRASS AMMUNITION DUMP, EAST HALF OF AREA #1 (M/R: (W) X-790820, CGGS 4416, sheet W-4), Germany.

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At 11:24 hours, 39 B-26's took off to bomb Strass Ammo Dump - East half of Area # 1, (M/R: (W) X-790820, CGGS 4416, sheet W-4), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: spares. Total sorties: 36. 36 B-26's were over the primary target and 36 B-26's dropped 144 x 1,000-lb demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay tail fuses) on the primary target at 13:51 hours at 12,000' to 11,000' on an axis of 226 deg. True. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing and no B-26's damaged. 36 B-26's returned to Base at 15:33 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 12 P-47's escorted formation but were 15 minutes late for rendezvous. 2 B-17's, one of which had an engine smoking headed west at 12,000' at 13:10 hours.
- b. Situation: (1) 5 U/I A/C dispersed at 13:40 hours at X-8585.
(2) 1 S/E A/C in field at 13:20 hours at S-2738.

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

FLAK: None. S, L, I, I, Type flak fired from the target area at the escort. 6 bursts.
Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- A. General: (1) Barracks area at S-4108 at 13:45 hours.
(2) Black smoke up to 10,000' at S-5203 at 13:45 hours.
(3) Hangar in good condition at X-8983 at 13:48 hours.
(4) Supplies and storage area at X-7159 at 13:55 hours.
- B. Communications: (1) 2 trains of 30 RR cars each moving east at S-2540 at 13:15 hours.
(2) 1 train of 30 RR cars moving south at S-2538 at 13:15 hours.
(3) 50 RR cars at S-1362 at 13:10 hours.
(4) 50 RR cars moving south at X-6393 at 13:40 hours.
(5) 200 RR cars, 3 engines, 10 hospital cars from S-4213 to S-4811 at 13:40 hours.
(6) 200 RR cars at X-6880 at 13:50 hours.
(7) Large number of M/T parked at X-5292.
(8) 100 RR cars and 2 locomotives at S-3223 at 14:10 hours.
(9) 6 M/T facing north at 13:47 hours at X-9498.
(10) 3 large M/T moving south at 13:45 hours at X-7287.

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Communications Cont.

- (11) 8 M/T moving south at 13:45 hours at X-6782.
- (12) 40 RR cars at S-2847 at 14:14 hours.
- (13) 300 RR cars and 1 train of 50 cars with engine having steam up at X-7169 at 13:50 hours.
- (14) 70 RR cars and 2 engines with steam up at X-7169 at 13:50 hours.
- (15) 40 RR cars and 12 hospital cars at X-7159 at 13:55 hours.
- (16) 30 hospital cars at X-8259 at 13:58 hours.
- (17) 1 Train of 75 RR cars moving south at S-2439 at 14:15 hrs.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 74.

ROUTE: Base to Saverne; to Speyer Q-5080, 360 Deg circle, rendezvous; to Jagfeldt S-0673; to Bopfinger S-9133; to Gundelfingen / X-9498, IP; to target on an axis of 226 Deg. True (Briefed axis - 225 Deg. True; Drift Correction - 05 Deg. plus; Evasive Action - loss of Altitude); straight thru to Senden X-7272; to Erbach X-7972; to Coppingen S-4214; to Jagsfeldt; to Speyer; to Base.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: A good concentration of bombs covered the target. Some fires and smoke to 5,000' were observed.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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

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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 the target (Stress Ammo Dump, Germany), of this group, this date.

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 47
 (T)K-8 T T
 T T 97 95
 (T)K-8 (T)K-20

printed. 2. The pictures taken in ship Nos. 22, 99, 86, 30, 47, 97, and 95 were not

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Gp. Intelligence Officer.

398H 11:25 11/11
15:00

MISSION NO. 543 FLIGHT COMMANDER : Capt. O'Mahony 11 APRIL 1945.

RUNWAY LINEUP

11:24 01 1533+
25 22 1534+
25 18 1535+
26 11 35+
26 22 36
26 17 36+
27 05 37
28 08 38
28 12 38+
29 20 39
29 20 39+
29 80 40
30 80 40+
30+ (94) 41
31 75 41+
31+ 42 42+ 14 1429 ER
32 42 42+ 14 1429 ER
32+ 76 42+

NAME	SCOTT	NAME
18 BURGER	01 FUSBY	KARL FLENN
"B"	SHARP	21 DEVER
2 LARK	11 HARTER	GARY PT
17 BURKE	"	22 JELSON
"C"	NILSON	"
12 MARTINSON	05 KINGSBURY	CRANFORD
"D"	SULLIVAN	08 BRICE
TR. VAN	78 BRICE	LAMFERN
86 KILGORE	"	20 GOLDBERG
"E"	SUTHERLAND	"
11 GRIFFINSON	03 SUTHERLAND	GRIFFIN
75 BARNETT	"	94 FORD
"F"	DAVIS	"
STARR	95 PHILLIPS	STONER
76 JAMESON	"	21 SKIDMORE
SPARKS	GROVER	LOTT
"	06 TURNER	14 BRIDGEMAN

FLIGHT COMMANDER : Major Strickland

RUNWAY LINEUP

33 40 1543
33+30 1544+
34 32 48+
34+43 49
35 48 49+
35+41 49+
36 56 49+
36+60 49
37 52 49
37 83 49+
38 83 49+
39 84 49+
39+ (99) 49
40 95 49+
40+ 97 50
40+ 09 50+44 (85) 1429 ER
41 24 51
41+ 07 51+

NAME	NAME	NAME
CHILDS	40 FLENN	GUSTAFSON
22 DEWOLF	"	30 HARBST
"B"	P. GRIFFIN	"
LIGHTFOOT	45 BRUCE	ERIKAL
47 SIVUL	"	42 WOODWARD
"C"	LIVELY	"
CALLAHAN	76 DILL	BL-SKO
52 GOUGH	"	60 FRAYTON
"D"	D.Y. HARRIS	"
ROAD	89 JAMESON	WIDALGA
84 NICHOLSON	"	83 FORDJASKY
"E"	H. VILL	"
11 BARNORFER	04 J. CAMP	HARRIS
27 TARKIN	"	25 FORDJASKY
"F"	COLTER	"
W. GRIFFIN	09 THOMAS	FOLBYTH
07 BIDDLE	"	14 S. COO
SPARKS	"	"
"	85 McGINNIS	"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 11 APRIL 1945.

Time	FL-AN	CH-AN	Early
0100-0700	RG	P	C
0700-1300	RG	Z	I
1300-1900	RG	O	B
1900-0100	YY	M	G

Bombardier Call Signs: 320th Group, SHOSHING

W/T Call Signs for Wing 1 W/T: 320th Group, W/T

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BUSH AND BUCKLE ON CHANNEL "C"

RIGHT VOICE CALL SIGNS: LARKNESS

COMBAT AIRFIELD: AIRFIELD:

Y-90 GUY DE METZ: Call Signs: LAMFOLD on 6440 and "C"

Y-2 LUXEUIL: Call Signs: FRONTROW on 6440 and "C"

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

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

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

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CANCELLATION CODE WORD: SPRINGBOARD

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #543 - 11 APRIL 1945.

SCOTT, PILOT, Capt.	441st	01
BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1124
POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1533
PERFETTO, NAV., Capt.		
CONNELL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
NEIRA, RADIO, Sgt.		
O'MAHONY, FC., Capt.		
 KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 21
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1125
DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1534
DIETRICH, NAV., F/O (RL)		
STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BIUE, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
 WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 18
REISDOWF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1125
BURGER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1535
MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.		
GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl.		
DIETRICK, PP, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 SHARP, PILOT, Major	 441st	 11
JOHNSON, WE., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1126
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1535
BRYANT, ENG., Sgt.		
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.		
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 GARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 22
MCMAXIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1126
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1536
FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SLADE, RADIO, Cpl.		
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 17
HEDGES, CO PILOT, F/O (JT)		took off 1126
BURK, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1536
BALINSKI, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOSTIC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	05
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1127
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1537
FEINEN, ENG., Sgt.		
SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.		
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 CRAWFORD, PILOT, F/O	 441st	 08
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1128
GRICE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1538
WILLIAMS, DY, ENG., Cpl.		
GOLTZMAN, RADIO, Cpl.		
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 WHITEMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 12
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1128
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1538
WASH, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 SULLIVAN, PILOT, Capt.	 444th	 98
JOHNSTON, HD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1129
DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1539
ADAMS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WELLS, MW, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 90
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1129
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1539
DUGGAN, NAV., F/O		
GAY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 86
DOLEZAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1129
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1540
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, Sgt.		
 SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 80
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1130
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1540
VINSON, ENG., Sgt.		
WAICHLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

GHEENT, PILOT, F/O
CHANNELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
ROEHM, ENG., Cpl.
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.
PILLING, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

94
took off 1130
landed 1541

MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BENNETT, CR, BOMB., T/Sgt.
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.
POZNIAK, RADIO, T/Sgt.
JEFFERIS, GUNNER, Cpl.
CASE, FOTO, Sgt.

444th

75
took off 1131
landed 1541

DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MUSICK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PHILLIPS, E., BOMB., 2nd Lt.
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

93
took off 1131
landed 1541

STONER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SKABIALKA, BOMB., F/O
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.
SMITH, G., RADIO, Cpl.
WHITEIS, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

91
took off 1132
landed 1542

STARR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BROWNE, RW, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.
PRENDERGAST, ENG., Sgt.
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.
GAUJOT, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

76
took off 1132
landed 1542

GRONIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O
RARICK, ENG., Cpl.
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.
BRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st (Spare)

early

06
took off 1142
landed 1429

MCGAFFIN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O
GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.
NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st (Spare)

early

14
took off 1142
landed 1423

2nd Formation (#543)

INGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	40
LARSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1133
VILA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1543
BRAIN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
STRICKLAND, FC., Major		
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	30
WITHERS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1133
HERBST, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1543
HOOD, NAV., 1st Lt.		
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
STACY, RADIO, Cpl.		
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GRADY, FOTO, Sgt.		
CHILDS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	32
MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1134
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1543
HOGUE, ENG., Cpl.		
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TOUWSMA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PECKHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45
MCCILUNG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1134
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1544
LUKER, ENG., Cpl.		
BERRY, RADIO, Cpl.		
DANIEL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FRANKEL, PILOT, F/O	442nd	48
HEDGES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1135
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1544
REILLY, ENG., Cpl.		
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
SMITH, RE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
STEVENS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1135
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1545
MORGAN, ENG., Cpl.		
KING, RADIO, Cpl.		
WARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Sgt.		
LIVSKY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
LOBECK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1136
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 1545
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1136
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1546
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 CALLAHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 52
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1137
GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1547
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 DAY, MA., PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 89
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1138
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1547
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
DAY, JE., GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 83
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1138
PODMAJERSKY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1548
MCQUADE, NAV., 1st Lt.		
GREER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 84
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1139
NICHOLSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1548
DOWLEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
PIERCE, WH, RADIO, Sgt.		
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WARREN, FOTO, Cpl.		
 HAVEL, CB., PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 99
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1139
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1549
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 HARKNESS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 444th	 95
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1140
POINDEXTER, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1549
FRANCIS, ENG., Cpl.		
POOR, RADIO, Cpl.		
SAVARESE GUNNER, Cpl.		
KENT, OBS., 1st Lt.		

LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
LE FEVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
TAKALA, BOMB., S/Sgt.
SMITH, AA, ENG., S/Sgt.
OTELL, RADIO, Cpl.
RUPERT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
WARREN, F., Cpl.

444th

97
took off 1140
landed 1550

COLTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.
FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.
HAYES, RADIO, Cpl.
HOWLINGCRANE, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

09
took off 1140
landed 1550

FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. (MG)
KLOTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.
BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

24
took off 1141
landed 1551

MCBURNETTE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KAISER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
HIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.
TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt.
HEDGES, TA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.
SMITH, PG, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

07
took off 1141
landed 1551

SAVAGE, PILOT, Lt.
CASHEF, CO PILOT, Lt.
MCGRAN, BOMB., Lt.
ROGERS, ENG., Cpl.
OBROCHGA, RADIO, Cpl.
THOLEMEIER, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th (Spare)

early

85
took off 1144
landed 1429