

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

D-G-2

14 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 556.

Flight Commander: Captain McDougal.
Lead Pilot : Captain Estes.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

STRASS AMMUNITION DUMP, AREA #2 (M/R: (W) X-790820, GSGS 4416, Sheet W-4), Germany.

At 11:58 hours, 29 B-26's took off to bomb Strass Ammunition Dump, Area #2 (M/R: (W) X-790820, GSGS 4416, Sheet W-4), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: Spare. Total Sorties: 28. 28 B-26's were over the Primary target and 27 B-26's dropped 351 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs (Inst. Nose & non-delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 13:59 hours from 13,100' to 12,000' on an Axis of 183°T (briefed Axis - 178 T; drift correction - 03° right; evasive action - loss of altitude). 33 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs were salvaged at 13:59 hours at the target, having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 28 B-26's returned to base at 15:46 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation: 5 a/c at Gunsburg A/D X-8586 at 14:00 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) Barracks and supplies at S-7325 at 13:55 hours.
- (2) Supplies at S-7037 at 13:52 hours.
- (3) 6 supply buildings and an oil tank at Heidenheim S-7812 at 13:57 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 75 RR cars and one moving train entering town from the North, at Aalen S-7429, at 13:54 hours.
- (2) 50 RR cars at Heidenheim S-7812 at 12:57 hours.
- (3) 25 RR cars at S-7909 at 13:57 hours.
- (4) 25 RR cars at Geinsburg X-8887 at 14:00 hours.
- (5) 5 M/T moving East at X-9483 at 14:00 hours.
- (6) 60 RR cars at X-7791 at 13:59 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 8.

ROUTE: Base to Epinal V-0454; to Saverne Q-7316; to rendezvous with escort at Speyer R-5080; to Fagstfeld S-0772; to Aalen S-7429; to IP, Heidenheim S-7812; to Target on an Axis of 183°T; breakaway left to Heidenheim S-7812; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: 7-8/10ths towering cumulus, bases 6,000'; tops 11,000-12,000', in all areas.

RESULTS: Clouds prevented direct observation. Crews viewing the target obliquely on the breakaway, believed it to have been covered with bomb bursts.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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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 target (Strass Ammo Dump Area # 2, Germany), of this Group, this date.

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			25	
		T	(T)K-17	
				T
	T		38	46
	T		(T)K-8	(T)K-20
		T		
			85	
		T	(T)K-8	
				T
	T			94
	T		T	(T)K-20
		T		
			11	
		T	(T)K-17	
				T
	T		22	18
	T		(T)K-17	(T)K-20

2. The pictures taken in Ship Nos. No Photos were taken.

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Landed 29 off
1546 1158
1557 1218

MISSION NUMBER

544: FLIGHT CO. LEADER: CAPT MCDOUGAL

14 April 1945.

RUNWAY LINDUP

1158 29 1544

58+25 1550+

57 40 1547

59+35 1547+

1200 46 48

1200 38 49

01 37 47+

01+42 50

02 48 50+

02+81 1546+

03 85 1551

03+75 1551+

04 80 1551+

04 94 1552

BL. N.T.C.

05 93 1553

05+97 1553+

06 86 1553+

06+10 54

07 11 54+

07+03 55

08 09 55+

08+18 56

09 22 56+

09+05 56+

10 24 57

10+17 57+

11 45 1531
11+07 1448 BR
12 08 1552+

"A"

GUSTAFSON

42 Herbst

"B"

LEVIN

38 Youssi

"C"

FARRING

48 Dewulf

"D"

NICKELSON

75 Burns

"E"

FORD

84 Canby

"F"

TRAVELL

86 Schmidt

"G"

TORONCO

03 Barger

"H"

ZELLNER

22 Wilson

"I"

WILSON

17 KINGSBURY

SPALDING

GARDNER

00 THOMAS

ESTES

29 SPANG

PIERCE

35 Yowell

HACKERS

37 Feather

ARMSTRONG

81 HARTMAN

MATTHEWS

80 Bennett

DAVIS

93 Phillips

PETERSON

10 INGLE

SHARP

09 Walter

COMPTON

05 S. COO

LAUCH

45 V. TORONCO

SPR. DILLING

25 ANDERSON

BARNAN

46 Woodward

KELLY

42 Brunn

S. ANDERSON

85 WILLIAMSON

STARR

94 Mcgrain

CH. NEWELL

97 Hale

DOLKE

11 FARRANDINO

GRONIS

18 Tunnard

FORSTHER

24 BURKE

LEWIS

07 MARTINSON

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

441st Index No. 1163 LGH

442nd Index No. 1166 LGH

443rd Index No. 1169 YAH

444th Index No. 1172 BAC

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 14 APRIL 1945

TIME FLIGHT CHALLENGE REPLY

0100-0700 AGG " " " "

0700-1300 RY " " " "

1300-1900 RG " " " "

1900-0100 YY " " " "

CHECK POINTS:

COLLIER FOX

SELBST. T. MAN

ATTENHEIM YOKO

H. SLACH MIKE

ALPINE CH. ZEBRA

DETTINGEN T. RE

HACHINGEN OBOE

REUTLINGEN GEORGE

GOPPINGEN E. SY

HEIDENHEIM LOVE

WIESZEHNORN JULEN

LUPHEIM SUGAR

JAGSTELD DOG

HALEN HOW

MOGGLINGEN JIG.

BO. BAR C.L.L. SIGNS:

"SHORTY" TARGET NUMBER 1.

R/T VOICE C.L.L. SIGNS: FOR WING No 1 NAT.

U 78 TARGET NUMBER 1

CONTROL CENTER VOICE C.L.L. SIGNS:

"B.B.Y." AND "B.C.C.G." ON CHANNEL "C"

FIGHTER VOICE C.L.L. SIGNS:

"CAPTURE" (TARGET NUMBER) 1

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #544 - 14 APRIL 1945.

ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1158
SPANN, CO PILOT, Lt.		landed 1544
BRAN, NAV., Lt.		
MCDUGAL, FC., Capt.		
SURABIAN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 SPRADLING, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 25
STEVENS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1158
ANDERSON, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1550
MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.		
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
 GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 43
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1159
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1547
HOOD, NAV., Lt.		
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 FIERCE, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 35
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1159
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1547
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 46
HEDGES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1200
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1548
LUKER, ENG., Cpl.		
STACY, RADIO, Cpl.		
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 LEVIN, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 38
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1200
YOUSSI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1549
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
KING, RADIO, Cpl.		
ALDEN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GRADY, FOTO, Sgt.		
 HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 37
SHEEHAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1201
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1549
JOHNSON, OBS., Capt.		
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.		

KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	42
MCCILUNG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1201
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1550
WIDAU, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOORING, RADIO, Cpl.		
UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PERRINE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
TISDALE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1202
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1550
MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DURHAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, Capt.	444th	81
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1202
LARRABEE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1546
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.		
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1203
WILLIAMS, RL, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1551
MCQUADE, NAV., 1st Lt.		
RANKIN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WARREN, FOTO, Cpl.		
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	75
BOYD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1203
BURNS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1551
DOWLEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
DOLEZAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1204
HENNETT, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1551
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
BROWN, JA, RADIO, Sgt.		
STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
STARR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
ERVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1204
MCGRAIN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1552
KING, ENG., Cpl.		
O'BROCHTA, RADIO, Sgt.		
THOLEMEIER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	(NO TAKE OFF)	84
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		93
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1205
PHILIPS, E., BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1553
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.			
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.			
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
CHANNELL, PILOT, Lt.	444th		97
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1205
HALE, BOMB., F/O			landed 1553
HORTON, ENG., Cpl.			
FOOR, RADIO, Cpl.			
CLEARY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		86
SAVAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1206
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1553
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
WITT, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ALLAN, GUNNER, Cpl.			
PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		10
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1206
INGLE, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1554
PERFETTO, NAV., Capt.			
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HEDGES, TA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		11
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1207
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1554
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.			
FURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.			
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.			
CONNELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
NEAL, FOTC, Sgt.			
TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		03
HEDGES, COPILOT, F/O (JT)			took off 1207
BURGER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1555
LUCHANESKY, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HAVEL, G., RADIO, Sgt.			
SLADE, GUNNER, Cpl.			
SHARP, PILOT, Major	441st		09
JANER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1208
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1555
BRYANT, ENG., Sgt.			
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.			
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MESSINGER, OBS., Capt.			

GRONIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st		18
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1208
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O			landed 1556
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.			
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.			
FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.			
ZELLNER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		22
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1209
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1556
RARICK, ENG., Cpl.			
GALDIANO, RADIO, Sgt.			
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.			
COLTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st		05
JOHNSON, WE., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1209
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1556
GIBSON, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HAYES, RADIO, Cpl.			
HOWLINGCRAME, GUNNER, Cpl.			
FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		24
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1210
BURKE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			landed 1557
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
KLOTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.			
BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		17
REISDORF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1210
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1557
WYATT, ENG., T/Sgt.			
DALTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.			
LEACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	(Spare)	45
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.			took off 1211
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.			landed 1531
SUGERMAN, ENG., S/Sgt.			
BERRY, RADIO, Cpl.			
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LEKUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	(Spare)	07
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1211
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1448
FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.		early	
GOERING, RADIO, Cpl.			
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.			
GARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	(Spare)	08
LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1212
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.			landed 1552
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.			
STRAND, RADIO, Cpl.			
NEIRA, GUNNER, Sgt.			