

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

D-0-2

14 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 557.

Flight Commander: Major West.
Lead Pilot : Captain Brainerd.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 12:43 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Strass Ammunition Dump, Area #4 (M/R: (W) X-790820, GSGS 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 136 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 14:47 hours from 13,090' to 12,000' on an Axis of 181°T (briefed Axis - 177°T; drift correction - 02° right; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude). 2 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged at 14:47 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. 18 B-26's returned to base at 16:11 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation: None.

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) 5 barracks at 4-9070 at 14:26 hours.
 - (2) 7 barracks at X-1686 at 14:29 hours.
 - (3) 13 barracks at X-1797 at 14:29 hours.
 - (4) Activity at Ensteingen ammunition dump X-1275 at 14:28 hours.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 40/50 RH cars at Metzingen X-1493 at 14:29 hours.
 - (2) 30 RH cars at Goppingen S-4113 at 14:32 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to rendezvous at Comar V-7142; to Selestat V-7962; to Haslach W-2763; to W-6778; to Hechingen W-9173; to Rentlingen X-0989; to Unt. Bombingen S-7128; to Aalen S-7429; to IP, Heidenheim, S-7812; breakaway left to Geish Ingen S-6504; to Rentlingen X-0989; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: Same as report no. 556, this date.

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RESULTS: Visual observations were difficult, due to cloud cover, and haze, but crews believe bombs started short and to the left to the North-East, with some landing in the target area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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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 # 4, Germany), of this Group, this date.

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			66	
		T	(T)K-17	
	T			T
			59	60
T	T		(T)K-8	(T)K-20
		T		
			89	
		T	(T)K-8	
		T		T
			32	30
T	T		(T)K-17	(T)K-20

2. The pictures taken in ship Nos. 66, 59, 60, 89, and 30 were not printed.

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

MISSION NUMBER

345 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR T.

14 April 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

68

66

62

51

60

59

71

53

61

87

89

91

40

30

32

67

54

56

50

99

8x500

80

1213

5 spans

20

1611

69 Gs.

"A"

WEINGART
62 Davis

BRIMMER

68 PETERSON

KOMANSKY ⑥
87 66 HOSBY

"B"

JONES
59 Trafton

COOK

51 Storick

MEERH.N
60 Ford

"C"

O'DRILLY
61 Gunn

MCDONALD

71 Clark Jr.

DUNNE 2 HAST
53 Hackney

"D"

LIEBENLORFER
81 Skablalka

MOSBY

66 87 HOSBY ⑥

DAY JIM
89 JARMAN

"E"

MUSSELL
32 Cross

KOKOLUS

40 Ubeid

OLSON
30 Fisher

"F"

BIRDAILL
56 Orr

BOLBHOLT

67 Marvos

JOLLIFF
54 Gooch

SP. RES

NATHAN

50 Hogan

STOKER

59 Nicholson

CHECK POINTS:

COLLEA:	FOX
SELEST.T	LEN
ETTENHEIM	YOKE
H.S.L.CH	MIKE
N.FIRSP.CH	ZEBRA
DETTINGEN	TARE
HECHINGEN	OBOS
REUTLINGEN	GEORGE
GOPPINGEN	MOSBY
HEIDENHEIM	LOVE
WIESZENHOAN	QUEEN
LUPHEIM	SUGAR
J.GSTFELD	DOG
WILLEN	HOW
MOGGLINGEN	JIG

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 14 APRIL 1945.

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHAL	REPLY
0100-0700B	R G G	W	Q
0700-1300	R Y	G	N
1300-1900	R G	B	S
1900-0100	Y Y	L	Y

AIR GROUND R/T IDENTIFICATION

441st	INDEX NUMBER	A 163	AGH
442nd	INDEX NUMBER	A 166	LGQ
443rd	INDEX NUMBER	A 169	YKH
444th	INDEX NUMBER	A 172	BAC

COMBAT EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS

A-90: CROSS DE WETZ: CALL SIGN: "MANIFOLD" ON 6440 ...
AND "C"

Y-8 MUREUIL: CALL SIGN: "FRONTROOM" 6440 and "C"

M-2 LUNDVILLE: CALL SIGN: "DRY CLOTH" 6440 and "C"

Y-39: ELGUENAU: CALL SIGN: "JUBILEE" 6440 and "C"

BOMBING CALL SIGNS:

320TH: "FLOORSHOW" (TARGET NUMBER 2)

W/T VOICE CALL SIGNS: FOR WING NR 1 FET.

MØ 2 (TARGET NUMBER 2)

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:

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

FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:

"FOOTLOCKER" (TARGET NUMBER 2)

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: "STRAIGHT DOPE"

18

8

14

46

46

138

2, 36

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #545 - 14 APRIL 1945.

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	68
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1253
PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1611
NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEST, FC., Major		
MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1253
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1614
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Sgt.		
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1254
DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1611
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1254
STORICK, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1612
BROOKS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MEEHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
PHILLIPS, CB., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1255
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1612
WATHEM, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HERREMA, RADIO, Cpl.		
CHARLTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1255
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1613
CONKLIN, ENG., Sgt.		
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZIEGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Sgt.		

MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CLARK, JR., BOMB., 2nd Lt.
HARTLEY, ENG., Sgt.
ROW, RADIO, Cpl.
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

71
took off 1256
landed 1613

DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
HUDSPETH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

53
took off 1256
landed 1613

O'REILLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O
GUNN, BOMB., F/O
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.
MERCER, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

61
took off 1257
landed 1613

KAMANSKI, PILOT, Capt.
JOHNSON, HD., CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
BEEBY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
WESTBROOK, NAV., 1st Lt.
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

87
took off 1257
landed 1611

DAY, MA., PILOT, 1st Lt.
LEFEVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.
HARTMAN, NAV., 1st Lt.
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.
DAY, JE., GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CASE, FOTO, Sgt.

444th

89
took off 1258
landed 1615

LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
HARRISON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SKABIAKA, BOMB., F/O
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.
OTELL, RADIO, Sgt.
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

91
took off 1258
landed 1615

KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.
WAGNER, CO PILOT, F/O
OBEID, BOMB., Lt.
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.
GLAZER, RADIO, Sgt.
ROUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

40
took off 1259
landed 1616

OLSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30	took off 1259
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.			landed 1616
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.			
MORDUE, ENG., Cpl.			
FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
FINNEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
 RUSSELL, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 32	 took off 1300
PETERSON, CO PILOT, Lt.			landed 1617
CROSS, BOMB., F/O			
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.			
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
PETRO, FOTO, Sgt.			
 BOMHOLT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 443rd	 67	 took off 1301
POOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			landed 1617
MRVOS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.			
WARD, ENG., Sgt.			
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
 JOLLIFF, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 54	 took off 1301
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			landed 1618
COOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.			
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Cpl.			
 BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 56	 took off 1302
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			landed 1618
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.			
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.			
YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
 NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	 443rd	 (Spare)	 50
CLARK, L., CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1302
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O		early	landed 1445
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FAURIE, RADIO, Cpl.			
POIKE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
 SINK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 444th	 (Spare)	 99
PLANIHABER, CO PILOT, F/O			took off 1303
NICKOLSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		early	landed 1450
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.			
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.			
PILLING, GUNNER,			