

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

D-G-2

15 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 558.

Flight Commander: Col. Woolridge.
Lead Pilot : Lt. McGregor.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

JAFPE DEFENSE AREA, AREA "C" (M/R: (V) Y-385790, GSCS 4249, Sheet 6M), France.

At 06:21 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb Jaffe Defense Area, Area "C" (M/R: (V) Y-385790, GSCS 4249, Sheet 6M), France. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 18 x 2,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the first bomb-run at 08:12 hours from 11,200' on an Axis of 257°T (briefed Axis - 254°T; drift correction - 03° left; evasive action - loss of altitude) and 9 B-26's dropped 18 x 2,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target on the third bomb-run, not having dropped on the first two bomb-runs, because the target was not identified, at 08:45 hours from 10,600' on an Axis of 240°T (briefed Axis - 254°T; drift correction - 01° right; evasive action - loss of altitude). No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 10:08 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's were seen dive-bombing in the target area at 08:12 hours.
- b. Situation: None.

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

FLAK: 1 burst of light, inaccurate flak was encountered from the target.
Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
 - (1) 3 shadows in water, indicating possible submarines at (V) Y-3074 at 08:12 hours.
 - (2) Small boat in water at (V) T-3817 at 08:13 hours.
 - (3) 2 small naval craft at (V) Y-2082 at 08:45 hours.
 - (4) Artillery fire was seen in the vicinity of the target at 08:12 hours.
- b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Base to Moulins (W) R-7675; to Limoges (W) V-1695; to Angoulême (V) Z-3175; to IP, Saintes (V) Y-6987; to target on an Axis of 257°T; breakaway left to Saintes (W) Y-6987 (2nd Squadron made a second and third bomb run, breaking left each time, dropping on the third bomb run on an Axis of 240°T); reciprocal course to base.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Patches of ground fog burning off.
- b. Vicinity of Target : CAVU with light haze.
- c. Target area : CAVU with light haze.
- d. Return : CAVU with light haze.

RESULTS: The bombs of the 2nd Squadron covered the target with an excellent pattern. Those of the 1st Squadron landed slightly over, covering the west end of the area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

Additional Comments: Afternoon Missions: 18 a/c, of 54 a/c scheduled, took off at 13:35 hours. Landed at 14:20 hours. Did not leave the vicinity of the base. Mission was cancelled while mission was being airborne.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

Q-N-F-I-O-E-N-T-I-A-L

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

U-P-3

15 APR 11 1945

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 (Jaffe Defense Area, Areas C,D,A,B, France), of this Group, this date.

AREA "C"

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AREA "D"

Qⁿ

T

62
(T)K-17

T

64 T 58
(T)K-20 (T)K-2C

T

72 T
(T)K-8 T

T

T

57
(T)K-17 T

AREA "A"

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T T
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T T
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T T
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90
(T)K-17

75
(T)K-26

86
(T)K-8

95
(T)K-17

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-M-N-T-I-A-L

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

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TARGET: Jaffe Defense Area, France.

AREA "B" (4th Formation)

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      43
      (T)K-17
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      T
      41
      (T)K-8
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      48
      (T)K-20
    T
  T
      T
      38
      (T)K-17
T      T      T

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2. The pictures taken in Ship Nos. 06, 21, 17, 64, 58, 75, 41 & 48 were not printed.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

Mission No. 546
Runway Line Up

1st Formation
Flight Commander Col. Woolridge 15 April 1945
"A"

0621 01		<u>McGREGOR</u>	
21 02	<u>TORRINO</u>	01 Penkava	<u>DOLKE</u>
22 03	03 Elman		02 Ferrandine
0634 09	"B"	<u>SHARP</u>	
22 06	<u>LAPKE</u>	09 Walter	<u>JANER</u>
23 08	08 Sacco		06 Thomas
23 11	"C"	<u>JONES</u>	
24 07	<u>BLACK</u>	11 Trias	<u>KUISER</u>
24 24	24 Murray		07 Biddle
25 23	"D"	<u>KUFFELMAN</u>	
25 21	<u>ZIERK</u>	23 Dever	<u>BAPETT</u>
26 17	17 Williamson		21 Allen
26 04	"E"	<u>DINOLLE</u>	
27 22	<u>NETZEL</u>	Q. McCreary	<u>ZELLNER</u>
27 16	18 Tunnard		22 Nelson
28 05	"F"	<u>NILSON</u>	
28 12	<u>WHITMAN</u>	05 Kingsbury	<u>LOAR</u>
29 15	15 Martinson		12 Burke

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR APRIL 15, 1945 - Air Ground R/T Authentication

Time	Flare Colors	Challenge	Reply	441st Index No.	163	NMK
0100-0700	YY	Y	Q	442nd Index No.	166	NMX
0700-1300	RRR	S	J	443rd Index No.	169	JBL
1300-1900	RR	G	P	444th Index No.	172	KAY
1900-0100	YYR	C	D	Cancellation code word	Baseball	

Bomber Call Signs: 1st Formation Shorty * 2nd Formation Wiseguy
3rd Formation Yellowhair * 4th Formation Stovepipe

W/T call signs for Wing 1 Net: 1st Formation G91 * 2nd Formation MO2
3rd Formation 86 * 4th Formation MB9

GROUND STATION CONTROLLER (BOMBER): "BALTIMORE" ON CHANNEL 465 (116.1 MEGACYCLES) AND 6440 KCS.

EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHEAST FRANCE

Name	Approx. Location	Occupied
COGNAC	Y-36	P-51's and Dauntless
BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC	Y-37	P-47's and Spitfires
Cazaux	44.30N-01.08 W	French JU-88's
SAINTE JEAN D'ANGELY	45.50 N-00.50 W	Empty
MONT DE MARSAN	43.55 N-00.30 W	Empty
Avord	Y50	Airborne Units

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #546 - 15 APRIL 1945.

MCGREGOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01
BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0621
PENKAVA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1013
PERFETTO, NAV., Capt.		
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WOOLRIDGE, FC., Col.		
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0621
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1008
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
CONNELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
POTTS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
TORONCO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	03
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0622
ELMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1009
LUCHANSKY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAVEL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. (G)		
SLADE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SHARP, PILOT, Major	441st	09
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0634
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1010
BRYANT, ENG., Cpl.		
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.		
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JANER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	06
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0622
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1011
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SMITH, RADIO, CT., S/Sgt.		
KLOTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	08
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0623
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1011
MCBRIDE, ENG., Cpl.		
ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HOWLINGCRAME, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.		
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	11
JOHNSON, WE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0623
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1012
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SMITH, PG, GUNNER, Cpl.		

KAISER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	07
HEDGES, JT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0624
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1012
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEDGES, HA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	24
BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0624
MURRAY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1012
LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.		
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TAMOSIUNAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0625
DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1023
O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
BARRETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0625
ALLEN, BOMB., 1st Lt. RO		landed 1024
BURGER, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
BALINSKI, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0626
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1024
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
GOLTZMAN, RADIO, Cpl.		
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYS, FOTO, Cpl.		
DINOME, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	04
RAMSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0626
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1024
WASH, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZELMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
MCMAKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0627
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1025
RARICK, ENG., Cpl.		
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.		
FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		

WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O
MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.
GALDIANO, RADIO, Sgt.
DIETRICH, PP, GUNNER, Cpl.
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.

441st

18
took off 0627
landed 1026

WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.
FEINEN, ENG., Sgt.
SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

05
took off 0628
landed 1026

LOAR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O
BURKE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.
COMRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.
DALTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.
GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

12
took off 0628
landed 1027

WHITEMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.
GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.
TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.
WEBER, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

441st

15
took off 0629
landed 1027