

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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D-2-G.

15 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 559.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

JAFFE DEFENSE AREA, AREA "D" (M/R: (V) Y-385790, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France.

At 06:50 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb Jaffe Defense Area, Area "D" (M/R: (V) Y-385790, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 252 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs (inst. nose fuses) on the Primary target at 08:50 hours from 11,000' on an Axis of 250° T, (briefed Axis - 154° T; drift correction - 03° left; evasive action - loss of altitude) on the second bomb run, because the target could not be properly identified on first bomb run. 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 10:27 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: 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: 10 barrage balloons observed in target area.
- b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 5.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 558, this date.

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 558, this date.

RESULTS: Bombs of 1st Squadron hit to the left of the target area with bombs of the 2nd Squadron forming an excellent concentration in the western half of the assigned area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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

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

4th Formation

MISSION NO. 549

FLIGHT COMMANDER MAJOR EAST

15 April 1945

RUNWAY LINE UP

70		<u>SHAW</u>	
62	<u>WELSH</u>	<u>70 Lokan</u>	<u>MATSON</u>
65	<u>65 Ford</u>		<u>Davis 62</u>
71	<u>"B"</u>	<u>MCDONALD</u>	
54	<u>BUFFETT</u>	<u>71 Clark</u>	<u>JONES</u>
72	<u>72 Lammert</u>		<u>54 Orr</u>
50	<u>"C"</u>	<u>NEWTON</u>	
63	<u>SMITH</u>	<u>50 Storick</u>	<u>LEBECK</u>
60	<u>60 Dunn</u>		<u>63 Klodzinski</u>
67	<u>"D"</u>	<u>TOLSEN</u>	
50	<u>STANLEY</u>	<u>67 Holland</u>	<u>BENNETT</u>
61	<u>64 Czeko</u>		<u>58 Otto</u>
51	<u>"E"</u>	<u>LIVELY</u>	
69	<u>DEAN</u>	<u>51 Dill</u>	<u>PHILLIPS</u>
57	<u>57 Trafton</u>		<u>69 Goech</u>
56	<u>"F"</u>	<u>RECHER</u>	
53	<u>O'RILEY</u>	<u>56 Loughridge</u>	<u>POOR</u>
52	<u>52 Simmons</u>		<u>53 Czechowski</u>

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR APRIL 15, 1945

Time Flare Colors Challenge Reply

0100-0700 YY Y Q

0700-1300 RRR S J

1300-1900 RR G P

1900-0100 YYR C D

Bomber Call Signs: 1st Formation Shorty * 2nd Formation Wileguy

3rd Formation Yellowhair * 4th Formation Stovepipe

W/T call signs for Wing 1 Net: 1st Formation GFI * 2nd Formation J02

3rd Formation J66 * 4th Formation J67

GROUND STATION CONTROLLER (BOMBER): "B. LITMORE" ON CHANNEL 465 (113.1 MHz CYCLES) AND 6440 KCS.

AIRBASES AND FIRMS IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE

Name	Approx. Location	Occupied
COGNAC	Y-36	F-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 #549 - 15 APRIL 1945.

SHERWOOD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	70
WEST, CO PILOT, Major		took off 0650
LOKAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1027
BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WATSON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	62
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0650
DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1036
NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEVAUGHN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
MEEHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0651
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1028
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, F., RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, RE., GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	71
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0651
CLARK, JR., BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1028
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DICKENSON, OBS., Capt.		
JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0652
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1029
BROOKS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHUMMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BUFFETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	72
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0652
LUENNEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1029
CONKLIN, ENG., Sgt.		
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Sgt.		

NEWTON, PILOT, Capt. JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STORICK, BOMB., 1st Lt. HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt. JENKINSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. POIKE, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	50 took off 0653 landed 1029
LOBECK, PILOT, 1st Lt. TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O EWERS, ENG., Sgt. SIELEY, RADIO, Sgt. PERKINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 0653 landed 1030
SMITH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HUDSPETH, CO PILOT, F/O GUNN, BOMB., F/O HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt. HEPPEMA, RADIO, Cpl. WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	60 took off 0654 landed 1030
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt. BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt. FINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	67 took off 0654 landed 1031
BENNETT, PILOT, Capt. VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O OTTO, BOMB., 1st Lt. STUEMKE, NAV., F/O WARD, ENG., Sgt. YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt. PECK, RADIO, S/Sgt.	443rd	58 took off 0655 landed 1031
STANLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CLARK, L., CO PILOT, 1st Lt. CHACKO, BOMB., S/Sgt. WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt. MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt. HAFFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	64 took off 0655 landed 1032
LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHADLE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. DILL, BOMB., F/O FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt. DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 0656 landed 1032

PHILLIPS, CH., PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0656
GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1032
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FAURIE, RADIO, Cpl.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 57
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0657
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1032
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.		
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Sgt.		
 RECHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 56
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0657
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1033
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 POOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 443rd	 53
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0658
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1033
HARTLEY, ENG., Sgt.		
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BOLL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 O'REILLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 443rd	 52
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0658
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1034
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.		
MILLS, RADIO, Cpl.		
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

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Formation

MISSION NO. 549	FLIGHT COMMANDER	<u>W. J. WEST</u>	15 April 1945
RUNWAY LINE UP			
065070		<u>SHAW, L. OOD</u>	
50162	<u>NEWMAN</u>	70 Lokan	<u>JOHNSON</u>
5165	65 Ford		<u>Devis</u> 62
5171	"B"	<u>MCDONALD</u>	
5254	<u>BUFFETT</u>	71 Clark	<u>JONES</u>
5272	72 Lannemann		<u>54 Orr</u>
5350	"C"	<u>NEWMAN</u>	
5363	<u>SMITH</u>	50 Storick	<u>LEBECK</u>
5460	60 Dunn		<u>63 Klodzinski</u>
5467	"D"	<u>TOWNSEND</u>	
5550	<u>ST. NILEY</u>	67 Holland	<u>BENNETT</u>
5504	64 Checko		<u>58 Otto</u>
5651	"E"	<u>LIVELY</u>	
5669	<u>DEAN, Y. N.</u>	51 Dill	<u>PHILLIPS</u>
5757	57 Trafton		<u>69 Gooch</u>
5756	"F"	<u>RECHARD</u>	
5853	<u>O'NEIL, Y.</u>	56 Loughridge	<u>FOOR</u>
5852	52 Simmons		<u>53 Ozechowski</u>

COLOURS OF THE DAY FOR APRIL 15, 1945

Time	Flare Colors	Challenge	Reply	Air Ground A/I Authentication
0100-0700	YY	Y	Q	441st Index No. 1163 K.K.
0700-1300	RR	S	J	442nd Index No. 1166 M.M.
1300-1900	RR	G	P	443rd Index No. 1169 J.J.
1900-0100	YYR	C	D	444th Index No. 1172 K.K.

Cancellation code word: Baseball

Bomber Call Signs: 1st Formation Shorty * 2nd Formation Whiskey

3rd Formation Yellowhair * 4th Formation Scavenger

W/T call signs for Wing 1 Net: 1st Formation 001 * 2nd Formation 102

3rd Formation 203 * 4th Formation 304

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