

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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16 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 562.

Flight Commander: Captain O'Mahoney.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Steier.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 07:48 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb Jaffe Defense Area, Area "B" (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 9 B-26's dropped 33 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 09:50 hours from 10,600' on an Axis of 256°T (briefed Axis - 255°T; drift correction - 02° right; evasive action - loss of altitude) and 9 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the second bomb run on the Primary target at 10:08 hours from 12,700' on an Axis of 254°T (briefed Axis - 255°T; drift correction - 03° right; evasive action - loss of altitude), having not identified the target on the first bomb run. 2 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged at 11:15 hours in lake 10 miles South of Dijon, having hung up over the target. (1 a/c carried only 3 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs). 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 11:50 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: 1 liaison a/c was seen in the target area at 10:00 hours.
- b. Situation: 1 4-engine a/c on the ground at (V) Y-2850 at 10:09 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) 5 pill boxes at (V) Y-3787 at 10:09 hours.
 - (2) 2 possible BB and 15/20 smaller craft shelling coast at (V) Y-2759 at 10:08 hours.
- b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Moulins (W) E-7675; to Limoges (W) V-1695; to Angoulême (V) Z-3175; to IP, Saintes (V) Y-6987; to target on an Axis of 256°T; breakaway right to Saintes (V) Y-6789; to target on second bomb run on an Axis of 254°T; breakaway right to Saintes (V) Y-6789; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

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RESULTS: The bombs of the first Squadron to drop covered the South half of the target area, and the second Squadron to drop covered the North half. Each had excellent patterns (confirmed by photos.).

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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

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MISSION NO. 550 FLIGHT COMMANDANT: Capt. O'Leary 16 APRIL 1945.
 SUMMARY LINEUP

23	PAUL T.	23 D. V. E.	DONALD
02	12 THOMAS		02 F. G. B. DINO
12	"B"	C. L. PHILL	
05	TORRINO	05 KINGSBURY	G. R. R. T.
54	03 L. T. E.		54 T. K. R. D.
03	"C"	L. K. U. S.	
09	McG. F. F. I. N.	09 M. I. C. K. S. O. N.	Z. I. L. K.
17	08 M. I. S. O. N.		17 B. U. S. H.
08	"D"	McG. G. G. O. R.	
01	M. I. D. E. N.	01 P. E. N. K. V. .	L. V. E. A. I. N. G.
21	11 M. A. T. I. N. S. E. N.		21 V. I. N. C. E.
11	"E"	D. I. N. O. L. E.	
04	S. T. E. L.	04 B. L. A. C. K. E. R. B. Y.	B. O. B. L. I. T.
10	22 B. U. G. A. R.		10 L. E. K. I. N. L. Y.
22	"F"	M. A. S. S. Y.	
06	24 F. O. R. S. Y. T. H.	06 M. C. C. A. S. R. Y.	O' B. A. I. N.
07	24 S. C. C. O.		07 B. I. D. D. I. E.

COLORS OF THERAX FOR 16 APRIL 1945.

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	RELAY
0100-0700	YR	D	F
0700-1300	YY	J	F
1300-1900	RR	S	H
1900-0100	XX	L	F

AIR COUNCIL R/T AUTOMATICATION

1st Index No.	1163	HKO
2nd Index No.	1166	XIK
3rd Index No.	1169	ZFO
4th Index No.	1172	ZM

COMMUNICATION CODE BOOK: F. A. U. L. T. O. R. Y.

B. A. B. A. CALL SIGNS: 1st POSITION SPONTE 2nd POSITION M. S. G. U. Y.
 3rd POSITION YELLOW H. I. R. 4th POSITION T. O. V. E. R. I. P. E.

R/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 HET: 1st POSITION G. R. I. 2nd POSITION I. O. 2.
 3rd POSITION .86 4th POSITION 1.89

GROUND STATION CONTROLLER (B. O. B. A.): "B. A. I. T. O. R. Y." ON CHANNEL 165 (116.1 MC. CYCLES)
 AND 6440 KCS.

REFERENCE AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHEAST FRANCE:

C. O. G. N. C.	Y-36
B. O. N. D. E. J. U. N. - M. I. N. I. G. L. C.	Y-37
C. A. Z. U. X.	14.30 H - 01.08 W
S. A. I. N. T. J. A. N. D. I. S. C. E. L. Y.	15.30 H - 00.52 W
M. O. U. T. D. E. M. A. S. S. I. N.	15.55 H - 00.30 W
A. V. O. R. D.	Y-50

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #550 - 16 APRIL 1945.

STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0748
DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1154
O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
STRAND, ENG., T/Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
O'MAHONY, FC, Capt.		
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02
LOAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0748
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1149
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
FURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
STRAND, RADIO, Cpl.		
GOLTZMAN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CIRMO, FOTO, T/Sgt.		
FRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	12
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0749
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1155
WYATT, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DALTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
NORBERT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CAMPBELL, PILOT, Lt. Col.	441st	05
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0749
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1156
GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SUPANICK, RADIO, Sgt.		
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GARRETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	54
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0750
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O		landed 1156
FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CALDERONI, RADIO, Cpl.		
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	03
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0750
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1155
WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl.		
WEBER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
NEAL, FOTO, Sgt.		

LEKUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHARP, CO PILOT, Major ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O BRYANT, ENG., Sgt. KRON, RADIO, Cpl. OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	09 took off 0751 landed 1157
ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt. KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O BUSH, BOMB., T/Sgt. PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt. ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, EC., GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	17 took off 0751 landed 1157
MCGAFFIN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt. MORRIS, ENG., Cpl. CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl. WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	08 took off 0752 landed 1158
MCGREGOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. ZELMER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. PENKAVA, BOMB., 1st Lt. PERFETTO, NAV., Capt. MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt. BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	01 took off 0752 landed 1158
LEVERING, PILOT, 1st Lt. MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VANCE, BOMB., F/O DIETRICH, NAV., F/O CONNELL, ENG., T/Sgt. SMITH, CT. RADIO, S/Sgt. ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	21 took off 0753 landed 1158
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt. FEINEN, ENG., Sgt. FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Sgt. TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	11 took off 0753 landed 1201
DINOME, PILOT, 2nd Lt. JOHNSON, CO PILOT 2nd Lt., (WE) BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O WASH, ENG., S/Sgt. WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. VAN DYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	04 took off 0754 landed 1159

BOBLITT, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
EVANS, ENG., Cpl.
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.
NEIRA, GUNNER, Sgt.

441st

10
took off 0754
landed 1159

WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BURGER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.
GALDIANO, RADIO, Cpl.
DIETRICK, GUNNER, Cpl. (PP)
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.

441st

22
took off 0755
landed 1200

RAMSEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
MCBRIDE, ENG., Cpl.
SMITH, PG, RADIO, Cpl.
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

06
took off 0755
landed 1200

O'BRIEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KAISER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.
HEDGES, TA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

07
took off 0756
landed 1201

FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.
GIBSON, ENG., S/Sgt.
COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. (MG)
DRAKE, GUNNER, Cpl.
ERODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

24
took off 0756
landed 1201