

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

Final Mission Report No. 563.

Flight Commander: Major Cahan.
Lead Pilot : Captain Poling.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 08:16 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 9 B-26's dropped 18 x 2,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 10:02 hours from 10,200' on an Axis of 253°T on the first bomb-run 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 at 10:35 hours from 10,800' on an Axis of 265°T (briefed Axis - 255°T; drift correction - 05° right; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude on the third bomb-run, due to bombsight malfunction on the first two bomb-runs. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 9 B-26's returned to base at 11:30 hours, and 9 B-26's returned to base at 12:12 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: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: See Mission Report No. 562, this date.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: Excellent concentration of bombs hit in the target area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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

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MISSION NO. 551 FLIGHT COMMANDANT: 2nd FORMATION 16 April 1945.
 MONDAY LINEUP

89	"A"	<u>FOLING</u>	
98	<u>STOKER</u>	89 FROHLICH	D.Y. L...
91	<u>PHILLIPS</u>		98 J. L...
91	"B"	<u>THOMAS</u>	
88	<u>LIEBANDORFER</u>	88 SPARKS	H. L...
95	<u>McGILLIN</u>		95 K. L...
76	"C"	<u>H. L...</u>	
93	<u>GRANT</u>	93 B. L...	CH. L...
99	<u>BARNETT</u>		99 F. L...
75	"D"	<u>S. L...</u>	
85	<u>T. L...</u>	85 WILLIAMS	L. L...
90	<u>KILGORE</u>		90 G. L...
86	"E"	<u>D. L...</u>	
80	<u>B. L...</u>	80 NICHOLSON	H. L...
94	<u>POINDEXTER</u>		94 T. L...
79	"F"	<u>F. L...</u>	
83	<u>ST. L...</u>	83 SCHLIDT	F. L...
84	<u>BOGGS</u>		84 C. L...

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 APRIL 1945.

TIME	FLYING	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	YGR	D	Y
0700-1300	YY	J	F
1300-1900	RR	S	H
1900-0100	YGR	D	Y

IN GROUND W/T AUTOMATICATION

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3rd Index No.	1169	ZPO
4th Index No.	1172	ZM

CONTINUATION CODE: 1163-1172

BOMBERS CALL SIGNS: 1st FORMATION SHORTY 2nd FORMATION KEEGUX
 3rd FORMATION YELLOWHEAD 4th FORMATION TOVEPIPE

W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1: 1st FORMATION G91 2nd FORMATION 102
 3rd FORMATION 186 4th FORMATION 189

GROUND STATION COMMANDER (BO. B. R.): "W. L. T. H. O. N." ON CHANNEL 165 (116.1 MEG. CYCLES)
 AND 6440 KCS.

EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHEAST FRANCE:

COGNAC	Y-36
BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC	Y-37
C. L. LUX	44.30 N - 01.08 W
SAINT JEAN D'ANGELY	45.50 N - 00.50 W
MONT DE MARSAN	43.55 N - 00.30 W
AVORD	Y-50

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #551 - 16 APRIL 1945.

POLING, PILOT, Capt.	444th	89
JOHNSTON, HD., CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0808
FROELICH, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1211
WEBB, NAV., Capt.		
SORRELL, ENG., Sgt.		
RUMMELL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CAHAN, FC., Major		
DAY, MA., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
GARY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0808
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1212
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
DAY, JE., GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.		
STONER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
MUSICK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0809
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. (E)		landed 1212
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WHITEIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MATHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
DOLKZAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0809
SPARKS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1212
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt.		
RUPERT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARRISON, PILOT, Lt.	44th	95
ERVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0810
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1213
HORTON, ENG., Cpl.		
PROR, RADIO, RD, Cpl.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
LEFEVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0810
MCGRAIN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1213
DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CASE, FOTO, Sgt.		
HARTMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
PIERCE, DR., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0811
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1213
IVERSON, ENG., Sgt.		
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
LESTER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

CHANNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0811
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1214
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GHEHT, PILOT, F/O	444th	75
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0812
BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed 1214
ROEHM, ENG., Sgt.		
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0812
WILLIAMS, BOMB., RL, 1st Lt.		landed 1130
HARTMAN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
RANKIN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	90
SINK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0813
COLDMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1130
DUGGAN, BOMB., F/O		
SMITH, ENG., AA., S/Sgt.		
IVES, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major		took off 0813
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1130
FRANCIS, ENG., Cpl.		
WITT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0814
NICKELSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1131
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.		
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.		
TKACH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARKNESS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0814
TAKALA, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1132
HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
LEBLANC, RADIO, Sgt.		
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

BROWNE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79
BOYD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0815
POINDEXTER, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1132
BRENDERGAST, ENG., Sgt.		
BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt.		
GAUJOT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WARREN, FOTO, Cpl.		
TENBARGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	83
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0815
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1132
DOWLEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
KIRKPATRICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	84
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0816
CANBY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1133
GAY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
PIERCE, WH, RADIO, Sgt.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STARR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	97
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0816
BURNS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1133
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CHROCHTA, RADIO, Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		