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

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16 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 565.

Flight Commander: Captain Watson.
Lead Pilot : Major Hayward.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 08:50 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 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000-lb. demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles East of the target at (V) Y-411796, due to bombsight malfunction, and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 10:46 hours from 10,900' to 10,400' on an Axis of $253^{\circ}T$ (briefed Axis - $255^{\circ}T$; drift correction - 05° 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 12:19 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: Same as Report No. 562, this date.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: The bombs of the first Squadron landed in a good pattern on the target. The bombs of the second squadron landed at (V) Y-411796, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles East of the target, short of the target.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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

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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #553 - 16 APRIL 1945.

HAYWARD, PILOT, Lt. Col.	443rd	70
WATSON, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off 0850
TRAYNOR, BOMB., Capt.		landed 1219
NEWELL, NAV., 1st Lt.		
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0850
DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1219
BOY, NAV., 2nd Lt.		
WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JENKINSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
ROBERTS PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0851
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1220
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VALHDS, RADIO, Sgt.		
FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HALBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0851
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1221
EWERS, ENG., Sgt.		
YOUNG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LENKIEWICZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BIRDWELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
MORELAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0852
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1221
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0852
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1222
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POIKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Sgt.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0853
STORICK, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1222
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.		
PERKINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

PHILLIPS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. (CB)	443rd	61
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0853
CHACKO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1223
HARTLEY, ENG., Sgt.		
SEILEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MEEHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0854
FORD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1223
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PARSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0854
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1224
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAZEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	67
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0855
CLARK, JR., BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1224
KAPLAN, NAV., F/O		
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DICKINSON, OBS., Capt.		
SMITH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	57
HUDSPETH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0855
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 1225
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HERREMA, RADIO, Cpl.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	56
LOBECK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0856
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1225
BROOKS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
O'REILLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
FERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0856
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1226
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.		
MILLS, RADIO, Cpl.		
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Cpl.		

JOLLIFF, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
CLARK, L., CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0857
CHRISTROP, BOMB., F/O		landed 1226
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Sgt.		
BOMHOLT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0857
MRVUS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1227
WARD, Eng., Sgt.		
ROW, RADIO, Sgt.		
MARCEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
POOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0858
CZECHOWITZ, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1227
WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HAFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BUFFERT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	72
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0858
LUENNEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1228
CONKLIN, ENG., Sgt.		
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LA FRENNE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MISSION NO. 553 NIGHT COMBAT 4th FORMATION 16 APRIL 1945.
 COMMANDER: Capt. Watson

ROUNDS LEFT	NAME	FORMATION	NAME	FORMATION
70	ROBERTS	70	WING RT	
64	52 HICKS		64 DAVIS	
52	JONES	50	LAUGHRIDGE	BIRP ELL
50	59 JAR		69	TOMPSON
69	KELLEN	51	STORICK	PHILLIPS, C.D.
59	65 FORD		61	CHICKO
51	SMITH	58	GREEN	McDONALD
61	57 DILL		67	CLARK
65	JOLLY	56	ROBIN	O'NEILLY
58	60 CHRISTAUF		60	STATIONS
67	BUFFETT	71	TRAVIS	POOR
57	72 LUMBERMAN		55	USACHOWITZ

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COLORS OF THERMIX FOR 16 APRIL 1945.
 TIME FLARE CHALLENGE KEY
 0100-0700 YEA D W
 0700-1300 YY J P
 1300-1900 RR S H
 1900-0100 XKA I F

GROUND W/T AUTOMATIC
 1st Index No. 1163 HMO
 2nd Index No. 1166 XIK
 3rd Index No. 1169 ZPO
 4th Index No. 1172 ZBA
 CALL SIGN CODE WORD: FORTYFOUR

BOMBER CALL SIGNS: 1st FORMATION SHORTHY 2nd FORMATION MCBGUY
 3rd FORMATION YELLOWHEAD 4th FORMATION STOVEPIPE
 W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 HLT: 1st FORMATION G91 2nd FORMATION 102
 3rd FORMATION 186 4th FORMATION 189
 GROUND STATION CONTROLLER (BOMBER): "B.L.T.B.O.M." ON CHANNEL 165(116.1 MEG-CYCLES)
 AND 6440 KCS.
 EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE:
 COGNAC Y-36
 BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC Y-37
 C.Z.UX 14.30 N - 01.08 W
 SAINT JEAN D'ANGELY 15.50 N - 00.50 W
 MONT DE MARSAN 13.55 N - 00.30 W
 AVORD Y-50