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

D-8-2

16 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 566.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

COURE DEFENSE AREA, bounded by (V) Y-215834, (V) Y-240838, and (V) Y-237867, Area "E", GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M, France.

At 14:04 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb Coubre Defense Area, bounded by (V) Y-215834, (V) Y-240838, and (V) Y-237867, Area "E", GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M, France. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target on two bomb-runs, at 16:13 hours and 16:31 hours. 9 B-26's dropped 70 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the second bomb-run, necessitated by smoke obscuring the target, on the Primary target at 16:31 hours from 11,300' on an Axis of 60°T (briefed Axis - 69°T; drift correction - 04° left; evasive action - loss of altitude). The first Squadron made three (3) bomb-runs (third bomb-run at 16:43 hours), but did not drop, due to smoke obscuring the target. 7 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were dropped at 16:30 hours at (V) Y-1983, part in the water and part on the beach, due to accidental release. 65 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) were returned to base, not having been dropped as stated above (one a/c carried only 6 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs). No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 18:23 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

(1) 6/8 Ju-88's, with French markings, headed North-East at (V) Y-9078 at 16:40 hours, at 11,000'.

(2) 4 Ju-88's, unidentified, headed East at (A) J-4531 at 14:35 hours.

b. Situation: 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: Oil slick and green dye in water at (V) Y-1200 at 16:37 hours.

b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

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ROUTE: Base to Moulins (W) R-7675; to Limoges (W) V-1695; to Angouleme (V) Z-3175; to Cognac (V) Y-9380; to (A) J-2933; to IP, (V) X-9377; first bomb-run to target; left break to IP; to target on second bomb-run on an axis of 60°T; breakaway left to IP; third bomb run on the target; to Saintes (W) Y-6987; to Angouleme (V) Z-3175; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: A good pattern covered the assigned area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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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 (Coubre Defense Areas, France), of this Group, this date.

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|   | T |         |         |    |   |  |    |         | T       |
|   |   | 23      |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
|   | T | (T)K-17 |         |    |   |  |    |         | T       |
|   |   |         |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
|   | T |         | T       |    |   |  |    |         | T       |
|   |   | 24      |         | 12 |   |  |    |         |         |
| T | T | (T)K-8  | (T)K-20 | T  |   |  | 03 | (T)K-17 | T       |
|   |   |         |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
|   |   |         |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
|   | T |         |         |    |   |  |    |         | T       |
|   |   | 98      |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
|   | T | (T)K-17 |         |    |   |  | 86 | (T)K-20 | T       |
|   |   |         |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
|   | T |         | T       |    |   |  |    |         | T       |
|   |   | 76      |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
| T | T | (T)K-8  | T       |    | T |  |    | 79      | (T)K-17 |
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|   | T |         |         |    |   |  |    |         | T       |
|   |   | 43      |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
|   | T | (T)K-17 |         |    |   |  | 45 | (T)K-20 | T       |
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|   |   | 38      |         |    |   |  |    |         |         |
| T | T | (T)K-8  | T       |    | T |  |    | 40      | (T)K-17 |
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2. The pictures taken in Ship Nos. 23, 24, 12, 86, 79, 38, 45, were not printed.

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CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #554 - 16 APRIL 1945.

|                               |       |               |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| O'MAHONY, PILOT, Capt.        | 441st | 04            |
| TORONGO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.    |       | took off 1404 |
| FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.    |       | landed 1823   |
| O'CONNELL, NAV., 1st Lt.      |       |               |
| PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.           |       |               |
| STRAND, GUNNER, Cpl.          |       |               |
| SHERWOOD, FC., 1st Lt.        |       |               |
|                               |       |               |
| KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.      | 441st | 23            |
| WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.        |       | took off 1405 |
| DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.         |       | landed 1824   |
| BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.          |       |               |
| CONNELL, ENG., T/Sgt.         |       |               |
| GOLTZMAN, RADIO, Cpl.         |       |               |
| BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.    |       |               |
| POTTS, FOTO, S/Sgt.           |       |               |
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| WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.        | 441st | 02            |
| LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  |       | took off 1405 |
| MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.      |       | landed 1824   |
| FEINEN, ENG., Sgt.            |       |               |
| FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Sgt.      |       |               |
| TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.          |       |               |
|                               |       |               |
| WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.        | 441st | 05            |
| SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.     |       | took off 1406 |
| KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.     |       | landed 1825   |
| GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.          |       |               |
| SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.         |       |               |
| SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.      |       |               |
|                               |       |               |
| CRAWFORD, PILOT, F/O          | 441st | 12            |
| HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.    |       | took off 1406 |
| ELMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.         |       | landed 1825   |
| MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.            |       |               |
| SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.      |       |               |
| NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.         |       |               |
|                               |       |               |
| BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.         | 441st | 24            |
| MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. |       | took off 1407 |
| SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.          |       | landed 1826   |
| LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.           |       |               |
| KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.            |       |               |
| TAMOSIUNAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.    |       |               |
| HAYS, FOTO, Cpl.              |       |               |

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| LEKUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.           | 441st | 11            |
| JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. (WE) |       | took off 1412 |
| ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O            |       | landed 1826   |
| BRYANT, ENG., Sgt.              |       |               |
| KRON, RADIO, Cpl.               |       |               |
| OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.         |       |               |
| WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.          | 441st | 22            |
| MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.     |       | took off 1407 |
| BURKE, BOMB., 2nd Lt.           |       | landed 1827   |
| MCCOY, ENG., Sgt.               |       |               |
| GALDIANO, RADIO, Sgt.           |       |               |
| DIETRICK, PP, GUNNER, Cpl.      |       |               |
| GRONIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.          | 441st | 15            |
| GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.      |       | took off 1408 |
| TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O             |       | landed 1827   |
| FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.              |       |               |
| CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.         |       |               |
| KNIGHT, GUNNER, Sgt.            |       |               |
| BARRETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.         | 441st | 01            |
| ZELIMER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.      |       | took off 1408 |
| ALLEN, RO, BOMB., 1st Lt.       |       | landed 1828   |
| NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.           |       |               |
| BALINSKI, ENG., S/Sgt.          |       |               |
| MELLAS, GUNNER, Sgt.            |       |               |
| KENNEDY, MEDICS, Major          |       |               |
| LEVERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.        | 441st | 21            |
| BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O        |       | took off 1409 |
| VANCE, BOMB., F/O               |       | landed 1828   |
| BURGER, NAV., 2nd Lt.           |       |               |
| HART, ENG., S/Sgt.              |       |               |
| DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.              |       |               |
| BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.            |       |               |
| ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.           | 441st | 17            |
| KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O        |       | took off 1409 |
| WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.          |       | landed 1828   |
| FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.             |       |               |
| CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.            |       |               |
| WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.        |       |               |
| RAMSEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.          | 441st | 06            |
| LOAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.         |       | took off 1410 |
| MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.        |       | landed 1829   |
| WILLIAMS, DY, ENG., Cpl.        |       |               |
| BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.             |       |               |
| ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.              |       |               |

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| BOBLITT, PILOT, 1st Lt.     | 441st | 10            |
| MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. |       | took off 1412 |
| MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.    |       | landed 1829   |
| EVANS, DG., ENG., Cpl.      |       |               |
| PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.         |       |               |
| NEIRA, GUNNER, Sgt.         |       |               |
|                             |       |               |
| WHITEMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.    | 441st | 03            |
| GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O       |       | took off 1410 |
| BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O       |       | landed 1838   |
| WASH, ENG., S/Sgt.          |       |               |
| WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.       |       |               |
| VAN DYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.    |       |               |
| NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.            |       |               |
|                             |       |               |
| JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.       | 441st | 09            |
| JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.    |       | took off 1411 |
| TRIAS, BOMB., F/O           |       | landed 1830   |
| GIBSON, ENG., S/Sgt.        |       |               |
| FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.     |       |               |
| LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.        |       |               |
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| LAMPKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.      | 441st | 08            |
| KAISER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.   |       | took off 1411 |
| BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.       |       | landed 1830   |
| TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.         |       |               |
| HEDGES, TA., RADIO, S/Sgt.  |       |               |
| LANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.        |       |               |
| CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.         |       |               |
|                             |       |               |
| HEDGES, JT., PILOT, F/O     | 441st | 07            |
| O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  |       | took off 1412 |
| THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.         |       | landed 1831   |
| WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.          |       |               |
| SMITH, RADIO, S/Sgt. (CT)   |       |               |
| SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl. (PG)    |       |               |
| HOWLINGCRAME, GUNNER, Cpl.  |       |               |