

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

D-G-2

16 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 567.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

COUBRE DEFENSE AREA, bounded by (V)Y-215834, (V) Y-237867, and (V) Y-240838, Area "C", GSCS 4249, Sheet 6M, France.

At 14:25 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 "C", GSCS 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 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target on the first bomb-run at 16:35 hours from 10,800' on an Axis of 85°T (briefed Axis - 69°T; drift correction - 03° left; evasive action - loss of altitude), 9 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 16:49 hours from 10,200' on an Axis of 96 T, on the second bomb-run (briefed Axis - 69°T; drift correction - 03° left; evasive action - loss of 500' 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 18:31 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. 566, this date, except here only two bomb-runs were made.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: A good pattern of bombs covered the assigned area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This is a visual mission.

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

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #555 - 16 APRIL 1945

POLING, PILOT, Capt.	444th	89
JOHNSTON, HD., CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1425
FROELICH, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1831
WEBB., NAV., Capt.		
SORRELL, ENG., Sgt.		
RUMMELL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CAHAN, FC., Major.		
DAY, MA., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
CARY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1430
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1835
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
DAY, JE., GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.		
STONEB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
MUSICK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1426
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt. (E)		landed 1832
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WHITEIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
DOLEZAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1427
SPARKS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1833
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
BROWN, JA., RADIO, Sgt.		
RUPERT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARRISON, PILOT, Lt. (HL)	444th	95
ERVIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1427
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1833
HORTON, ENG., Cpl.		
POOR, RADIO, Cpl.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
LEFEVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1428
MCGRAIN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1833
DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ONE , FOTO, Sgt. Zalewski, WD., Sgt.		
HARTMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
PIERCE, DR., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1428
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1834
IVERSON, ENG., Sgt.		
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
LESTER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

CHANNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99	
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	1429
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1834
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.			
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.			
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
GHEENT, PILOT, F/O	444th	75	
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1429
BENNETT, BOMB., T/Sgt.		landed	1834
ROEHM, ENG., Sgt.			
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.			
VOGT, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85	
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1426
WILLIAMS, RL., BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	1832
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	1430
GOLLMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	1835
DUGGAN, NAV., F/O			
SMITH, AA., ENG., S/Sgt.			
IVES, GUNNER, Cpl.			
TRAVELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86	
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Major.		took off	1431
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed	1835
FRANCIS, ENG., Cpl.			
WITT, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RYAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80	
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	1431
NICKELSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1835
BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.			
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.			
TEACH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HARKNESS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94	
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1432
TAKALA, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	1836
HILMAN, ENG., Sgt.			
LEBLANC, RADIO, Sgt.			
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.			

BROWNE, PILOT, 1st Lt. (RW)	444th	79
BOYD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1432
POINDEXTER, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1836
FRENDERGAST, ENG., Sgt.		
BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt.		
GAUJOT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WARREN, FOTO, Cpl.		
TENBARGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	83
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1433
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1836
DOWLEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
KIRKPATRICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	84
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1433
CANBY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1837
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 1434
BURNS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1837
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
OBROCHTA, RADIO, Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MISSION NO. 555 2nd POSITION 16 APRIL 1945.
 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major G. H. N.

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 APRIL 1945

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CALL	REFL
0100-0700	Y Y R	D	W
0700-1300	Y Y	J	R
1300-1900	R R	S	H
1900-0100	Y Y R	M	R

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION
 1st-Index Number A 163 HND
 2nd-Index Number A 166 XCK
 3rd-Index Number A 169 XFO
 4th-Index Number A 172 XBA

CANCELLATION CODE WORD - "WHITE CAME"

BOMBER CALL SIGNS: 1st Formation - Floorpat
 2nd Formation - Sunrise
 3rd and 4th Formation - Floorshow

W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 REF:
 1st Formation - UY8
 2nd Formation - G91
 3rd and 4th Formation - H42

GROUND STATION CONTROLLER (POWER):
 "BATTALION" ON CHANNEL 165 (116.1)
 134.3 (GLES) AND 642.0 YCS.

TIME 1600 HOURS 16 APRIL 1945
 SOUTHWEST FRANCE

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0000.0	01.30 H - 01.08 W
0000.0	01.30 H - 00.50 W
0000.0	01.30 H - 00.30 W
0000.0	Y-50