

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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APO #374

D-G-2

16 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 568.

Flight Commander: Captain Mooney.  
Lead Pilot : Lt. Ingham.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 15:15 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 second bomb run at 17:37 hours from 11,200' on an Axis of 69°T, and 9 B-26's were over the Primary target on the third bomb-run and 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 17:51 hours from 10,600' on an Axis of 80°T (briefed Axis - 69°T; drift correction 03° right; evasive action - loss of altitude). No bombs were salvoed or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26 reported to have crash-landed at Chalindrey (W) J-3619; crew safe; reason unknown. No B-26's missing. No B-26's damaged. 10 B-26's returned to base at 19:14 hours and 5 B-26's returned to base late at 21:00 hours, after landing at Cognac for gas. 2 B-26's have not returned to base and are at Cognac. (This target was heavily obscured by smoke, necessitating additional bomb-runs.) The formation was over the target on the first bomb-run at 17:23 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:

- a. General: Smoke screen at the target at 17:23 hours.
- b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTES: Same as Report No. 566, this date.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: A good concentration of bombs covered the target area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

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

## 3rd FORMATION

MISSION NO. 556 FLIGHT Cancellation: Capt. Looney 16 APRIL 1945.

## RUNWAY LINEUP

|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 43 | 43 | 43 | 43 |
| 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 |
| 39 | 48 | 39 | 39 |
| 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| 82 | 82 | 82 | 82 |

## COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 APRIL 1945

| TIME      | FLARE COLORS | CHL. | REFLEX |
|-----------|--------------|------|--------|
| 0100-0700 | Y Y R        | D    | W      |
| 0700-1300 | Y Y          | J    | P      |
| 1300-1900 | R R          | S    | H      |
| 1900-0100 | Y Y R        | M    | P      |

## A.T. GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

|     |                    |      |
|-----|--------------------|------|
| 1st | Index Number A 163 | 1630 |
| 2nd | Index Number A 166 | 1660 |
| 3rd | Index Number A 169 | 1690 |
| 4th | Index Number A 172 | 1720 |

CANCELLATION CODE WORD - "WHITE Cakes"

BOMBER CALL SIGNS: 1st Formation - Floormat

2nd Formation - Sunrise

3rd and 4th Formation - Floorshow

W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 MET:

1st Formation - U78

2nd Formation - G91

3rd and 4th Formation - H92

:GROUND STATION CONTROLLER: (BOMBER)=  
:"BALTIMORE" ON CHANNEL 465 (116.1  
:MEGACYCLES) AND 6440 KCS.EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS IN  
SOUTHWEST FRANCE

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| COGNAC              | Y-36              |
| BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC   | Y-37              |
| CAZENAC             | 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 #556 - 16 APRIL 1945.

|                           |       |               |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------|
| INGHAM, PILOT, Lt.        | 442nd | 30            |
| GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.   |       | took off 1515 |
| VILA, BOMB., Lt.          |       | landed 1914   |
| SAVOCA, NAV., Lt.         |       |               |
| MOONEY, FC., Capt.        |       |               |
| SURABIAN, ENG., T/Sgt.    |       |               |
| DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.    |       |               |
|                           |       |               |
| PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.       | 442nd | 43            |
| FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.     |       | took off 1516 |
| BECKMAN, BOMB., Lt.       |       | landed 1915   |
| MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.        |       |               |
| DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.      |       |               |
| HOUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| SPENCER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.   |       |               |
| TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.      |       |               |
|                           |       |               |
| OLSON, PILOT, Lt.         | 442nd | 42            |
| SHEEHAN, CO PILOT, Lt.    |       | took off 1524 |
| YOUSSEI, BOMB., S/Sgt.    |       | landed 2107   |
| MORDUE, ENG., Cpl.        |       |               |
| NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.     |       |               |
| CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.    |       |               |
| HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.      |       |               |
|                           |       |               |
| PIERCE, PILOT, Lt.        | 442nd | 35            |
| HUMBERT, CO PILOT, Lt.    |       | took off 1517 |
| YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.        |       | landed 1916   |
| FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.      |       |               |
| FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.   |       |               |
| MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. |       |               |
|                           |       |               |
| BRENAN, PILOT, Lt.        | 442nd | 46            |
| HEDGES, CO PILOT, Lt.     |       | took off 1517 |
| WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.   |       | landed 1916   |
| FARMER, ENG., Sgt.        |       |               |
| PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.       |       |               |
| SMITH, RE., GUNNER, Cpl.  |       |               |
|                           |       |               |
| LEVIN, PILOT, Lt.         | 442nd | 38            |
| TISDALE, CO PILOT, Lt.    |       | took off 1518 |
| MORIN, BOMB., F/O         |       | landed 2047   |
| SWICK, ENG., Cpl.         |       |               |
| LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.    |       |               |
| FINNEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.    |       |               |
| PETRO, FOTO, Sgt.         |       |               |

LEACH, PILOT, Capt.  
WITHERS, CO PILOT, Lt.  
CHAMBERLAIN, BOMB., Lt.  
SCHLEGEL, ENG., Cpl.  
WARD, RADIO, Cpl.  
ZEINER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

33  
took off 1518  
landed 1917

VILLELLI, PILOT, Lt.  
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.  
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O  
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.  
GLAZER, RADIO, Sgt.  
ROUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

41  
took off 1521  
landed 2112

RUSSELL, PILOT, Lt.  
SIMPSON, CO PILOT, Lt.  
WAGNER, NC., BOMB., Lt.  
HOGUE, ENG., Cpl.  
MOORING, RADIO, Cpl.  
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

36  
took off 1519  
landed 1917

STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major  
TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt.  
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.  
MCIPHERSON, NAV., F/O  
MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl.  
KNAPP, RADIO, Cpl.  
DURHAM, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

37  
took off 1520  
landed 1923

GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.  
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.  
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.  
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.  
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.  
GRADY, FOTO, Sgt.

442nd

40  
took off 1522  
landed 1924

WAUGH, PILOT, Lt.  
PETERSON, CO PILOT, Lt.  
KOTERSKI, BOMB., Lt.  
PATRICK, ENG., Cpl.  
GLADDEN, RADIO, Cpl.  
ADLEN, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd  
(crashed 40 miles  
North of you) (crew O.K.)

45  
took off 1520  
landed —

HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.  
MCCLUNG, CO PILOT, F/O  
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.  
JOHNSON, OBS., Capt.  
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.  
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.  
WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

32  
took off 1521  
landed 1925

LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt.  
MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O  
OBEID, BOMB., F/O  
MULLINS, ENG., Cpl.  
KING, RADIO, Cpl.  
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

47  
took off 1522  
landed 2117

KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.  
WAGNER, RC., CO PILOT, F/O  
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.  
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.  
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

39  
took off 1516  
landed 1915

KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.  
STEVENS, CO PILOT, F/O  
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.  
KILSEY, ENG., Sgt.  
SIELER, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
DANIELS, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

(R.O.N. Cognac)

44  
took off 1523  
landed —

GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.  
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.  
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.  
BRIN, NAV., Lt.  
MOORE, ENG., T/Sgt.  
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

34  
took off 1519  
landed 2118

FRANKEL, PILOT, Lt.  
CLEMSON, CO PILOT, Lt.  
TRAMMELL, BOMB., Lt.  
MARSIO, ENG., Cpl.  
VINE, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.  
DRIZGA, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

(R.O.N. Cognac)

48  
took off 1523  
landed —