

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

D-G-2

17 April 1945.

Final Mission Report NO. 569.

Flight Commander: Captain Scott.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Armstrong.

320th Bombardment Group (M)

ALT. DETTELSAU AMMUNITION DUMP, AREA "A" (M/R: (W) T-203805, CGCS 4416, Sheet U5), Germany.

At 10:55 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Alt. Dettelsau Ammunition Dump, Area "A" (M/R: (W) T-203805, CGCS 4416, Sheet U5), Germany. 3 B-26's returned early: spares. Total Sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 124 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs (Inst. Nose & non-delay tail fuses) on the first bomb-run on the Primary target at 13:00 hours from 12,400' on an Axis of 38°T (briefed Axis - 50°T; drift correction - 04° right; evasive action - loss of altitude) and 27 B-26's were over the Primary target on the second bomb-run, and 17 B-26's dropped 234 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bomb (Inst. Nose & non-delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 13:16 hours from 11,500' on an Axis of 30°T (briefed Axis - 50°T; drift correction - none; evasive action - loss of altitude). The second Squadron did not drop on the first bomb-run, because of inter-phone malfunction. 14 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs were salvoed at 13:16 hours at the target, due to bombardier error. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 27 B-26's returned to base at 14:47 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation: 5 T/E and 1 S/E a/c dispersed at N/D East of Amsbach T-1183 at 13:01 hours.

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: See Report No. 570, this date.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 300/400 RR cars between Amsbach, S-0682 and S-2288 at 13:01 hours.
 - (2) 100 RR cars at Amsbach S-0682 at 13:01 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 9.

ROUTE: Base to Spinal V-0454; to Saverne G-7216; to Speyer R-5080; to Grailsheim S-7063; to Dinkelsbühl S-8956; to IP, S-9957; to target on an Axis of 38°T, on the first bomb-run; breakaway left to Dinkelsbühl S-8956; to IP, S-9957; to target on an Axis of 30°T, on the second bomb-run; breakaway left to Grailsheim S-7063; reciprocal course to base.

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R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

WEATHER: Clear; vis. 6 to 8 miles in all areas.

RESULTS: Excellent bomb patterns covered the target, causing several large explosions and fires.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The two (2) a/c, which remained at Cognac from the last mission of 16 April 1945, returned to base at 12:50 hours, 17 April 1945.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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17 April 1945

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 (Alt Dettelsau Ammo Dump, Areas "A" and "B", Germany), of this Group, this date.

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AREA "B"

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Camera Report for 17 April 1945 - TARGET: ALT DETTLESDAU AIRMO DUMP.
AREA "B" (Cont)

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2; The pictures taken in ship Nos. 58, 75, 4, 30, 82, 57, 74, 50, 57, 54, and 24 were not printed.

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MISSION #557

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CAPT. SCOTT

17 April 1945

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CHECK POINTS:

KILBURN - LINE

GUND - FLYER

HALL - GEORGE

HICKMAN - FOX

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KILBURN - SUE

KILBURN - VICTOR

KILBURN - WACE

KILBURN - YOK

KILBURN - ZIG

GROUNDED AT INTERSECTION

1st 1163 JGO

2nd 1166 RV

3rd 1169 BV

4th 1172 CT

COMBAT PLANS FOR FIELD:

Y-90 VICTOR SIGN: KILBURN on 6440 and 6

Y-8 VICTOR SIGN: KILBURN on 6440 and 6

Y-3 VICTOR SIGN: KILBURN on 6440 and 6

Y-39 VICTOR SIGN: KILBURN on 6440 and 6

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #557 - 17 APRIL 1945

ARMSTRONG, PILOT, Capt.	444th	87
ELLIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1055
LARRAHEE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1447
WESTBROOK, NAV., 1st Lt.		
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SCOTT, FC., Capt.		
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
WILLIAMS, RL., BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1448
HARTMAN, NAV., Lt.		
RANKIN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WARREN, FOTO, Cpl.		
PIERCE, DR., PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	90
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1056
HALE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1448
RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.		
TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALLMON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1056
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1449
HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
PIERCE, WH., RADIO, Sgt.		
SKINNER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ERVIN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
DOLEZAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1057
PHILLIPS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1449
KING, ENG., Cpl.		
IVES, RADIO, Cpl.		
THOLEMEIER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MICHELSON, PILOT, Lt. (DA)	444th	75
MUSICK, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1057
BURNS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1449
HORTON, ENG., Cpl.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
NESBITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.		
HARTMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. (DW)	444th	83
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1058
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1450
IVERSON, ENG., Sgt.		
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
WIGGILL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

SINK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	82
PLANTHABER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1058
CANBY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1459
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.		
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SAVAGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1059
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1450
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt. (AA)		
OTELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1059
SPANN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1450
HOOD, NAV., Lt.		
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BEDFORD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1100
BECKMAN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1501
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1100
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1501
FARMER, ENG., Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
HAVEL, CB., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
CATALANO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1101
SCHEMPF, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1452
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.		
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.		
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LEFEVER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	99
BOYD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1101
MCGRAIN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1452
FRANCIS, ENG., Cpl.		
JEFFERIS, RADIO, Cpl.		
PILLING, GUNNER, Cpl.		

STARR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	86
HARTLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1102
KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1503
HIGHTOWER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
PHILIPS, JA., RADIO, Cpl.		
SAVARESE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. (WE)	441st	05
WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. (SG)		took off 1102
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1452
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
STRAND, RADIO, Cpl.		
FRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KAISER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	07
MCBURNETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1103
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1453
LANE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.		
CRIST, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1103
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1453
RARICK, ENG., Cpl.		
KNIGHT, RADIO, Sgt.		
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SPRADLING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	25
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1104
ANDERSON, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1454
MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.		
CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major	442nd	37
HEDGES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1104
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1455
MCPHERSON, NAV., Lt.		
SWICK, ENG., Cpl.		
FORREST, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DAVIES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1105
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1455
FELDER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PETRO, FOTO, Sgt.		

HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
HUMBERT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1105
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1456
SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 OLSON, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 35
WITHERS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1106
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1457
MORDUE, ENG., Cpl.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 42
TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1106
SIVULA, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1457
MULLINS, ENG., Cpl.		
KNAPP, RADIO, Cpl.		
POND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
GRADY, FOTO, Sgt.		
 PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 33
KRIDDM., COPILOT, Lt.		took off 1107
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1458
SULLIVAN, ENG., Cpl.		
BERRY, ENG., Cpl.		
DANIELS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 30
GRIFFITHS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1109
MORIN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1459
MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl.		
HARRIS, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURFACE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DRIZGA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 PERRINE, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 47
MCCLUNG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1108
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1459
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 CARY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th (Spere)	 79
WELDON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1108
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1333
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
SMITH, RADIO, Cpl. (G)		
STEGEMEYER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

VILLELLI, PILOT, Lt.
TISDAIL, CO PILOT, Lt.
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.
MONTGOMERY, ENG., S/Sgt.
PATTERSON, RADIO, Cpl.
OLSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

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LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt.
SHEEHAN, CO PILOT, Lt.
YOUSSE, BOMB., S/Sgt.
HOGUE, ENG., Cpl.
KING, RADIO, Cpl.
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.

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