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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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17 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 570.

Flight Commander: Major West.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Mosby.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 11:45 hours, 29 B-26's took off to bomb Alt. Dettelsau Ammunition Dump, Area "B" (M/R: (W) T-203805, GSGS 4416, Sheet U5), Germany. 2 B-26's returned early: spares. Total Sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 140 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 13:25 hours from 12,900' to 11,000' on an Axis of 35°T (briefed Axis - 50°T; drift correction - 04° right; evasive action - loss of altitude) on the first bomb-run. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 70 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 13:47 hours from 12,100' on an Axis of 38°T (briefed Axis - 50°T; drift correction - none; evasive action - loss of altitude) on the second bomb-run. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost. 1 B-26 is missing: reported to have landed safely, though one engine was shot out by E/A, at Y-79. 2 B-26's damaged by E/A. 26 B-26's returned to base at 15:26 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: F-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation:
 - (1) 5 T/E and 4 S/E a/c at Amsbach A/D T-1187; others dispersed in woods around field at 13:26 hours.
 - (2) 9 S/E and 6 T/E a/c at A/D at T-2196 at 13:26 hours.
 - (3) New L/G and 6 S/E a/c at S-9068 at 13:28 hours.

ENEMY AIR ENCOUNTERS: 4/6 Me-262's, some painted dark-gray and some silver, attacked just after the second bomb-run over Amsbach. Three (3) passes were made from 6 o'clock, high and level, closing to 200 yards and 400 yards, with machine-guns and 30 mm. cannon fire. The crews report, that the first attack on their flight, was from 2 o'clock, high, and 3 attacks at 5 o'clock, low, with one E/A closing to 25 feet, passing between flight lead and wing man, then breaking left and up. Gunners in this crew believed pilots to be inexperienced. When attacked by escort, the E/A departed. The last attack was made by a single Me-262, which did not appear to fire. The initial attacks were made in pairs abreast. 4 Fw-190's were seen at the same time, but were attacked by the escort before making attacks.

Losses to E/A: None. Damaged by E/A: 2.
Claimed E/A: None.

FLAK: None. Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
 - (1) Contrails were seen at 18,000' over the target at 13:26 hours (Prior to the first attacks).

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GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd)

a. General: (Cont'd)

- (2) Ammunition dump at S-9153 at 13:23 hours.
- (3) Supply dump at T-0157 at 13:25 hours.
- (4) Storage area at T-1573 at 13:25 hours.
- (5) Hospital at T-1380 at 13:46 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 30 car train, stationary, steam up, facing South at Crailsheim S-7162, 75 damaged RR cars in M/Y at 13:50 hours.
- (2) 1 locomotive, stationary, steam up, at T-2388, at 13:46 hours.
- (3) 30 RR cars at T-1077 at 13:22 hours.
- (4) 60 RR cars at S-8954 at 13:23 hours.
- (5) 60 RR cars at S-8762 at 13:43 hours.
- (6) 5 M/T, stationary in clearing, at T-2589 at 13:49 hours.
- (7) 4 M/T moving East at T-0984 at 13:26 hours.
- (8) 4 large M/T parked at T-0381 at 13:25 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 9.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 569, this date.

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

RESULTS: A good pattern reported to have covered the assigned area. Bombs of one Squadron were short, to the South-East.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

Additional Comments: The a/c lost on the last mission of 16 April 1945, was crash-landed, because the a/c was lost and out of fuel. A/C became lost through navigational error.

Correction: Correction on bombs dropped, instead of 140 x 500-lb Demolition bombs dropped on the first bomb-run, should read 138 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs. Add on to bombs salvaged, 2 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area, having hung up.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #556 FLIGHT CONTROLLER: [illegible] 17 April 1945

66			
81		60 More	HALLIDAY
70			61 [illegible]
51			
72		61 Parburrow	HOOVER
57		62 Higgins	72 [illegible]
62			
56		62 [illegible]	JONES
52		62 [illegible]	62 [illegible]
68			
67		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
59			
71		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
63			
58		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
54			
65		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
10			
11		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
15			
01		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
17			
24		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
09			
12		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
08			
02		63 [illegible]	63 [illegible]
03			

URGENT CALL: [illegible] [illegible]

W/T call sign: U78

Control center: [illegible] and [illegible] on channel 60

CANCELLATION CODE: [illegible] [illegible]

FIGHTER CALL SIGN: [illegible]

CHECK POINTS:

HEILBRONN - MIKE

GAUD - PETER

HALL - GEORGE

HECHLER - FOX

KUNZEISAU - QUEEN

GR. YLSHEI - UNCLE

DINKELSHUL - VICTOR

ROTHEBURG - OBOE

GUZENHAUSEN - KRLV

TREUCHTLINGEN - YOKI

NILPOLSTET - SUGAR

THILFELSZING - JIG

CHARTER OF 1945 [illegible]

TIME [illegible] CHALLENGE CODES

0100-0700 1G 1 3

0700-1300 1H 1 1

1300-1900 1K 2 2

1900-2400 1L 3 3

ALL GROUPS AT [illegible]

1st [illegible] 100

2nd [illegible] 100

3rd [illegible] 100

4th [illegible] 100

COAST EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS:

Y-90 GROIN DE [illegible] [illegible] on 6440 and C

Y-8 [illegible] [illegible] on 6440 and C

Y-2 [illegible] [illegible] on 6440 and C

Y-39 [illegible] [illegible] on 6440 and C

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #558 - 17 APRIL 1945.

MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1125
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1526
BROOKS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEST, FC., Major.		
HALBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	81
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1125
PRIGMORE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1526
LOWERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
WATHEN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
JACKENSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEVAUGHN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1126
DAVIS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1526
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1126
FARBROW, BOMB., Capt.		landed 1527
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PICKARD, OBS., Capt.		
HOOVER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	72
ANDREWS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>early</i>	took off 1127
TRAFTON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1330
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CASEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLASKO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1127
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1528
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Sgt.		

RECHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. LOBECK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LOUCHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt. ORT, RADIO, S/Sgt. RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.	443rd	62 took off 1128 landed 1528
JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt. NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O OPR, BOMB., S/Sgt. MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt. HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt. HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	56 took off 1128 landed 1529
BUFFETT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O LUENEMANN, BOMB., 2nd Lt. CONKLIN, ENG., Cpl. BOATENREITER, RADIO, Sgt. MORRIS, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	52 took off 1129 landed 1529
BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt. WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PETERSON, BOMB., 1st Lt. BOY, NAV., 1st Lt. HARTLEY, ENG., Cpl. MERCER, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	68 took off 1129 landed 1530
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt. MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HOLLAND, BOMB., 1st Lt. STUEMKE, NAV., F/O BROOKS, ENG., S/Sgt. GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt. FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	67 took off 1130 landed 1530
SMITH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HUDSPETH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GUNN, BOMB., F/O BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt. HERREMA, RADIO, Cpl. PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. HAYES, FOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	59 took off 1130 landed 1531
MCDONALD, PILOT, Capt. CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, JR., BOMB., 2nd Lt. EWERS, ENG., Cpl. DICKINSON, RADIO, Capt. KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	71 took off 1131 landed 1531

POOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PERRY, CO PILOT, F/O
GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.
PROBST, ENG., S/Sgt.
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

53
took off 1131
landed 1532

STANLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CLARK, L., CO PILOT, F/O
KATZMAN, BOMB., F/O
DZIENISZ, ENG., S/Sgt.
MILLS, RADIO, Cpl.
SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.
BURGESS, FOTO, Sgt.

443rd

63
took off 1132
landed 1532

JOLLIFF, PILOT, 1st Lt.
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
CHRISTRUP, BOMB., F/O
OEHLKE, ENG., S/Sgt.
KNOTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.
POIKE, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

(landed at
Sandhofen o.p.)

58
took off 1132
landed —

SHADLE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
PHILLIPS, CB., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd

54
took off 1133
landed 1532

O'REILLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
RUELY, CO PILOT, F/O
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.
FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

early

65
took off 1133
landed 1230

PETERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
INGLE, BOMB., 1st Lt.
PERFETTO, NAV., Capt.
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.
HEDGES, TA., GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

10
took off 1134
landed 1533

DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
ZELMER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.
BURKE, NAV., 2nd Lt.
STRAND, ENG., T/Sgt.
HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.

441st

23
took off 1134
landed 1533

BLACK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	15
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1135
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 1533
CONNELL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
TAMOSIUNAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
DINOME, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	01
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1135
KINGSEBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1534
WASH, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VAN DYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MCKENZIE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1136
BRICKSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1534
EVANS, DG., ENG., Cpl.		
SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl.		
NEIRA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FORSYTHE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	24
HODGES, CO PILOT, F/O (JT)		took off 1136
SACCO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1534
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HOWLINGCRAME, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WYNOTT, FOTO, T/Sgt.		
SHARP, PILOT, Major	441st	09
GARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1137
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1535
MCCRIDE, ENG., Cpl.		
DRAKE, RADIO, Cpl.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl. (PG)		
JANER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	12
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1137
TUNNARD, BOMB., F/O		landed 1536
WRIGHT, ENG., Sgt.		
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.		
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SCHAIM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	08
LOAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1138
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1536
GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.		
DALTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.		

RAMSEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LIVENGOOD, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.
FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.
GALDIANO, RADIO, Sgt.
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.

441st (Spare)

02
took off 1138
landed 1527

MCGAFFIN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O
BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O
WILLIAMS, ENG., Cpl. (DY)
HANEL, RADIO, Sgt. (G)
GOLTZMAN, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st (Spare)

03
took off 1139
landed 1522