

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

D-g#2

20 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 574.

Flight Commander: Major Sharp.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Schrantz.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

INGOLSTADT KOSCHING AMMUNITION DUMP, AREA "A" (M/R: (W) T-744279, CGCS 4416, Sheet V6), Germany.

At 11:31 hours, 28 B-26's took off to bomb Ingolstadt Kosching Ammunition Dump, Area "A" (M/R: (W) T-744279, CGCS 4416, sheet V6), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early: spare. Total sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target on two (2) bomb-runs. 18 B-26's dropped 244 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs (Inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) on the Primary target on the first bomb-run at 14:07 hours from 12,400' to 11,900' on an Axis of 100°T (briefed Axis - 110°T; drift correction - 04½° right; evasive action - loss of altitude), and 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 8 B-26's dropped 110 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs (Inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 14:26 hours from 11,600' on an Axis of 114°T (briefed Axis - 110°T; drift correction - 04° right; evasive action - loss of altitude) on the second bomb-run. 2 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs (Inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) were tumbled at 14:07 hours at the target, landing short of the target. 14 x 260-lb. Fragmentation bombs (Inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) were returned to base, not having been dropped, due to bombardier error. 4 "BAT" a/c carried only 12 bombs each. No B-26's lost, or missing. No B-26's damaged. 22 B-26's returned to base at 16:07 hours. 5 B-26's returned to base late between 18:17 hours and 18:45 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) P-47's provided escort.
- (2) 6 S/E a/c seen to take-off L/G at T-7346 and head South at 14:12 hours.
- (3) 1 P-38 flew through the formation at T-3837 at 14:00 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) 3 a/c at Neuburg A/D T-5719 at 14:05 hours.
- (2) A/D in good condition at T-1142 at 14:30 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:

- (1) Barracks at T-1053 at 13:44 hours.
- (2) 15 warehouses at Eitensheim T-6331 at 13:59 hours.
- (3) Activity in ordnance depot North of the target.

b. Communications:

- (1) 75 RR cars, 20 Red Cross cars, 1 locomotive, no steam up, at Grailsheim S-7162 at 13:40 hours.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd).

b. Communications: (Cont'd).

(2) 50 M/T headed South at S-7255 and 50 M/T headed South-East at S-8258 at 13:42 hours.

(3) 80 RR cars, 2 locomotives, no steam up, at Weiszenburg T-3753 at 14:34 hours.

(4) 90 RR cars, 1 locomotives, no steam up, at Trenchtlingen T-3344 at 13:50 hours.

(5) 90 RR cars, Eichstall T-5338 at 14:12 hours.

(6) 20 M/T, stationary, at T-7340 at 14:16 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 7.

ROUTE: Base to Epinal V-0454; to Saverne Q-7316; to rendezvous with escort at Speyer R-5080; to Grailsheim S-7162; to Trenchtlingen T-3344; to IP, Bollnstein T-4637; to target on an Axis of 100°T; on the first bomb-run; breakaway left to IP; to target on an Axis of 114°T on the second bomb-run; breakaway left to Grailsheim; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: CAVU in all areas.

RESULTS: Excellent patterns covered the target area, causing enormous explosions.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This mission was briefed as a "BAT" mission; bombed visually when "BAT" equipment went out.

Additional Comments: Photographs show a/c, that was lost on the 22 March 1945, to have crashed at (W) R-642876, instead of (W) R-7582.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Bombardment Wing (US), APO #374.
ATTENTION: A-2.

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Ingolstadt Mosching, Germany), of this Group, this date.

MISSION NO. 2 - Area "B".

			T	25		
			T	(T)K-17		
	T			39	T	36
T		T		(T)K8-AB		(T)K-20
			57	T		
			(T)K8-AB	T		
	T			69	T	55
T		T		(T)K-17		(T)K-20

MISSION NO. 2 - Area "A".

			T	68		
			T	(T)K-17		
	T			24	T	07
T		T		(T)K8-AB		(T)K-20
			97	T		
			(T)K-17	T		
	T			61	T	53
T	MM	T		(T)K-17		(T)K-20
			86	T		
			(T)K8-AB	T		
	T			99	T	91
T		T		(T)K-17		(T)K-20

2. The pictures taken in Ships No. 39, 36, 55, 24, 07, 61, 53, and 91 were not printed.

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SCHRANTZ, PILOT, Lt.	441st	
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, Lt.		10
LIEVER, BOMB. Lt.		took off 11:31
NORDEN, NAV., Lt.		landed 16:09
WYATT, ENG., T/Sgt.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SHARP, F.C. MAJOR		
SHERWOOD, PILOT, Lt.	441st	68
HEDGES, CO PILOT, F/O.		took off 11:31
EMMONS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 16:09
BURKE, NAV. Lt.		
TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CRIST, RADIO, Cpl.		
WRIGHT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
POTTS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, Lt.	441st	02
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 11:32
DEVER, BOMB, Lt.		landed 16:07
BADER, NAV. Lt.		
STRAND, ENG., T/Sgt.		
WEBER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SATTERWHITE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
STRAND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LEKUS, PILOT, Lt.	441st	11
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 11:32+
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 16:10
LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.		
KRON, RADIO, Cpl.		
NORBERG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BRIESCHKE, PILOT, F/O	441st	07
KAISER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 11:33
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 16:10+
GIBSON, ENG. S/Sgt.		
KOLTZ, RADIO, Cpl.		
LUDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLACK, PILOT, Lt.	441st	24
MC BURNETTE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 11:33+
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 16:10+
FRAZIER, ENG. Cpl.		
SMITH, RADIO, Sgt.		
ATEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
NEAL, PHOTO, Cpl.		
CAMPBELL, PILOT, Cpl.	441st.	19
CRAWFORD, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 11:34
MC KINLEY, BOMB. Lt.		landed 16:11
MORRIS, ENG. Cpl.		
HAVEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
CARRIER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

BOBLITT, PILOT, Lt.
MC MAKIN, CO PILOT, Lt.
KINGSBURY, BOMB., Lt.
EVANS, ENG., Cpl.
SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl.
NEIRA, GUNNER, Sgt.

441st

17
took off 11:24
landed 16:11+

GRONIS, PILOT, Lt.
REISDORFF, CO PILOT, Lt.
MCCREARY, BOMB., Lt.
MC COY, ENG., S/Sgt.
GALDIANO, RADIO, Sgt.
DIETRICK, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

14
took off 11:35
landed 16:12

ARMSTRONG, PILOT, Capt.
BOYD, CO PILOT, F/O
LARRABEE, BOMB. Lt.
HARTMAN, NAV. Lt.
JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.
POZNIAK, RADIO, T/Sgt.

444th

81
took off 11:36+
landed 16:13

DAY, PILOT, Lt.
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O
JARMAN, BOMB. Lt.
CANBY, NAV. Lt.
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.
DAY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

98
took off 11:36
landed 16:12+

CHANNEL, PILOT, Lt.
MUSICK, CO PILOT, Lt.
PHILLIPS, BOMB., Lt.
SMITH, ENG., S/Sgt.
LE BLANC, RADIO, Cpl.
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.
CASE, PHOTO, Sgt.

444th

97
took off
landed

NO TAKE OFF

BOMHOLT, PILOT, Lt.
MORELAND, CO PILOT, Lt.
MRVOS, BOMB., Lt.
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
RODE, GUNNER, Cpl.

443rd

70
took off 11:37+
landed 16:14

GALLAHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HACKNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
WENDT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
MC QUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
COMBER, GUNNER, Cpl.
STUTLAND, PHOTO, PFC.

443rd

53
took off 11:38
landed 16:14+

SMITH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O
GUNN, BOMB. F/O
AVERY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
HERREMA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HUMPHRIES, GUNNER, ~~ENGINEER~~ Cpl.
BURGESS, PHOTO, Sgt.

443rd

61
took off 11:39+
landed 16:30

Lunenburg

LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 11:39
KOTERSKI, BOMB. Lt.		landed 16:13+
REILLY, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
STROTTER, RADIO, Cpl.		
VAN ACEKEREN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 46
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 11:39+
FISHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 18:36
FARMER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MOONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DRIZGA, GUNNER, CPL.		
 PETERSON, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 41
FREDERICK, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 11:40
MORIN, BOMB. F/O		landed 18:32
PATRICK, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
PATTERSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, CPL.		
 KAMANSKI, PILOT, CAPT.	 444th	 87
DOLEZAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 11:40+
BEEBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 16:15
NELSON, NAV. 1st Lt.		
GAY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 83
McLaurin, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 11:40
GOLDMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 16:14
ADAMS, NAV. 1st Lt.		
GREER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
VILLINES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
 TRAVELLE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 86
CASHEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
KILGORE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WITT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUS, PHOTO, Sgt.		
 MATTHEWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 88
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 11:41
SPARKS, BOMB. F/O		landed 16:10
BAILEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
BROWN, RADIO, Sgt.		
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 BILBREY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 444th	 91
GHENT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 11:41+
VIGIL, BOMB. F/O		landed 16:17
ROEHM, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Sgt.		

LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BULLARD, CO PILOT, Maj.
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 1st Lt.
LESTER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
ZOLLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.
SKINNER, GUNNER, Sgt.
ZALEWSKI, X, S/Sgt.

444th

Lunenburg

99
took off 11:42
landed 19:35

HARTMAN, PILOT, 1st. Lt.
BELL, CO PILOT, Lt.
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O
IVERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.
WIGGILL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

444th

85
took off 11:42
landed 16:15

BROWNE, R.W. PILOT, Lt.
NELSON, CO PILOT, Lt.
POINDEXTER, BOMB., Sgt.
PRENDERGAST, ENG., Sgt.
BARTSANO, RADIO, Cpl.
GANJOT, GUNNER, Sgt.
DINYER, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

90
took off 11:43
landed 16:16

SINK, PILOT, Lt.
PLANTHAHER, CO PILOT F/O
TAKALA, BOMB., S/Sgt.
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.
RIDDLE, GUNNER, Sgt.
BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

79
took off 11:43
landed 16:16

COOK, PILOT, Lt.
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O
STORICK, BOMB., Lt.
BROOKS, ENG. S/Sgt.
CITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
CASEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd (Spare)

51
11:53 took off
14:08 landed

LOAR, PILOT, Lt.
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, Lt.
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.
FEINEN, ENG., Sgt.
SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st (Spare)

22
took off 11:54
landed 18:17

MEEHAN, PILOT, Lt.
ANDREWS, CO PILOT, Lt.
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.
DEVLIN, ENG. S/Sgt.
HENDRICKS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MERCER, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd (spare)

72
took off 11:53
landed 18:45

MISSION NO. 563 FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR SHARP 20 APRIL 1945.

10	10	10
68	02 DEVER	68 LIONS
02	"B"	LAKUS
11	BLCK	11 BRICKSON
07	24 THOMAS	07 BIDDLE
24	"C"	C. BELL
19	GRONIS	19 McKINLEY
17	14 McGRATH	17 KINGSBURY
14	"D"	TRONG
81	CH. KELL	81 L. R. BB
98	97 PHILLIPS	98 J. R. H.
97	"E"	B. HOLT
70	SMITH	70 ARVOS
53	61 GUNN	53 E. C. KNEY
61	"F"	LIGHTFOOT
34	34 T. B. COX	34 KOLERSKI
46	41 CORIN	46 FISHER
41	"G"	K. M. ASKI
87	87 VAL	87 B. B. Y.
87	86 KILGUS	83 GOLDMAN
86	"H"	L. H. H. S.
88	11 B. B. DORFMAN	88 SPARKS
91	99 SCHMIDT	91 VIGIL
99	"I"	H. R. L. K.
85	SINK	85 BR. CAMP
90	79 T. A. L.	90 FOUNDATION
79	51 R. S.	51 STORICK
51	70 ORR	22 MARTINSON
22		
72		

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 20 APRIL 1945.

TIME	FLYERS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0100-0700	RED	C	B
0700-1300	RED	H	Z
1300-1900	YEL	L	J
1900-0100	RED	C	F

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

41st Index No.	163	RKO
42nd Index No.	166	GFL
43rd Index No.	169	LIV
44th Index No.	172	GFU
COLLECTION CODE NAME: FLY BILL		

NUMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 320th Group SUPER

A/T CALL SIGNS FOR AREA 1 Net: 320th Group (Area "A") 102 320th Group (Area "B") 091

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: B. B. Y. AND B. G. G. L. ON CHANNEL "CHALLENGE"

FIGHTER ESCORT CALL SIGNS: 320th Bomb Group ABSTRACT