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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 578

Flight Commander: Major West.
Lead Pilot : Captain Sherwood.

320th Bombardment group (M).

SCHWABMUNCHEN AMMO DUMP, AREA "A", (M/R: (M) X-318547, GSGs 4416, sheet 15), Germany.

3 B-26's took off to bomb Schwabmunchen Ammo Dump, Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total sorties: 3. 3 B-26's dropped 40 x 250 lb demolition bombs (.1, .025 second delay tail fuses) on the primary target at 1044 hours from 11,500' on an axis of 235° T, (Briefed axis - 238 deg. T; Drift correction - None; Evasive action - loss of altitude/. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. (Lead A/C (Bat) carried only 12 bombs). No B-26's were lost and no B-26's are missing. No B-26's were damaged. 3 B-26's returned to base at 1222 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Activity: F-47's provided escort.
b. Situation: 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:
1. 3 tanks moving east at X-3987 at 1117 hours.
2. Hospital at Sinsgen X-4867 at 1105 hours.
3. Holsheim Y-0794 burning at 1022 hours.
b. Communications:
1. Heavy traffic moving south at X-1080 at 1120 hours.
2. 14 M/T moving north at S-8900 at 1020 hours.
3. 50 RR cars at Billingen T-0402 at 1022 hours.
4. 12 M/T moving east at S-9901 at 1021 hours.
5. 20 hospital RR cars at Y-1935 at 1101 hours.
6. Train of 30 RR cars facing north, steam up, stationary, at Dissen Y05133 at 1050 hours.

CASUALTIES: None.

NO. OF A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 7.

ROUTE: same as report no. 1, this date.
Weather: same as report no. 1, this date.

RESULTS: Not observed, due to cloud cover, but crews reported that reddish black smoke reach 14,000' and that violent explosions were felt just after bombing.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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