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

D-C-2

25 April 1945.

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Final Mission Report No. 680.

Flight Commander: Major Deatly.
Lead Pilot : Captain Estes.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

EBENHAUSEN AMMUNITION FACTORY, AREA "A" (M/R: (W) T-747170, GSGS 4416, Sheet W6), Germany.

At 09:20 hours, 39 B-26's took off to bomb Ebenhausen Ammunition Factory, Area "A" (M/R: (W) T-747170, GSGS 4416, Sheet W6), Germany. 5 B-26's returned early: 1 engine cutting-out; 1 ill crew member; 3 spares. Total Sorties: 34. 34 B-26's were over the Primary target and 34 B-26's dropped 462 x 250-lb. demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 12:27 hours from 12,000' to 11,000' on an Axis of 206°T (briefed Axis - 192°T; drift correction - none; evasive action - loss of altitude). 6 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged at 12:28 hours at the target area, having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 34 B-26's returned to base at 14:09 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) P-47's provided escort.
- (2) 2,000 Lancasters encountered during rendezvous over Offenbourg at 11:15 hours.
- (3) Vapor trails at 20,000' at W-1590 at 11:13 hours and 12:15 hours.
- (4) A/C leaving vapor trail at 15,000' at T-5055 at 12:01 hours, headed East.
- (5) 1 twin-jet a/c at 6,000' headed West at T-8042 at 12:25 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) 25/30 A/C at Geisenfeld A/D T-7719 at 12:27 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) Autobahn at T-7911 cratered by demolitions at 12:27 hours.
- (2) Considerable scattered traffic moving in all directions in vicinity of T-5049 at 12:25 hours.
- (3) Overpasses on Autobahn East of Gunzburg X-8887 for 10 miles for 10 miles out at 12:48 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 20 M/T moving North at T-8442 at 12:25 hours.
- (2) 250 RR cars at Ingolstadt T-7125 at 12:26 hours.
- (3) 75 RR cars at Neuburg T-5321 at 12:29 hours.

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CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 9.

ROUTE: Base to Selestat V-7762; to rendezvous with escort at Offenburg W-1688; to Rentlingen X-0989; to Nordlingen T-0331; to Weisenburg T-3757; to T-6651; to IP, Ponderf T-8146; to target on an Axis of 206°T; breakaway right to Lauingen S-9901; to Rentlingen X-0989; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : 5-6/10ths over the Vosages mountains, bases 4-5,000', tops estimated 9-8,000'. Clear to the East. Vis. excellent. Strong turbulence below clouds over Vosages.
- b. Vicinity of Target :
) Less than 1/10th small patches of stratus,
- c. Target Area : estimated at 9,000'. Vis. Excellent.
- d. Return : As enroute, except clouds over Vosages had decreased to 4/10ths.

RESULTS: The first Squadron scored an excellent pattern, the second Squadron was slightly right and short to the North-West and the third Squadron was slightly right to the West of the target. Most of the bombs were in the target area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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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 (Ebenhausen Ammo Factory, South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Area "A", Germany), of the Group, this date.

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		T	(T)K-17	
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		(T)K-20	T	
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			46	
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			20	
		T	(T)K-17	
		T		T
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T		(T)K-20	18	
			(T)K-8	T
			T	
		08		
		(T)K-20	T	
		T		T
			14	
T		T	(T)K-17	T

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Camera Line-up as over the target (Ebenhausen Ammo Factory, South 2 Area "A" - Cont.

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		(T)K-17	T	
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		51		
		(T)K-17	T	
	T			T
			57	
T		T	(T)K-20	T

2; The pictures taken in Ship Nos. 78, 48, 18, 07, 08, 99, 97, 55 & 57 were not printed.

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MISSION #566

FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR DEATLEY

25 April 1945

25	"AM"	ESTES	
78	STRICKLAND	25 Spann	KENT
30	30 Haun		76 Lytle
37	"BM"	DOOLITTLE	
47	VILLELLI	37 Halford	PETERSON
41	41 Roush		47 Wagner
44	"CM"	KOKOLUS	
59	DAVIES	44 Wells	KELLEY
32	32 O'Hied		39 Koterski
34	"DM"	GUSTAFSON	
43	FRANCO	34 Herbst	PEARCE
48	48 CHAMBERLIN		43 YoWell
31	"EM"	GAUDEL	
42	RUSSELL	31 Prather	TIDWITTS
46	46		42 Brunk
35	"FM"	PECKHAM	
94	SIMPSON	36 Cross	OLSON
	94 Trammel		35 Sutcliffe
18	"AM"	SCHWARTZ	F/C Lt. Col. O'Mahony
20	DOMKE	10 Leiver	PETERSON
11	11 Ferrandino		20 Lytle
19	"BM"	MURSEY	
15	SCHAUM	19 McCreary	LEWISWOOD
18	18 Martinson		15 McCreary
05	"CM"	SHARP	
07	WHITMAN	05 Walter	McGaffey
12	12 Trias		07 McCreary
02	"DM"	LEVERING	
06	HEDGES	02 Vance	JAMES
08	08 Thomas		06 Lytle
04	"EM"	DINONE	
24	GARRETT	04 Ellman	DOLES
14	14 Aten		24 Harick
64	"FM"	JOLIFF	
67	STRATTON	64 Christrup	BIRDWELL
69	69 Cullen		67 Green
23	SPACES	LEWIS	
22	STANLEY	23 Erickson	GEIGER
63	63 Storick		22 Blackerby

COLOURS OF THE DAY

TIME	COLOURS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	441st Index No.	AL63	CVI
0100-0700	YY	N	C	442nd	"	AL66 SBT
0700-1300	RG	S	B	443rd	"	AL69 VZU
1300-1900	GHR	V	F	444th	"	AL72 HGN
1900-0100	RR	Y	D			

BOMBERS CALL SINGS: 320th GROUP: /FORTITUDE/
 U/T call sings for wing 1 net: 320th group: /189/
 Control center voice call sign: /BABY/ on channel "C"
 FIGHTER CALL SIGN: /GAMBLET/

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: /SKYHOOK/

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED ON THE MISSION FOR 25 APRIL 1945. # 566
CREWS SQUADRON

Take Off Time

Captain Estes Pilot ,
Lt Humbert Co Pilot
Lt Spann Bombardier
Lt Savoca Navigator
T/ Sgt Surbain Engineer gunner
Weinberg Aerial gunner S/sgt.
Deatly, Major Flight Commander;

442nd

25 09:20
14:09+

Pilot Lt. Kent,
Lt Griffith Co, Pilot,
lt. Lytle , bombardier
Lt. McDougal navigator
Cpl Luker, Engineer gunner,
S/Sgt. Durham Aerial gunner,
Sgt. Grady Aerial photographer.

442nd

78 09:20+
14:09+

Pilot, maj Strickland, F
McClung, F/O Co, Pilot,
Ltn Haun, Bombardier,
Lt. Hood, Navigator,
T/Sgt. Brown, Engineer gunner,
S/Sgt. Renick , radio Gunner,
Sgt. Dawson, Aerial gunner,
Cpl Krizga, Gunner,

442nd

30 09:21
14:10+

Lt. Doolittle Pilot,
Lt. Sheehan, Co, Pilot,
lt. Helfand, Bombardier
S/sgt. Shearer, Engineer gunner,
Cpl. Knapp, Radio Gunner,
Nye S /sgt. Aerial gunner,

442nd

37 09:21+
14:11

Lt. Peterson, Pilot,
Lt. Hedges, Co, Pilot,
Ltn Waganer, Bombardier, N/C,
Sgt. Morgan, Engineer gunner,
Gladden, Cpl Radio Gunner,
Howard, Cpl. Aerial gunner,.

442nd,

47 09:22
14:11+

Lt. Villelli, Pilot,
F/O Rasmussen, Co, Pilot,
S/sgt. Roush Bombardier,
Ison, S/sgt. Engineer gunner,
Goder, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Olsen, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

442nd

41 09:22+
14:12

Kokolus Pilot, Lt.
Mortimer, Co, Pilot, F/O
Wells, Bombardier, Lt.
Montgomery, Engineer Sgt.
Mooreing, Radio Gunner, Cpl.
Bedford, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

442nd

44 09:23
14:12+

Keagy, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	39	09:23 14:13
Ferris, Co, Pilot,			
Koterski, Bombardier, Lt.			
Sullivan, Engineer gunner, Cpl.			
Loveridge, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
Adlen, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
 Davies, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	32	09:24 14:13+
Stevens, Co, Pilot, F/O			
Obeid, Bombardier, Lt.			
Anthony, Engineer gunner, Cpl.			
Church, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Ratts, Aerial Gunner, T/sgt.			
Slater, Aerial photographer, Sgt.			
 Gustafson, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	34	09:24+ 14:13+
Wagner, Co, Pilot, F/O			
Herbat, Bombardier, Lt.			
Brain, Navigator, Lt.			
Sheehy, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Carroll, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Leone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
 Pierce, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	43	09:25 14:14
Larson, Co, Pilot, Lt.			
Yowell, Bombardier, Lt.			
Feller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Fredette, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
McClellan, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.			
 Frankel, Co, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	48	09:25+ 12:32
Meyer, Co, Pilot, Lt.			
Chamberlain, Bombardier, Lt.			
Farmer, Engineer gunner, Cpl.			
Richardson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Halen, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
Carroll, Aerial photographer, Sgt.			
 Guedel, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	31	09:26 14:14+
Turner, Co, Pilot, Lt.			
Prather, Bombardier, Lt.			
Mullins, Engineer gunner, cpl			
Murdoak, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
Ponds, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
 Tibbitts, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	42	09:26+ 14:15
Wolf, Co, Pilot, Lt.			
Brunn, Bombardier, F/O			
Hogue, Engineer gunner, Cpl.			
Vine, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Demski, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
 Russell, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	46	09:27 14:16
Mattson, Co, Pilot, F/O			
DeWulf, Bombardier, F/O			
Marsio, Engineer gunner, Cpl.			
Patterson, Radio Gunner, Cpl.			
Traut, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
Warren, Aerial photographer, Sgt.			

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Peckham, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	36	09:27+
Gardner, Co, Pilot, F/O			14:16+
Cross, Bombardier, F/O			
Stevenson, Engineer, Gunner, S/sgt.			
Berry, Radio Gunner, Cpl.			
VanAckersen, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
 Olson, Pilot, Lt.	 442nd	 35	 09:28
VanVeen, Co, Pilot, Lt.			14:17
Sutcliffe, Bombardier, F/O			
Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Forest, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Spencer, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
 Symons, Pilot, Lt.	 442nd	 94	 09:28+
Fredrick, Co, Pilot, Lt.			14:18
Trammell, Bombardier, F/O			
Patrick, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.			
Newton, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Umscheid, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
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Schranz, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	10	09:29
Colter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			14:19
Liever, Bombardier, 1st Lt.			
Norden, Navigator, 1st Lt.			
Luchansky, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Billington, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.			
O'Mahoney, Flight commander; Captain,			
 Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	 441st	 20	 09:29+
Kaminecki, Co, Pilot, F/O			14:19+
Ingle, Bombardier, 1st Lt.			
Siporen, Navigator, 1st Lt.			
Tietz, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Hedges, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Lank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Neal, Aerial photographer, Sgt.			
 Domke, Pilot, 1st Lt.	 441st	 11	 09:30
Herring, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			14:19+
Ferrandino, Bombardier, 1st Lt.			
Burke, Navigator, 2nd Lt.			
Astry, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
Strand, Radio Gunner, Cpl.			
Wojthewicz, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
 Ramsey, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 19	 09:30
Gronis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			14:19+
McCreary, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			
Evans, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Scott, Radio Gunner, Cpl.			
Dietrick, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			

Livengood, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	15 09:31 12:34
O'Brien, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.		
McKinley, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
Bryant, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Satterwhite, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Turner, Aerial gunner, Cpl		
Schaum, Pilot, 1st Lt.		
Rice, Co. Pilot, F/O		18 09:31+ 14:20
Martinsen, Bombardier, S/sgt.		
Palinski, Engineer gunner, /sgt.		
Featherston, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Bostic, Aerial gunner, /sgt.		
Sharpl Pilot, major.	441st	17 09:32 14:20
Loar, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Walter, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
LaGold, Engineer gunner, /sgt.		
Supanick, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Bondheimer, Aerial gunner, Cpl		
McGaffin, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	07 09:33+ 14:30+
Crawford, co. Pilot, /O		
Williamson, Bombardier S/sgt.		
Morris, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Havel, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Bower, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Whiteman, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	12 09:33 14:21
White, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.		
Trias, Bombardier, F/O		
Pagel, Engineer gunner, /sgt.		
Conrad, Aerial gunner, /gt.		
Goering, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		
Levering, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	02 09:33+ 14:21+
Zellmer, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.		
Vance, Bombardier, F/O		
Bader, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Wright, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Messenger, Observer, Cpt.		
Janer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	96 09:34 14:22
Brieschke, Co. Pilot, F/O		
Biddle Bombardier, S/sgt.		
McBride, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Peeler, Radio Gunner, Cpl		
Smith, Aerial g nner, Spl .		

NAME	GRADE	TIME
Hedges, Pilot, F/O	441st	08 09:34+
McBurnette, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		14:22+
Thomas, Bombardier, Cpl.		
Frazier, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Howlingcrane, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Crist, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Kron, Radiographer, Cpl.		
Dinome, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	04
Reisdorf, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		09:35+
Elman, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		14:23
Wash, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Witten, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Van Dyke, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Bowles, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	24 09:35+
Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		14:28+
Rarick, Bombardier, Cpl.		
Mullis, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Brodie, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Knight, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Garrett, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	14 09:36
McMakin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		14:24
Aten, Bombardier, Sgt.		
McCoy, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Pritchett, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Bowie, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Potts, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		
Jolliff, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	64 09:36+
Recher, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		14:27+
Christrup, Bombardier, F/O		
Luther, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Knott, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Boll, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Birdwell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	67 09:37
Harrison, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		14:28
Greene, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Anderson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Vance, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Perkins, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Stratton, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	69 09:37+
Knight, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		14:26
Cullen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
Silone, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Gain, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Bolton, Radio operator, S/sgt.		
Ort, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

Lekus, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st		23	09:38
Bolton, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		spare		11:29
Erickson, Bombardier, F/O				
Garner, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.				
Slade, Radio Gunner, Cpl.			ER	
Norderg, Aerial gunner, Sgt.				

Geiger, Pilot, F/O	441st		22	09:38+
McKenzie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		SPARE		11:23
Blackerby, Bombardier, F/O				
Feinen, Engineer gunner, Sgt.				
Carrier, Radio Gunner, Cpl.			ER	
Fitzgearld, Aerial gunner, Sgt.				

Stanley, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd		63	09:39
Roberts, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.				11:33
Storick, Bombardier, 1st Lt.				
Blackwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		spare.		
Williams, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			ER.	
Lafrennie, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.				