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

Final Mission Report No. 582.

Flight Commander: Captain Bennett.
Lead Pilot : Lt. Col. Hayward.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

LECHFIELD AIRFIELD, AREA "E" (M/R: (W) Y-320620, GSGS 4416, Sheet X5), Germany.

At 08:47 hours, 27 B-26's took off to bomb Lechfield Airfield, Area "E" (M/R: (W) Y-320620, GSGS 4416, Sheet X5), Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 27. No B-26's were over the target. The formation turned back at T-4515, due to weather at 10:48 hours at 7,500'. No bombs were dropped, and no bombs were salvoed. All 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 12:44 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-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: 1 burst of Heavy, Inaccurate flak fired in vicinity of Laupheim X-5961.
Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

ROUTE: Base to Selestat V-7962; to rendezvous at Offenburg W-1587; to Rentlingen X-0989; to X-5067; to Rentlingen X-0989; to Nordlingen T-0332; to T-4515; to Nordlingen T-0332; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute : Generally 6-7/10ths coverage consisting of stratocumulus deck, base 5,500', tops 10,000', with frequent cumulus tops building up to an Estimated 15,000'. Above the stratocumulus top there were multilayered altostratus decks mixed in between the cumulus tops. Vis. 8 - 10 miles in haze.
- b. Vicinity and Target Area: At O.P. a solid wall of thick altostratus built up from the top of the stratocumulus to an estimated 15,000', cutting off all access to the target.
- c. Return : Cloud coverage increased to 10/10ths.

RESULTS: None.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This mission was briefed as a Visual mission.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,

MISSION NO. 553 FLIGHT COMMANDER COL. ROYCE WILSON 26 APRIL 1945
 RUNWAY LINE UP

70		HALL RD	
62	KNIGHT	70 Hows	TOWNSEND
59	59 Storick		62 Holland
51	"B"	RACHER	
63	ROBERTS	51 Loughridge	MARSH
69	59 Jett		63 Suggs
71	"C"	BOLHOLT	
53	53 Niley	71 Mrvos	FOOR
57	57 Chacko		Grosne 53
58	"D"	VEINGERT	
67	JUMPER	58 Miazga	MCDONALD
56	Gunn 56		67 Clark
50	"E"	NEUMON	
54	HOOVER	50 Hogan	SCOTT
72	72 Cooch		54 Cullen
64	"F"	DEMLYAN	
61	BUFFETT	64 Trafton	LIVESLEY
39	39 Jannemann		61 Hall
34	"G"	PEARSON	
43	SPARES FRANKEL	34 Beckman	PIERCE
48	48 Woodward		43 Yowell
30	LOBECK "H"	HACKERS	
37	44 Hackney PERRINE	30 Prathers	TISDALE
32	32 Sutcliffe		37 Cross
31	"I"	Guadel	
41	SIMMONS	31 Locurta	VILLELLI
47	47 Trammell		41 Kotarski
44			

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 26 April 1945

Time FLARE Colors CHALLENGE REPLY

0100-0700 YY G D

0700-1300 YYR S P

1300-1900 RRR W H

1900-0100 YYR Z X

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: 320th Group

W/T CALL SIGNS FOR WING 1 NET 320th Group G-91

CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BABY AND BAGGAGE ON

CHANNEL "C".

Fighter Voice call signs: 320th Gp. MOUSETRAP

COMBAT EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS

A-90 CROIX DE METZ Call sign: Manifold on 644C and C

Y-8 LUXEUIL " " Frontroom " " " "

Y-2 LUNEVILLE " " Drycloth " " " "

Y-39 HAGUENAU " " Jibilee " " " "

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

441st Index No. A163 NMT

442nd Index No. A166 RVM

443rd Index No. A169 VWR

444th Index No. A172 MPZ

Cancellation code word: BLACKMAIL

SHORTY CHECK POINTS

'OFFENBURG(W1586) NAN

'REUTLINGEN(Y0989) EASY

'LAUFEN(M25982) GEORGE

'MINDELHEIN(Y0842) ITEM

CREWS PARTICIPATING : MISSION # 208 29 APRIL 1945

HAYWARD, PILOT, Lt. Col.	443	70
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:47+
HOWE, BOMB., Lt.		landed 12:44
BROOK, NAV., Lt.		
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER		
BENNETT, F. C. Capt.		
TOWNSEND, PILOT, Lt.	443	02
SHADE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:48
HOLLAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 12:44+
MONTGOMERY, NAV., Lt.		
PINGLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DE VAUGHAN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
KNIGHT, PILOT, Lt.	443	09
HARRISON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:48+
STORICK, BOMB., Lt.		landed 12:45
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOLTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WARD, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
RECHER, PILOT, Lt.	443	01
CLARK, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:49
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 12:45+
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HEAVENER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MARSH, PILOT, Lt.	443	03
PRATT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:49+
SUGGS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 12:46
PROBST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VALIOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROBERTS, PILOT, Lt.	443	07
RIEBE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:50
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 12:46+
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOERST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURGESS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		

BOMHOLT, PILOT, Lt. ANDREWS, CO PILOT, MAYOS, BOMB., Lt. WARD, ENG., S/Sgt. ROW, RADIO, Sgt. MERCER, GUNNER, Sgt.	443	21 took off 08:50+ landed 12:47
POOR, PILOT, Lt. MORELAND, CO PILOT Lt. GREENE, BOMB., Lt. WOOLRIDGE, ENG., FRUEDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt. OBIEL, GUNNER, Sgt.	443	23 took off 08:50+ landed 12:47+
STANLEY, PILOT, Lt. HUDSPETH, CO PILOT, Lt. CHACKO, BOMB., S/Sgt. DZIENISZ, ENG., S/Sgt. MILS, RADIO, Cpl. SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.	443	27 took off 08:51 landed 12:47+
WEINGART, PILOT, Lt. RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O KIAZGA, BOMB., Lt. BOY, NAV., Lt. SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt. CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443	28 took off 08:51+ landed 12:48
MC DONALD, PILOT, Capt. STRATTON, CO PILOT, Lt. CLARK, BOMB., Lt. STUEMKE, NAV., F/O HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt. DICKINSON, OBS. Capt. KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt. RICH, OBS., Maj.	443	29 took off 08:51+ landed 12:48+
JUMPER, PILOT, Lt. NEBBITT, CO PILOT, F/O GUNN, BOMB., F/O AVERY, ENG., Sgt. HERREMA, RADIO, Sgt. HUMPHRIES, GUNNER, Cpl. CARROLL, PHOTO, Sgt.	443	30 took off 08:52 landed 12:49+
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt. CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, Lt. HOGAN, BOMB., F/O WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt. JENKINSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. POIKE, GUNNER, Sgt.	443	30 took off 08:52+ landed 12:50

SCOTT, PILOT, Lt.	443	54
JOHNSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 09:22
CULLEN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 12:50+
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 HOOVER, PILOT, Lt.	 443	 72
JONES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:53
GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 12:50+
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FAURIE, RADIO, Sgt.		
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SLATER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
 DUANE, PILOT, Lt.	 443	 64
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:53+
TRAPTON, BOMB., F/O		landed 12:51
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VANCE, RADIO, Sgt.		
COMBER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 LIVSEY, PILOT, Lt.	 443	 61
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 08:54
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 12:51+
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DE VERNA, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 BUFFETT, PILOT, Lt.	 443	 37
BLASKO, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:54+
LUNNEMANN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 12:51+
CONKLIN, ENG., Sgt.		
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	 442	 36
TURNER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:54+
BECKMAN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 12:52
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
SUGERMAN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DRIZGA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	 442	 43
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 08:55
WELLS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 12:52+
FEILER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC CLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC PHERSON, NAV., F/O		

FRANKEL, PILOT, Lt. HEDGES, CO PILOT, Lt. WOODWARD, BOMB, S/Sgt. FARMER, ENG., Cpl. RICHARDSON, RADIO, Sgt. PHALEN, GUNNER, Sgt. GRADY, PHOTO, Sgt.	442	48 took off 08:55+ landed 12:53
HECKERS, PILOT, Lt. HUMBERT, CO PILOT, Lt. FRATHER, BOMB., Lt. DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt. SHORT, RADIO, S/Sgt. ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442	30 TOOK OFF 08:55+ landed 12:54
TISDAIL, PILOT, Lt. MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O CROSS, BOMB., MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl. STROTHER, RADIO, Cpl. VICKERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442	37 took off 08:56 landed 12:54+
PERRINE, PILOT, Lt. SHEEHAN, CO PILOT, Lt. SUTCLIFFE, BOMB., F/O REILLY, ENG., Cpl. GLAZER, RADIO, Sgt. CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442	32 took off 08:56+ landed 12:55
GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt. FREDERICK, CO PILOT LOCURTO, BOMB., F/O MULLINS, ENG., Cpl. CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. POND, GUNNER, Cpl.	442	31 TOOK OFF 08:57 landed 12:55
SYMONS, PILOT, Lt. MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O TRAMMELL, BOMB., F/O PATRICK, ENG., Cpl. CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt. UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl. HURFACE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442	47 took off 08:57 landed 12:56-
LOBECK, PILOT, Lt. MEEHAN, CO PILOT, Lt. HACKNEY, BOMB., Lt. SLONE, ENG., Cpl. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. LENIALEWICZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443	44 took off 09:12 landed 13:12+