

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

Final Mission Report No. 584.

Flight Commander: Lt. Steier.
Lead Pilot : Captain O'Mahoney.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

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

At 09:04 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Lechfield Airfield, Area "H" (M/R: (W) Y-320620, GSGS 4416, Sheet X5), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early. Total Sorties: 18. No B-26's were over the target. The formation turned back at T-5515 at 11:30 hours at 7,600', due to weather. The B-26 listed above as returning early, returned because of engine cutting-out. 3 x 20-lb. Frag. bombs were jettisoned at V-5360 at 09:40 hours through camera hatch, due to defective fusing wires. A/C was flying over open field, but bombs were not seen to hit or explode. All other bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 13:06 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: None. Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: None.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 582, this date.

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 582, this date.

RESULTS: None.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was briefed as a Visual mission.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION # 570 20 APRIL 1945

O'MAHONEY, PILOT, Capt.	441	U4
WHITEMAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:04+
FERRANDINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:06+
SIPOREN, NAV., Lt.		
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
NORBERG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
STEIER, F.C. Lt.		
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, Lt.	441	U1
BOLTON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:05-
DEVER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:07+
BADER, NAV., Lt.		
LABGOLD, ENG., Sgt.		
FITZGERALD, RADIO, Sgt.		
BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
POTTS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
ZIERK, PILOT, Lt.	441	11
RICE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 09:05-
BLACKERBY, BOMB., F/O		landed 13:07+
LUCHANIKY, ENG., Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CAMPBELL, PILOT, COL.	441	U2
RAMSEY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:05-
CHAPMAN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:08+
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.		
TAPLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HERRING, PILOT, Lt.	441	U1
WHITE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:06
GRICE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 13:09+
WILLIMAS, ENG., Cpl.		
CARRIER, RADIO, Cpl.		
STRAND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CRAWFORD, PILOT, Lt.	441	30
MCGAFFIN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:06+
WILLIAMSON, BOMB, S/Sgt.		landed 13:09+
MORRIS, ENG., Cpl.		
HAVEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
BOWER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KRON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
JOHNSON, PILOT, Lt.	441	19
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 09:06+
MC KINLEY, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:10
BALINSKI, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.		
HOSTIC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

LOAR, PILOT, Lt.	441	18
MC KENZIE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:07
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 13:10+
GARNER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WEBER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
OLENDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 LIVENGOD, PILOT, Lt.	 441	 15
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:07+
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 13:11
RITCHIE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
TATE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SONDHEIMER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 LYONS, PILOT, Lt.	 441	 02
LEWIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:08
CARVEY, BOMB., Lt.8		landed 13:11+
BURGER, NAV., Lt.		
LEWIS, ENG., T/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 LEVERING, PILOT, Lt.	 441	 11
MC BURNEY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:08
VANCE, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:12
BURKE, NAV., Lt.		
TIETZ, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SMITH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 FORSYTHE, PILOT, Lt.	 441	 24
BRIESCHKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 09:08+
ATEN, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 10:49
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
KLOTZ, RADIO, Cpl.		
BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 SHARP, PILOT, Maj.	 441	 07
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 09:09
WALTER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:12+
WYATT, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SLADE, RADIO, Cpl.		
GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 ZELLNER, PILOT, Lt.	 441	 22
BOWLES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:14
RARICK, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 13:13
EVANS, ENG., Sgt.		
PEELER, RADIO, Cpl.		
PRITCHETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		

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WETZEL, PILOT, Lt.	441	14
REISDORF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:10+
ELMAN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:14
MC COY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SCOTT, RADIO, Cpl.		
BEDSTRICK, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEAL, PHOTO, Sgt.		
JONES, PILOT, Lt.	441	33
JANER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:10
TRIAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 13:13+
GILSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DRAKE, RADIO, Sgt.		
HOWLINGCRANE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BLACK, PILOT, Lt.	441	12
BAKER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:10
MURRAY, BOMB., Lt.		landed 13:13+
FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.		
HAYES, RADIO, Cpl.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BOWIE, PHOTO, Cpl.		
LAMPKE, PILOT, Lt.	441	06
HEDGES, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 09:10+
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 13:19
MC BRIDE, ENG., Cpl.		
HEDGES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRONIS, PILOT, Lt.	441 (spare)	35
GARRETT, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 09:12
THOMAS, BOMB., Cpl.		landed 13:56
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
NEIRA, RADIO, Sgt.		
CALDERONI, GUNNER, Cpl.		

MISSION NO. 580 FLIGHT COMMANDER Lt. P. H. H. 26 April 1945
 RUNWAY LINE UP

04			04. KANEY	
01		ZIERK	04 Ferrandino	KAUFFMAN ✓
17		17 Blackerby		01 Laver
05		"B"	CAMPBELL	
07		CRAWFORD	05 Chapman	HERRING ✓
36		36 Williamson		07 Gris
19		"C"	JOHNSON	
18		LIVINGOOD	19 McKinley	LOAR ✓
15		15 Erickson		18 Martinson
02		"D"	LYONS	
11		FORSYTHE	Gravey 02	LEVERING ✓
24		24 Aten		11 Vance
09	SPARE	"E"	SHARP	
22		NETZEL	09 Walter	ZELMER ✓
14	GORNIS	14 Elman		22 Perick
33	35 Thomas	"F"	JONES	
12		LAMPKE	33 Trias	BLACK
06		06 Biddle		12 Murray ✓
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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 NMT 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

Y-90 CROIX DE METZ Call sign: Manifold on 6440 and C

Y-8 LUXEUIL " " Frontroom " " " "

Y-2 LUNEVILLE " " Drycloth " " " "

Y-39 HAGUENAU " " Jibilee " " " "

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

441st Index No. A163 NHT

442nd Index No. A166 RVM

443rd Index No. A169 VWR

444th Index No. A172 MPZ

Cancellation code word: BLACKMAIL

SHAKTI CHECK POINTS

OFFENBURG(W1586) WAN

REUTLINGEN(Y0989) EASY

LAUPHEIM(Z5962) GEORGE

MINDELHEIM(Y0542) ITEM