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

D-6-2

30 April.1945.

Final Mission Report No. 585.

Flight Commander: Col. Woolridge.  
Lead Pilot : Lt. Halbert.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

MINE FIELD AREA ON ILE D'OLERON, AREAS "D", "E", AND "F" (M/R: (V) T-215035, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France.

At 06:00 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb Mine Field Area on Ile D'Oleron, Areas "D", "E", and "F" (M/R: (V) T-215035, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 17 B-26's dropped 224 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .01 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 08:40 hours from 11,700' to 11,200' on an Axis of 54°T (briefed Axis - 60°T; drift correction - 08° right; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude). 21 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged: 20 at 08:40 hours at the target in water, and 1 in lake South of Dijon, having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. Two lead a/c carried only 12 bombs. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 10:20 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: 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: Two Battleships at (V) T-1310 at 08:40 hours.
- b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 5.

ROUTE: Base to Monlins (W) R-7675; to Limoges (W) V-1694; to Angoulême (V) Z-3075; to Lonlay A/D (A) J-3030; to (V) X-8576; to IP, (V) X-9586; to target on an Axis of 54°T; breakaway right to (V) X-8576; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. <u>Enroute</u>            | : Base to Saône Valley, 4/10ths stratocumulus, bases                                                                                                               |
| b. <u>Vicinity of Target</u> | : 2,000', tops 3,000'. Saône Valley to Atlantic coast CAVU.                                                                                                        |
| c. <u>Target Area</u>        | : Large patches of very low, thin stratus over water and coastline, breaking up inland. 10/10ths coverage in patches. Target seen through small breaks in stratus. |
| d. <u>Return</u>             | : CAVU West of Saône Valley. Saône to Base, 6/10ths cumulus, tops 5,500', with 2/10th altostratus between the tops. To coverage increasing over high gro           |

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RESULTS: The target was missed. All bombs landed short in the water, to the West of the target.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

One a/c also carried only 11 bombs.

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

SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Bomb Wing, APO 374.  
ATTENTION: A-2.

The following is the location of the cameras of the formation as over the target (Mine Field Area, Ile d'Oleron, France, Areas "D", "E" & "F") of this Group, this date.

|   |   |   |         |         |         |         |
|---|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|   |   |   | T       | 68      |         |         |
|   |   |   | T       | (T)K-17 |         |         |
|   | T |   |         |         | 59      | T       |
| T |   | T |         |         | K-8 (T) | (T)K-20 |
|   |   |   | 72      | T       |         |         |
|   |   |   | K-20(T) | T       |         |         |
|   | T |   |         |         | 57      | T       |
| T |   | T |         |         | K-17(T) | T       |

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Mine Field Area, Ile d'Oleron, France, Areas "A", "B" & "C".

|   |   |   |         |         |         |   |
|---|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---|
|   |   |   | T       | 78      |         |   |
|   |   |   | T       | (T)K-17 |         |   |
|   | T |   |         |         | 76      | T |
| T |   | T |         |         | K-8(T)  | T |
|   |   |   | 97      | T       |         |   |
|   |   |   | K-20(T) | T       |         |   |
|   | T |   |         |         | 86      | T |
| T |   | T |         |         | K-17(T) | T |

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Gun Position, Ile d'Oleron, France.

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|---|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|   |   |   | T       | 16      |         |         |
|   |   |   | T       | (T)K-17 |         |         |
|   | T |   |         |         | 18      | T       |
| T |   | T |         |         | K-18(T) | (T)K-20 |
|   |   |   | 17      | T       |         |         |
|   |   |   | K-20(T) | T       |         |         |
|   | T |   |         |         | 14      | T       |
| T |   | T |         |         | K-17(T) | T       |

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Mine Field Area, Ile d'Oleron, France, Areas "C", "D" & "E".

|   |   |   |          |         |         |   |
|---|---|---|----------|---------|---------|---|
|   |   |   | T        | 25      |         |   |
|   |   |   | T        | (T)K-17 |         |   |
|   | T |   |          |         | 32      | T |
| T |   | T |          |         | K-8 (T) | T |
|   |   |   | 39       | T       |         |   |
|   |   |   | K-20 (T) | T       |         |   |
| T | T | T |          |         | 35      | T |
|   |   |   |          |         | K-17(T) | T |

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The following personnel participated on the Mission of April 30, 1945 571

|                     |          |                    |                 |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1st Lt. Halbert     | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Komorowski  | CoPilot  |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Prigmore    | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Murray      | Nav.     | Col. Woolridge F/O | 66              |
| S/Sgt. Shew         | Eng.     |                    | Took off 06:00  |
| S/Sgt. Lenkiewicz   | Gunner.  | 443rd              | Landed 10:20    |
| 1st Lt. Bethman     | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Roberts     | CoPilot  |                    |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Lussenden   | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Newell      | Nav.     |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Hanshaw      | Eng.     |                    | 68              |
| S/Sgt. McQueen      | Radio    |                    | Took off 06:05  |
| S/Sgt. Allen        | Gunner   | 443rd              | Landed 10:20+   |
| S/Sgt. DeVaughan    | Photo    |                    |                 |
| Major West          | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| 2nd Lt. O'Reilly    | CoPilot  |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Miazga      | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Lowery      | Nav.     |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Margolis     | Eng.     |                    | 62              |
| S/Sgt. Johnson      | Radio    |                    | Took off 06:01  |
| S/Sgt. Peck         | Gunner   | 443rd              | Landed 10:20+   |
| Sgt. Humphries      | Gunner   |                    |                 |
| Capt. Newton        | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| F/O Voros           | CoPilot  |                    |                 |
| F/O Hogan           | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| Sgt. Conklin        | Eng.     |                    | 50              |
| S/Sgt. Jenkinson    | Radio    |                    | Took off 06:01+ |
| Sgt. Poike          | Gunner   | 443rd              | Landed 10:21+   |
| 1st Lt. Meehan      | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Knight      | CoPilot  |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Czechowicz   | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Devlin       | Eng.     |                    | 71              |
| Sgt. Valhos         | Radio    |                    | Took Off 06:02  |
| S/Sgt. Lafrennie    | Gunner   | 443rd              | Landed 10:21+   |
| 1st Lt. Marsh       | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Pratt       | CoPilot  |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Green       | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Dzienisz     | Eng.     |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Boatenritter | Radio    |                    | 59              |
| S/Sgt. Ward J.      | Gunner   |                    | Took Off 06:02+ |
| S/Sgt. Burgess      | Gunner   | 443rd              | Landed 10:35+   |
| 1st Lt. Jolliff     | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| 1st Lt. Birdwell    | CoPilot  |                    |                 |
| F/O Christrup       | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Oehlke       | Eng.     |                    | 67              |
| T/Sgt. Knott        | Radio    |                    | Took off        |
| S/Sgt. Charlton     | Gunner   | 443rd              | Landed          |
| 2nd Lt. Smith       | Pilot    |                    |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Watkins     | Co-Pilot |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Orr          | Bomb.    |                    |                 |
| S/Sgt. Thacker      | Eng.     |                    | 54              |
| S/Sgt. Sheumaker    | Radio    |                    | Took off 06:03  |
| S/Sgt. Ferguson     | Gunner   | 443rd              | Landed          |

*No Take off*

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| 1st Lt. Lobeck       | Pilot     |       |                |
| F/O Johansen         | CoPilot   |       |                |
| F/O Kledzinski       | Bomb.     |       |                |
| S/Sgt. EMMERS        | Eng.      |       | 63             |
| S/Sgt. Seiley        | Radio     |       | Took off 06:04 |
| S/Sgt. Perkinson     | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 10:23   |
| <br>Capt. Watson     | <br>Pilot |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Stratton     | CoPilot   |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Seilzer      | Bomb.     |       |                |
| F/O Stuenke          | Nav.      |       | 70             |
| S/Sgt. Wathen        | Eng.      |       | Took off 06:04 |
| S/Sgt. Doll          | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 10:24   |
| <br>1st Lt. Poor     | <br>Pilot |       |                |
| 2nd Lt. Hudspeth     | CoPilot   |       |                |
| 2nd Lt. Hackney      | Bomb.     |       |                |
| Sgt. Avery           | Eng.      |       | 69             |
| S/Sgt. Heavener      | Radio     |       | Took off 06:05 |
| Sgt. Obley           | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 10:25   |
| <br>1st Lt. Clark    | <br>Pilot |       |                |
| 2nd Lt. Moreland     | CoPilot   |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Chacko        | Bomb.     |       |                |
| Sgt. Woolridge       | Eng.      |       | 72             |
| Sgt. Faurie          | Radio     |       | Took off 06:13 |
| S/Sgt. Zachar        | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 10:25   |
| <br>1st Lt. Duane    | <br>Pilot |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Shadle       | CoPilot   |       |                |
| F/O Trafton          | Bomb.     |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Anderson      | Eng.      |       | 55             |
| Sgt. Vance           | Radio     |       | Took off       |
| S/Sgt. Szczech       | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed         |
| <br>1st Lt. Livsey   | <br>Pilot |       |                |
| F/O Perry            | CoPilot   |       |                |
| F/O Bill             | Bomb.     |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Fields        | Eng.      |       | 61             |
| S/Sgt. Cain          | Radio     |       | Took off 06:05 |
| S/Sgt. Shollenberger | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 10:25   |
| <br>1st Lt. Blasko   | <br>Pilot |       |                |
| F/O Nesbitt          | CoPilot   |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Gooch         | Bomb.     |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Brooks        | Eng.      |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Citti         | Radio     |       | 57             |
| S/Sgt. Casey         | Gunner    |       | Took off 06:06 |
| S/Sgt. Slater        | Photo     | 443rd | Landed 10:26   |
| <br>2nd Lt. Bomholt  | <br>Pilot |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Buffett      | CoPilot   |       |                |
| 2nd Lt. Mrvos        | Bomb.     |       |                |
| Sgt. Ward            | Eng.      |       | 51             |
| Sgt. Row             | Radio     |       | Took off 06:06 |
| Sgt. Mercer          | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 10:26   |

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| 2nd Lt. Jumper   | Pilot    |            |                |
| F/O Ruley        | CoPilot  |            |                |
| 2nd Lt. Katzman  | Bomb.    |            |                |
| Sgt. Slone       | Eng.     |            |                |
| S/Sgt. Mills     | Radio    |            | 56             |
| S/Sgt. Hafer     | Gunner   |            | Took off 06:07 |
| S/Sgt. Dougette  | Photo    | 443rd      | Landed 10:27   |
| 2nd Lt. Scott    | Pilot    |            |                |
| 2nd Lt. Riebe    | CoPilot  |            |                |
| S/Sgt. Thompson  | Bomb.    |            |                |
| S/Sgt. Hazel     | Eng.     |            |                |
| S/Sgt. Harrison  | Radio    |            | 58 65          |
| Sgt. Scoggins    | Gunner   |            | Took off 06:07 |
| S/Sgt. Kees      | Ex Radio | 443rd      | Landed 10:28   |
| 1st Lt. Recher   | Pilot    |            |                |
| 2nd Lt. Andrews  | CoPilot  |            |                |
| F/O Loughridge   | Bomb     | Lead Spare |                |
| S/Sgt. Blackwell | Eng.     |            | 58             |
| S/Sgt. Ort       | Radio    |            | Took off 06:08 |
| S/Sgt. Rode      | Gunner   | 443rd      | Landed 10:25   |
| 1st Lt. Stanley  | Pilot    |            |                |
| 1st Lt. Callahan | CoPilot  |            |                |
| F/O Gunn         | Bomb     |            |                |
| S/Sgt. Pingle    | Eng.     | Wing Spare | 52             |
| S/Sgt. Graham    | Radio    |            | Took off 06:03 |
| Cpl. Schwartz    | Gunner   | 443rd      | Landed 10:22   |

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