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

D-G-2

30 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 588.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M)

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

At 07:08 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Mine Field Area on Ile D'Oléron, Areas "C", "D", and "E" (M/R: (V) T-215035, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 20. 20 B-26's were over the Primary target and 19 B-26's dropped 256 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .21 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target at 09:39 hours from 10,800' to 10,300' on an Axis of 62°T (briefed Axis - 60°T; drift correction - 07° right; evasive action - loss of altitude). 20 x 250-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 09:39 hours at the target area: 6 having hung up, and 14 just short of the target, because 1 a/c had engine cutting out. No bombs were returned to base. Two A/C carried only 12 bombs each. No B-26's lost or missing. Two B-26's having engine trouble landed at Cognac and have not returned yet to base. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 11:44 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: See Report No. 585, this date.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 585, this date.

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 585, this date.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern covered the target area. Crews reported that exploding mines could be seen.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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

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The following personnel participated on the Mission of April 30, 1945 # 574

Capt. Estes, Pilot		
Lt. Krimm CoPilot		
1st Lt. Spann Bomb.		
1st Lt. Wernick, Nav.		29
Major Strickland F/O.		Took off 07:08+
T/Sgt. Surabian Eng.		Landed 11:44
S/Sgt. Weinberg Gunner	442nd	
1st Lt. Spradling Pilot		
2nd Lt. Peterson CoPilot		
1st Lt. Anderson Bomb.		
1st Lt. Teich Nav.		25
S/Sgt. Cramer Eng.		Took off 07:09
S/Sgt. Ortega, Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:44+
Sgt. Grady Photo		
1st Lt. Pearson Pilot		
2nd Lt. Simper CoPilot		
1st Lt. Beckman Bomb.		
1st Lt. Brain Nav.		
S/Sgt. Sugerman Eng.		34
S/Sgt. Chase Radio		Took off 07:09
S/Sgt. S/Sgt. Nye Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:45+
Cpl. Howard Photo		
1st Lt. Guedel Pilot		
F/O Wagner CoPilot		
1st Lt. Helfand Bomb.		
Cpl. Mullins Eng.		37
Cpl. Ward Radio		Took off 07:10
Sgt. Pond Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:46
1st Lt. Woolf Pilot		
2nd Lt. Tibbitts CoPilot		
F/O Sutcliffe Bomb.		
Cpl. Hegas, Eng.		36
Cpl. Mooring Radio		Took off 07:10+
S/Sgt. Bemski Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:23
1st Lt. Karkins, Pilot		
2nd Lt. Vilello CoPilot		
1st Lt. Wells Bomb.		
S/Sgt. Stevenson Eng.		44
Sgt. Berry Radio		Took Off 07:11+
Cpl. Bedford Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:47+
1st Lt. Levin, Pilot		
2nd Lt. Larson, CoPilot		
2nd Lt. Kotarski Bomb.		
Cpl. Mordue Eng.		32
Cpl. Stacy Radio		Took Off 07:11
S/Sgt. Wendell Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:47+
Cpl. Adlen, Photo		

2nd Lt. Frankel, Pilot		
2nd Lt. Ferris, CoPilot		
F/O Morin Bomb.		
Cpl. Farmer Eng.		48
Sgt. Richardson Radio		took off 07:12
Sgt. Phalen Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:48
2nd Lt. Tisdail Pilot		
F/O Stevens CoPilot		
2nd Lt. Prather Bomb.		
Cpl. Reilly Eng.		41
Cpl. Stroter Radio		Took off 07:12
S/Sgt. Hurbace Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:48
1st Lt. Gustafson Pilot	442nd	
F/O McClung CoPilot		
1st Lt. Herbst Bomb.		
1st Lt. Savoca Nav.		
S/Sgt. Sheehy Eng.		43
S/Sgt. Goder Radio		Take Off 07:13
S/Sgt. Leone Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:49
1st Lt. Pierce Pilot		
2nd Lt. Neagle CoPilot		
2nd Lt. Yowell Bomb.		
S/Sgt. Feller Eng.		30
S/Sgt. Harris Radio		Took Off 07:14
S/Sgt. McClellan Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:39
1st Lt. Davies Pilot		
2nd Lt. Frederick CoPilot		
S/Sgt. Linville Bomb.		
Cpl. Anthony Eng.		
Cpl. Knapp Radio		39
S/Sgt. Olson Gunner		Took Off 07:14
Sgt. Leveridge Foto.	442nd	Landed 11:50
2nd Lt. Lightfoot Pilot		
F/O Mortimer CoPilot		
2nd Lt. Chamberlin Bomb.		
Cpl. Middlebrooks Eng.		31
Cpl. King Radio		Took off 07:15
Sgt. Crenshaw Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:50
1st Lt. Perrine Pilot		
F/O Gardner CoPilot		
S/Sgt. Woodward Bomb.		
Cpl. Swick Eng.		47
S/Sgt. Renick Radio		Took Off 07:15
S/Sgt. Reichman Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:50
1st Lt. Olson, Pilot		
2nd Lt. VanVeen CoPilot		
F/O Cress Bomb.		
Cpl. Schlegel Eng.		Took Off 07:16
S/Sgt. VanAckeren Radio		Landed 11:51
Sgt. Petro Gunner	442nd	35
S/Sgt. Short, Radio		

1st Lt. Peckham, Pilot		
2nd Lt. Russell, CoPilot		
S/Sgt. Fisher, Bomb.		
S/Sgt. Shearer, Eng.		33
S/Sgt. Fredette Radio		Took Off 07:16+
S/Sgt. Chapman Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:51+
1st Lt. Brennan, Pilot		
2nd Lt. Sheehan CoPilot		
S/Sgt. Roush Bomb.		
Sgt. Kilsey Eng.		46
S/Sgt. Money Radio		Took Off 07:17
Cpl. Brizga Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:52
Cpl. Tousma, Eng.		
2nd Lt. Symons Pilot		
F/O Mattson CoPilot		
2nd Lt. Wagner Bomb.		
Cpl. Patrick Eng.		
S/Sgt. Church Radio		42
Cpl. Umscheid Gunner		Took Off 07:17+
Sgt. Durham Ex. Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:52
2nd Lt. Keagy Pilot		
2nd Lt. Humbert CoPilot		
2nd Lt. Venturino Bomb.		
Cpl. Sullivan Eng.		64 (443rd)
Cpl. Gladden Radio		Took Off 07:18
Sgt. Dawson Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:49+
2nd Lt. Clemson Pilot		
2nd Lt. Turner CoPilot		
F/O Trammell Bomb.		
Sgt. Williams Eng.		79 (444th)
Sgt. Murdock Radio		Took off 07:18
S/Sgt. Finney Gunner	442nd	Landed 11:40+

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SYMONS

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COMMENTS OF THE U.S.:

TIME PLAIN CHALLENGE REPLY

0100-0700 YES S F

0700-1300 YES L Q

1300-1900 YES W X

1900-0100 YES Z I

ALL GROUND AUTHENTICATION

442nd Index number 4166 RXZ

SIGNAL CALL SIGN: TUG BOAT

T call sign: 189

Ground stations controller: BATTLEFIELD on channel 465 (116.1 megacycles and

6440 Kcs.

CANCELLATION CODE WORD: TUG BOAT

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2562✓
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