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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. 589.

Flight Commander: Major West.  
Lead Pilot : Lt. Halbert.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, AREA "G" ON ILE D'OLERON (M/R: (V) T-215035, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France.

At 12:50 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Troop Concentrations, Area "G" on Ile D'Oleron (M/R: (V) T-215035, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 oil congealed; 1 late take-off, and was unable to overtake the formation. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 2,060 x 20-lb. Fragmentation bombs on the Primary target at 15:29 hours from 13,100' to 12,600' on an axis of 62°T (briefed axis - 57°T; drift correction - 08° left; evasive action - loss of altitude). 60 x 20-lb. Fragmentation bombs were salvaged at 15:29 hours at the target, having hung up. 40 x 20-lb. Fragmentation bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 17:17 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: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 3.

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

WEATHER: Enroute:- Target Vicinity and Area:- and Return:

Generally 10/10ths towering cumulus, bases 3,500', tops 10,12,000', with occasional tops 14,000'. Frequent rain and snow showers. Large breaks in Dole - Dijon area. No breaks in target area and vicinity.

RESULTS: None observed.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

The following is the location of the cameras of the formation as over the target (Ile d' Oleron, France) of this Group, this date.

|       |   |                      |               |           |                 |
|-------|---|----------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
|       | T | 68<br>(T)K-17        |               |           |                 |
| T     | T |                      | K-8           | 71<br>(T) | T               |
|       |   |                      |               |           | T               |
|       |   | T                    |               |           |                 |
|       |   | T                    |               |           |                 |
| T     | T |                      |               | 61        | T               |
|       |   |                      | K-17          | (T)       | T               |
| <hr/> |   |                      |               |           |                 |
|       |   | T                    | 87<br>(T)K-17 |           |                 |
|       | T |                      |               |           |                 |
| T     |   | T                    |               |           |                 |
|       |   |                      |               | K-8       | 76<br>(T)       |
|       |   |                      |               |           | T 90<br>(T)K-20 |
|       |   | 97<br>K-20 (T)       | T             |           |                 |
|       |   |                      | T             |           |                 |
|       | T |                      |               | 86        | T               |
| T     |   |                      |               | K-17(T)   | T               |
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|       |   | T                    | 16<br>(T)K-17 |           |                 |
|       |   |                      |               |           |                 |
| T     | T |                      |               |           |                 |
|       |   |                      |               | K-8       | 18<br>(T)       |
|       |   |                      |               |           | T               |
|       |   | 14 14<br>(T)<br>K-17 | T             |           |                 |
|       |   |                      | T             |           |                 |
|       | T |                      |               |           |                 |
| T     |   |                      |               | 06        | T               |
|       |   |                      |               | K-20(T)   | T               |
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The pictures taken in ships Nos. 71, 61, 76, 90, 97, 86, 16, 18, and 06 were not used.

WILLIAM COOK  
Major, Air Corps  
Gp. S-2



Afternoon Mission

Personnel on the Mission for 30 April 1945      Mission No. 775

|                    |                  |       |                |
|--------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1st Lt. Halbert    | Pilot            |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Marsh      | CoPilot          |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Prigmore   | Bomb.            |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Montgomery | Nav.             |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Shew        | Eng.             |       | 68             |
| S/Sgt. Lenkiewicz  | Radio            |       | Took off 12:50 |
| Major West         | Flight Commander | 443rd | Landed 17:17   |
|                    |                  |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Dethman    | Pilot            |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Komorowski | CoPilot          |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Lussendne  | Bomb.            |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Newell     | Nav.             |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Hanshaw     | Eng.             |       | 66             |
| Sgt. Semmes        | Radio            |       | Took off 12:50 |
| Sgt. Peckinson     | Gunner           | 443rd | Landed 17:17   |
| S/Sgt. Devaughn    | Ex. Gunner       |       |                |
|                    |                  |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Townsend   | Pilot            |       |                |
| F/O Ruley          | CoPilot          |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Holland    | Bomb.            |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Boy        | Nav.             |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Pingle      | Eng.             |       | 67             |
| S/Sgt. Ross        | Radio            |       | Took off 12:51 |
| S/Sgt. Allen       | Gunner           | 443rd | Landed 17:17   |
|                    |                  |       |                |
| Capt. McDonald     | Pilot            |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Callahan   | CoPilot          |       |                |
| 2nd Lt. Mrvos      | Bomb.            |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Harmon      | Eng.             |       | 62             |
| Sgt. Herrema       | Radio            |       | Took off 12:52 |
| Sgt. Morris        | Gunner           | 443rd | Landed 17:18   |
|                    |                  |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Duane      | Pilot            |       |                |
| F/O Perry          | CoPilot          |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Czechowitz  | Bomb.            |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Devlin      | Eng.             |       | 65             |
| Sgt. Young         | Radio            |       | Took off 12:52 |
| S/Sgt. Lawrence    | Gunner           | 443rd | Landed 17:18   |
|                    |                  |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Roberts    | Pilot            |       |                |
| 2nd Lt. Huspeth    | CoPilot          |       |                |
| 2nd Lt. Newbury    | Nav.             |       |                |
| Sgt. Avery         | Eng.             |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Davenport   | Radio            |       | 71             |
| Sgt. Hoerst        | Gunner           |       | Took off 12:53 |
| S/Sgt. Burgess     | Ex Gunner        | 443rd | Landed 17:18   |
|                    |                  |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Recher     | Pilot            |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Blasko     | CoPilot          |       |                |
| F/O Loughridge     | Bomb.            |       |                |
| S/Sgt. Anderson    | Eng.             |       | 52             |
| S/Sgt. Boll        | Radio            |       | Took off 12:54 |
| S/Sgt. Hammonds    | Gunnery          | 443rd | Landed 17:19   |
|                    |                  |       |                |
| 1st Lt. Stratton   | Pilot            |       |                |
| F/O Nesbitt        | CoPilot          |       |                |
| F/O Christrup      | Bomb.            |       |                |
| Sgt. Gunn          | Eng.             |       | 59             |
| Sgt. Vance         | Radio            |       | Took off 13:00 |
| S/Sgt. Szczech     | Gunner           | 443rd | Landed         |

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| 1st Lt. Stanley      | Pilot     |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Andrews      | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| 1st Lt. Greene       | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Wendt         | Eng.      |       | 50              |
| S/Sgt. Freudiger     | Radio     |       | Took off 12:50  |
| S/Sgt. Ward          | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:11    |
| <br>Capt. Bennett    | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| 1st Lt. Knight       | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| 1st Lt. Otto         | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Clem         | Nav.      |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Propst        | Eng.      |       | 70              |
| T/Sgt. Motsenbocker  | Radio     |       | Took off 12:50  |
| S/Sgt. Bolton        | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:19    |
| <br>2nd Lt. Poor     | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Riebe        | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| F/O Gunn             | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Oehlke        | Eng.      |       | 53              |
| T/Sgt. Knott         | Radio     |       | Took off 12:56  |
| S/Sgt. Charleton     | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:20    |
| <br>2nd Lt. O'Reilly | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| F/O Veros            | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Orr           | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Bujel         | Eng.      |       | 56              |
| S/Sgt. Waymire       | Radio     |       | Took off 12:56  |
| Sgt. Poike           | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:20    |
| <br>1st Lt. Cook     | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Scott        | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| F/O Trafton          | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Brooks        | Eng.      |       | 51              |
| S/Sgt. Citti         | Radio     |       | Took off 12:57  |
| Sgt. Casey           | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:21    |
| <br>2nd Lt. Watkins  | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| 1st Lt. Shadle       | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Katzman      | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| Sgt. Slone           | Eng.      |       | 63              |
| S/Sgt. Hafer         | Radio     |       | Took off 12:57+ |
| S/Sgt. Doucette      | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:21+   |
| <br>1st Lt. Livsey   | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| 1st Lt. Clark        | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| F/O Bill             | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Cummins       | Eng.      |       | 61              |
| Sgt. Cain            | Radio     |       | Took off 12:58  |
| S/Sgt. Shollenberger | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:22    |
| S/Sgt. Slater        | F.        |       |                 |
| <br>1st Lt. Lobeck   | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Jumper       | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| F/O Klodzinski       | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Ewers         | Eng.      |       | 64              |
| Sgt. Seiley          | Radio     |       | Took off 12:58+ |
| S/Sgt. Perkins       | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 15:55-   |
| <br>1st Lt. Buffett  | <br>Pilot |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Pratt        | CoPilot   |       |                 |
| 2nd Lt. Cullen       | Bomb.     |       |                 |
| S/Sgt. Thacker       | Eng.      |       | 72              |
| S/Sgt. Sheumaker     | Radio     |       | Took off 12:5   |
| S/Sgt. Ferguson      | Gunner    | 443rd | Landed 17:2     |

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| 1st Lt. Birdwell | Pilot   |       |                               |
| F/O Johansen     | CoPilot |       |                               |
| S/Sgt. Thompson  | Bomb.   |       |                               |
| S/Sgt. Ward      | Eng.    |       | 69                            |
| Sgt. Row         | Radio   |       | took off 12:59                |
| Sgt. Mercer      | Gunner  | 443rd | Landed <del>17:50</del> 17:12 |
| 1st Lt. Jolliff  | Pilot   |       |                               |
| 1st Lt. Meehan   | CoPilot |       |                               |
| 2nd Lt. Hackney  | Bomb.   |       |                               |
| Sgt. Woolridge   | Eng.    |       | 55                            |
| Sgt. Faurie      | Radio   |       | Took off 13:00                |
| S/Sgt. Zachar    | Gunner  | 443rd | Landed 17:22                  |
| 2nd Lt. Moreland | Pilot   |       |                               |
| 2nd Lt. Smith    | CoPilot |       |                               |
| S/Sgt. Chacko    | Bomb.   |       |                               |
| S/Sgt. Margolis  | Eng.    |       | 57                            |
| S/Sgt. Johnson   | Radio   |       | Took off 12:54                |
| S/Sgt. Peck      | Gunner  | 443rd | Landed 17:19                  |