

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

D-C-2

1 May 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 593.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

GUN POSITION, ILE D'OLERON (M/R: (V) T-165176, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France.

At 06:35 hours, 16 B-26's took off to bomb Gun Position, Ile D'Oleron (M/R: (V) T-165176, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France. 3 B-26's returned early: 1 excessive engine temp.; 2 engines cutting-out. Total Sorties: 13. 13 B-26's were over the Primary target and 13 B-26's dropped 50 x 1,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 09:07 hours from 10,300' to 9,800' on an Axis of 66°T (briged Axis - 67°T; drift correction - 10° right; evasive action - none). No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. 2 a/c carried only 3 bombs each. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 13 B-26's returned to base at 10:57 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:

- (1) 5 escort type vessels at T-0402 at 09:05 hours.
- (2) 31 landing craft headed North at Y-3770 at 08:59 hours.

b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 2.

ROUTE: Base to Moulins (W) R-7675; to Limoges (W) V-1674; to Angoulême (V) Z-3075; to Cognac (V) Y-9881; to Coubre Pt. (V) Y-2083; to (V) X-8899; to IP, (V) S-8407; to target on an Axis of 66°T; breakaway right to (V) X-8899 reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

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| a. <u>Enroute</u> | : | 5/10ths cumulus from 3,000' to 8,000'. |
| b. <u>Vicinity of Target</u> | : | |
| |) | 9/10ths cumulus, bases 10,500', open below. |
| c. <u>Target Area</u> | : | |
| d. <u>Return</u> | : | Rain showers, sleet and lightning. |

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RESULTS: The bombs of the first Squadron covered the South half of the assigned area, with a good pattern, scoring probable hits on one gun position. The bombs of the second Squadron landed short to the West of the target, because of formation difficulty caused by weather.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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

ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442	29
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 06:35
SPANN, LT. BOMB.,		landed 10:57
BRAIN, Nav. Lt.		
MORGAN, ENG., Sgt.		
WHEEL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEATLY, F. C. Deatly		
KENT, PILOT, Lt.	442	25
DAVIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 06:35
LYTLE, BOMB., Lt.		landed 10:58
SOVOCA, NAV., Lt.		
LUKER, ENG., Cpl.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
FEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442	34
TURNER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 06:36
BECKMAN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 10:59
TEICH, NAV., Lt.		
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BEDFORD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt.	442	31
MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 06:36
WELLS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 10:59
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MOORING, RADIO, Cpl.		
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TIBBITTS, PILOT, Lt.	442	30
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 06:37
LINVILLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 11:00
HOGUE, ENG., Cpl.		
VINE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PHALEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
OLSEN, PILOT, Lt.	442	35
WAGNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 06:37
TRAMMELL, BOMB., F/O		landed 08:42
MORDUE, ENG. Cpl.		
FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VAN ACKEREN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ADLEN, PHOTO, Cpl.		
PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442	44
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 06:39
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 11:00
REILLY, ENG., Cpl.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Sgt.		
OLSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

Early Return

PETERSON, PILOT, Lt.
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.
ROUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.
SWICK, ENG., Cpl.
GLADDEN, RADIO, Cpl.
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.

442

N.T.O.

15
took off
landed

CLEMON, PILOT, Lt.
GARDNER, CO PILOT, F/O
WAGNER, BOMB., Lt.
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.
STROTTER, RADIO, ACpl.
MC CLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442

Early Return

41
took off 06:38
landed 06:47

GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.
MC DOUGAL, NAV., Lt.
ISON, ENG., S/Sgt.
GODAR, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442

43
took off 06:39
landed 11:02

SYMONS, PILOT, Lt.
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.
CHAMBERLAIN, BOMB., Lt.
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.
STACY, RADIO, Cpl.
UESCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.

442

Early Return

40
took off 06:39
landed 07:00

WAUGH, PILOT, Lt.
FREDRICK, CO PILOT, Lt.
GROSS, BOMB., F/O
MOORE, ENG., T/Sgt.
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
LOVERIDGE, PHOTO, Sgt.

442

N.T.O.

32
took off
landed

KENGY, PILOT, Lt.
STEVENS, CO PILOT, F/O
PRATHER, BOMB., Lt.
SCHLEGEL, ENG., Cpl.
HARRIS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
TOWNSMA, GUNNER, Cpl.

442

37
took off 06:40
landed 11:01

FERRINE, PILOT, Lt.
MC CLUNG, CO PILOT, F/O
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.
BERRY, RADIO, Sgt.
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

442

47
took off 06:40
landed 11:02

DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.
HUMBERT, CO PILOT, Lt.
SUTCLIFFE, BOMB., F/O
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442

GRADY, PHOTO, Sgt.

42
took off 06:41
landed 11:02

RUSSELL, PILOT, Lt.	442	30
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 06:41+
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 11:03
MARSIO, ENG., Cpl.		
PATTERSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FRANKEL, PILOT, Lt.	442	48
SIMPER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 06:42
KOTERSKI, BOMB., Lt.		landed 11:02+
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DURHAM, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRANAN, PILOT, Lt.	442	40
VAN Veen, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 06:42+
MORIN, BOMB., F/O		landed 11:11
KILSEY, ENG., Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BRIZGA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DANSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

MISSION NO. 579
Runway Line UP

Flight Commander Major Dently

1 May 1945

29	<u>PEARSON</u>	<u>Estas</u>	<u>Kent</u>
25	<u>24 Buckman</u>	<u>29 Spann</u>	<u>25 Lytle</u>
34		<u>LIGHTFOOT</u>	
31	<u>OLSON</u>	<u>31 Wells</u>	<u>TIBBETTS</u>
36	<u>35 Trammell</u>		<u>36 Linville</u>
35		<u>PECKHAM</u>	
44	<u>OLSON</u>	<u>44 Venturino</u>	<u>PETERSON</u>
15	<u>41 Wagner</u>		<u>15 Housh</u>
41		<u>GUSTAFSON</u>	
43	<u>LAUGH</u>	<u>43 Hurbst</u>	<u>SILMONS</u>
40	<u>32 Croas</u>		<u>40 Chamberlin</u>
37		<u>REAGY</u>	
47	<u>DOOLITTLE</u>	<u>37 Prather</u>	<u>FERGINS</u>
44	<u>42 Sutcliffe</u>		<u>47 Woodward</u>
30		<u>RUSSELL</u>	
48	<u>BROWN</u>	<u>30 Helfand</u>	<u>FRANKEL</u>
40	<u>46 Lorin</u>		<u>48 Kotarski</u>

BOMBER CALL SIGNS OVERCOAT

R/T call signs for wing 1 MET: G91

Ground Station Controller (Bomber): "Baltimore" on Channel 465 (116.1 Mcgacycles and 4640 Kcs

COLORS OF THE D.Y. FOR 1 May 1945

Time	Flares	Challenge	Reply
0100-0700	Yan	"	"
0700-1300	Alt	S	J
1300-1900	Alt	L	C
1900-0100	Alt	Y	C

...IN GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION

441st Index No. .663	GFN
442nd Index No. .665	SNQ
443rd Index No. .668	CHR
444th Index No. .672	KUV

Cancellation code word: MILKMAN

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