

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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15 March 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 510

Flight commander: Captain Peatly.
Lead Pilot: Lt. O'Mahoney

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SIGFRIED LINE DEFENSES EAST OF ZWIEBRUCKEN, GERMANY, (M/R: (M) A-757708, CGCS 4416, SHEET V-2, (Area 9A).

At 1330 hours 22 B-26's took off to bomb Siegfried Line defenses east of Zweibrucken, Germany. No B-26's returned early. Total sorties: 22. 9 B-26's were over the primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 126 x 250 lb demolition bombs (.1, non-delay fuses) on the primary target (Area 9A) at 1457 hours from 11,600' to 11,100' on an axis of 250 T. 13 B-26's were over the misidentified target, Area C, at 1458 hours from 11,600' to 11,100' on an axis of 140 T, because of target misidentification. 24 x 250 lb demolition bombs were salvoed at 1458 hours at the target; 10 due to closing doors before all bombs had fallen (Bombardier error) and 14 because of fire in the bomb bay due to flak damage. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's were lost and no B-26's are missing. 5 B-26's slightly damaged by flak; 1 seriously damaged by flak. 22 B-26's returned to base at 1604 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Activity: 2/3 Black S/C unidentified A/C headed north on deck at 1459 hours just east of the target.
b. Situation: 1 bellied-in F-67 at 1912.
B-17 on ground at 0-7150.
B-17 losing altitude headed to Luneville from east at 1515 hours.

ENEMY AIR ENGAGEMENTS: None. Losses to A/A: None. Damaged by E/A: None.
Claimed A/A: None.

FLAK: S-M H, A A CP type flak encountered from the target area. Commenced 2 minutes before bombs away and continued to the breakaway.
Losses to flak: None. Damaged by flak: 5 cat. I. 1 cat. II.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: a. General: 1. Large fire at Firmaseno, -9067 at 1458.
2. Large fire burning at the lakes in vicinity of Luneville, -4020 at 1515 hours.
3. Many towns in vicinity of target burning.

b. Communications: 25/30 A/T moving in both directions between target and Firmaseno, -9067.

CASUALTIES: 3 wounded.

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NO. OF A/C ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPHS: 4.

ROUTE: Base to Lunenburg, (N) 2-0800; to IP, Rohrbach, (N) 2-6650; to target on axis of 250 T: (Briefed axis, 260 T - drift correction $\frac{1}{2}$ degree right; evasive action - 1400' loss of altitude); breakaway right; reciprocal course to base.

Weather: same as Report number 508, this date.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern covered target area. The squadron which bombs Area C, commenced in 8C and walked through 10C.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

William Cook,
Major, Air Corps,
Op. Intelligence O.

MISSION # 301 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT DEWILLY: 15 MARCH 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

04	"A"	PRATT	04 FERINDINO	STEIER
23	"B"	07 Trias	23 DEVER	
07		BERRETT		
05		05 ROJAS	WHITEMAN	
18	"C"	22 Brickson	18 McKinley	
22		LEVERING		
21		21 Walter	COULTER	
03	"D"	15 McCabeary	03 Blacke by	
15		SCOTT		
01		01 POSEY	LYONS	
02	"E"	08 Martinson	02 Martinson	
08		DINGWELL		
12		12 McCarthy	BOWLES	
20		20 Vancy		
24	"F"	KAUFMAN		
19		19 ALLEN	EVANS	
17		06 Bush	17 Melson	
1		COCKRIEL		
		09 Kings bury	WETZEL	
09		16 Williams on,	14 Dietrich	
14				
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MISSION # 302 flight commander; Major Hayward 15 march

70	RAQ	HAYWARD	
67	MCDONALD	70 TRAYNOR	SHERWOOD
56	16 Ford	67 HOLLAND	
51	"B"	WEINGART	
60	BOMBHOLT	51 Lussenden	NEWTON
63	63 Gunn	60 Chacko	
55	"C"	COOK	
52	JONES	55 Hackney	KOTAS
61	61 Trafton	52 Christrup	
62	"D"	WATSON	
64	LOBECK	62 SEL2 ER	WEST
59	59 Mrovos	64 GREENE	
69	"E"	PARSONS	
54	UHLIG	69 Stugake	POOR
72	72 Thompson	54 Katzman	
71	MEBLER	DAILEY	BLASKO
65	57 Klodzinski	65 Hogen	
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 15 MARCH 1945.

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHAL	REPLY
0100-0700	R R R	O	N
0700-1300	R G	Y	I
1300-1900	R G G	H	C
1900-0100	Y Y	D	X

AIR GROUND R7 T AUTHENTICATION.

441st-----	index number	e	8' 31	TVC
442nd-----	index number;	A	434	GXC
443rd-----	index number	A	437	S OF
444th-----	index number	A	440,	Karl

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BAGGAGE AND BOXCAR ON "RADIO CALL SIGNS: 320TH BOMB GROUP."

"E" CHANNEL "STOVEPIPE FOR # 3 formation.

FLOORMAT FOR # 4 FORMATION.

W/ T CALL SIGNS:

NUM ER M 89

Number " U 78

TACTICAL CONTROLLER, "PELICAN ON "C"

CANCELLATION CODE WORD SOAP SUDS

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #501 - 15 MARCH 1945.

O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	04
MERRILL, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off 1330
FERRANDINO, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1604
SIFOREN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
PAGEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEATLY, FC, Capt.		
STIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
KAMINECKI, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1330
DEVER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1605
BADER, NAV., 1st Lt.		
STRAND, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOWIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CIRNO, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
PRATT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	07
LIVENGOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1330
JAMES, BOMB., F/O		landed 1606
FEINEN, ENG., Cpl.		
FEILER, RADIO, Cpl.		
GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BARRETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	05
O'BRIEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1331
ROJAS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1627
BALINSKI, ENG., Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, Sgt.		
WOJTHEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SCRANTON, OBS, CAPT., (7th Army)		
WHITEMAN, PILOT, F/O	441st (NO TAKE OFF)	18
HEEREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
LOAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1331
ERICKSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1629
BRYANT, ENG., Cpl.		
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORBERT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
POTTS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
LEVERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	21
HEDGES, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1332
WALTER, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1635
SMELAND, ENG., Sgt.		
SMITH, CT, RADIO, Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, Cpl.		

COLTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	03
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1332
BLACKBURN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1628
TAMOSIUNAS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
THOMAS, RADIO, Cpl.		
SMITH, PG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 ZELLNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 15
GRONIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1333
MCCREARY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1629
WASH, ENG., Sgt.		
WITTEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
HOWLINGCRAME, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 SCOTT, PILOT, (ML) 1st Lt.	 441st	 01
MCCREGOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1333
POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1630
NORDEN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
FERNANDEZ, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.	Woodward, Capt. Obs.	
 LYONS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st (NO TAKE OFF)	 02
	(See Mission No. 502 - 02 took off in that Mission)	
 WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 08
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1334
MARTINSEN, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1628
FRAZIER, ENG., Cpl.		
SUPANICK, RADIO, Cpl.		
SCHNEIDER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
NEAL, FOTO, Cpl.		
 DINOME, PILOT, F/O	 441st	 12
MCKENZIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1334
MCCARTHY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.	(crashed on landing)	landed 1606
WILLIAMS, ENG., T/Sgt. (GL)		
SCOTT, HC, RADIO, Cpl.		
NEIRA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MESSENGER, OBS., Capt.		
 BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 20
WEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1335
VANCE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1630
WILLIAMS, DY, ENG., Cpl.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DIETRICH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 TORONGO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 24
REISDORF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1335
ELMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1552
HART, ENG., S/Sgt.		
GOLTZMAN, RADIO, Cpl.		
KNIGHT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
REAVIS, FOTO, S/Sgt.		

KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		19
LEKUS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1336
ALLEN, BOMB., (RO) 2nd Lt.			landed 1633
DUARTE, ENG., T/Sgt.			
CANZONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GALDIANO, GUNNER, Cpl.			
EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		17
MCMACKIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1336
MELSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1624
MCBRIDE, ENG., Pvt.			
KLOPZ, RADIO, Cpl.			
TUPPE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
SHARP, PILOT, Major	441st		06
WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1337
HUSH, BOMB., S/Sgt.			landed 1624
FAIR, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FEATHERSTON, RADIO, Cpl.			
WILLIAMS, EC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
COCKRIEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	(Spare)	09
JOHNSON, WE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1338
KINGSBURY, BOMB., 1st Lt.			landed 1626
LANE, ENG., Sgt.			
SATTERWHITE, RADIO, Cpl.			
SLADE, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WETZEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	(Spare)	14
JANER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1338
DIETRICH, BOMB., F/O			landed 1635
MCCOY, ENG., Cpl.			
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WILSON, TF, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	(Spare)	16
HERRING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1339
WILLIAMSON, BOMB., Sgt.			landed 1623
LUCHANSKY, ENG., Sgt.			
HAVEL, RADIO, Cpl.			
JORDAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
STRATTON, OBS., Capt., (7th Army)			