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

D-G-2

1 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 540.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

VIAHINGEN BARRACKS AND DEPOT AREA (M/R: (W) R-990160, GSGS 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany.

At 12:22 hours, 28 B-26's took off to bomb Viachingen Barracks and Depot Area (M/R: (W) R-990160, GSGS 4416, Sheet W-3), Germany. 1 B-26 returned early; spare. Total Sorties: 27. 27 B-26's were over the Primary target and 18 B-26's dropped 138 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (inst. nose & non-delay tail fuses) and 9 B-26's dropped 70 x 500-lb. M-17 Incendiary Clusters with M-138 nose fuses set at 19 seconds on the Primary target at 14:37 hours from 12,300' to 11,300' on an Axis of 350°T. 4 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 14:40 hours at (W) W-9898. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's were lost or missing. 2 B-26's slightly damaged by flak; 1 seriously damaged by flak. 27 B-26's returned to base at 16:35 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Activity: P-47's provided escort.
- b. Situation: 6 S/E & T/E a/c on Beblingen A/D (W) R-9310 at 14:37 hours.

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

FLAK: S, H, A, A, -CP type flak encountered from the target. Commenced 30 seconds before bombs away and lasted for 30 seconds into the breakaway.
Losses to Flak: None. Damaged by Flak: 2 Category I.
1 Category II.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
 - (1) Supply dump at (W) W-9785 at 14:33 hours.
 - (2) Barracks area at Benzingen (W) X-0989 at 14:51 hours.
 - (3) Barracks area at (W) R-9312 at 14:37 hours.
 - (4) Highway bridge in good condition at Scherndorf (W) S-2823 at 14:22 hours.
 - (5) 25 Barges at Neckarsulin (W) S-0966.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 60 RR cars at Scherndorf (W) S-2823 at 14:22 hours.
 - (2) 100 RR cars at Ceppingen (W) S-4113 at 14:23 hours.
 - (3) 60 RR cars at (W) S-2091 at 14:29 hours.
 - (4) 50 RR cars at Benzingen (W) X-0989 at 14:32 hours.
 - (5) 300 RR cars at Tübingen (W) W-9892 at 14:35 hours.

CASUALTIES: None - Killed; 1 - Wounded; none - Missing.

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No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 6.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 539, this date, except here the formation broke at the target, and the Axis of attack was 350°T.

WEATHER: See Report No. 539, this date.

RESULTS: An excellent bomb pattern covered the target, causing fires and explosions.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a "BAT" mission.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Vaihingen Barracks & Depot Area, Germany), of this Group, this date.

T T Decoy T
T T T T 40
T T T)K-17 T
T T 32
T)K-8 T
T
97
T)K-15 T
T T
T T 75
T)K-17 T
T
42
T)K-8 T
T T
T 39
T)K-17 38
T)K-20

T T Decoy T
T T T T 02
T)K-17 T
T T 08
T)K-8 22
T)K-20
T T
20
T)K-20 T
T T
T T
T
69
T)K-8 T
T T
55
T 61
T)K-20

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2. The following pictures in ships Nos. 97, 42, 38, 22, 03, 69 and 01 were not printed. Cameras in ships Nos. 55 and 39 did not take pictures.

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MISSION NO. 529 FLIGHT COMMANDER *Capt Moseley* 1 April 1945

29	Decoy	DECOY 0-8	LOSBY	1	SALVAGE
40	66	BROWN	Howe 66	79	Forleo
47	79	91 Nickelson	<i>St. John</i>	<i>D-9</i>	
37	91	MCNAMARA	29 Spohn		WOJTKOWSKI
35		47 Oheida			40 Roberts
32		"B"	DOOLITTLE	<i>D-2</i>	
45		PECKHAM	37 McPherson		OLSON
44	30	32 Brunn		<i>(SS)</i>	35 Cross
41		"C"	MCLOUGHLIN		KEAGY
83	<i>NTD: 44-98-79</i>	RUSSELL	45 Yowell		LIGHTFOOT
80		41 Morn		<i>36</i>	<i>44-98-79</i>
84		"D"	TRIMM	<i>D-1</i>	
98	<i>1220</i>	WIDDELL	83 Cairns		LAMPIN
94		<i>97</i> McQuade	HAEKENMEYER		80 Goldman
75		"E"	SUTHERLAND		
93		MICKELSON	98 Duggan	<i>NTD</i>	CATALANO
76		75 Sparks			94 Hale
95		"F"	ALDRIDGE		
25	<i>1633</i>	PIERCE	93 Schmidt		DAVIS
30		95 Kilmore			76 Takala
42		"G"	SPRDLING	<i>(6)</i>	
31		GUDEL	25 Anderson		GUSTAFSON
38		42 Sivola			30 Herbst
39		"H"	PEARSON		
88		810188 Sgt. Hardy	31 Beckman		KOKOLAS
57		32 Bawlf			38 Prather
97		"I"	WILSON		
36		WILSON	88 Tobacco		LIEBENDORFER
82		<i>84</i> Poindexter			57 Bracken
86		SPAINES	KEAGY		
		NAVE	36 Fisher		HAEKENMEYER
		86 Phillips			82 Stribalska

COLORS OF THE DAY for 1 April 1945 Air Ground R/T Authentication

Time	Flare Colors	Challenge	Reply	441st Index No.	4431	UBV
0100-0700	YY	C	W	442nd Index No.	4434	LBN
0700-1300	RG	D	H	443rd Index No.	4437	UFK
1300-1900	RR	Y	Q	444th Index No.	4440	XZW
1900-0100	RRR	J	M	Cancellation code	Scrowbell	

BOMBER VOICE CALL SIGNS: Gp. #529 Tablecloth # 530 Wiseguy

W/T cell signs for Wing 1 Net: Gp. 529-078 and Gp 530 MO2

Control center voice call signs: Baggage and Boxcar on Channell "C"

Fighter Voice call signs: Gp 529 Icebox, Gp 530 Geomen

CHECK POINTS: WORMS (M-4516) Easy ERF-FAU (R-9198) Dog
 GÖPPINGEN (S-4014) Nan REUTLINGEN (X-1050) Peter

18 9
 8 8
 14 12

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION NUMBER 529 - 1 APRIL 1945.

d e c o y

MOSBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1233
HOWE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1631
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SAVAGE, PILOT, Lt.	444th (NO TAKE OFF)	79
BROWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
BOSCA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1234
NICHOLSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1632
PRENDERCAST, ENG., Sgt.		
SKINNER, RADIO, Sgt.		
CAUJOT, GUNNER, Cpl.		

ESTES, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
MATTHEWSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1220
SPANN, BOMB., Lt		landed 1633
WERNICK, NAV., Lt.		
MOONEY, FC, Capt.		
SURABIAN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WOJTKOWSKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
WAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1220
ROBERTS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1633
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DZMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
MCNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
LARSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1221
OHEID, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1634
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DOOLITTLE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1221
MCPHERSON, BOMB., F/O		landed 1629
SHEARER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

OLSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1222
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1635
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.		
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 32
CLEMONSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1222
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1635
STEVENSON, ENG., Sgt.		
BERRY, RADIO, Sgt.		
DANIELS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PETRO, FOTO, Sgt.		
 MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt.	 442nd	 45
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1223
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1636
SUGERMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
DAWSON, RADIO, Sgt.		
REICHMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	(LIGHTFOOT, PILOT, Lt NO TAKE OFF - SHIP # 44)	
RUSSELL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
CHILES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1223
MORIN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1638
PATRICK, ENG., Cpl.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 TRIMM, PILOT, Capt.	 444th	 83
STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1224
CAINNS, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1638
NELSON, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DOWLEN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 80
JOHNSTON, HD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1224
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1639
HARTMAN, NAV., 1st Lt.		
SMITH, AA, ENG., S/Sgt.		
IVES, RADIO, Cpl.		
THOLEMEIER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 WELBORN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 444th	 84
FORD, LS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1232
POINDEXTER, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1657
GRECO, ENG., T/Sgt.		
ORACHTA, RADIO, Cpl.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

For Mission #530

SUTHERLAND, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th (NO TAKE OFF) 98
 KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ~~98~~ took off 1306
 DUGGAN, BOMB., F/O ~~98~~ landed 1713
 VINSON, ENG., Sgt. *This crew and ship took off on the second mission - Mission #530*
 WALCHLI, RADIO, Sgt. *Originally scheduled for #529*
 CARRINGTON, GUNNER, Sgt.

CATALANO, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th 94
 ERVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1225
 HALE, BOMB., F/O landed 1640
 ROEHM, ENG., Cpl.
 OTELL, RADIO, Cpl.
 JEFFERIS, GUNNER, Cpl.

MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th 75
 LEFEVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1226
 SPARKS, BOMB., F/O landed 1640
 JAMES, ENG., T/Sgt.
 POZNIAK, RADIO, T/Sgt.
 VOGT, GUNNER, Cpl.
 MOREY, FOTO, S/Sgt.

ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th 93
 SINK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1226
 SCHMIDT, BOMB., 1st Lt. landed 1641
 DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.
 DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.
 BRADY, GUNNER, Sgt.

DAVIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th 76
 BOYD, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1227
 TAKALA, BOMB., S/Sgt. landed 1641
 BUCHERT, ENG., Sgt.
 DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.
 POOR, GUNNER, Cpl.

PIERCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. (DR) 444th 95
 BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1227
 KILGORE, BOMB., Sgt. landed 1642
 RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.
 PHILIPS, RADIO, TA, Cpl.
 ALLMON, GUNNER, Cpl.

SPRADLING, PILOT, Lt. 442nd 25
 WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt. took off 1228
 ANDERSON, BOMB., Lt. landed 1643
 HOOD, NAV., Lt.
 CRAMER, ENG., S/Sgt.
 NEWTON, GUNNER, Sgt.

GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
MCCUNG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1228
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1644
MCDUGAL, NAV., Lt.		
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	42
SYMONS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1229
SIVULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1644
MULLINS, ENG., Cpl.		
FINNEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
POND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	31
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1229
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1645
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
WAGNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1230
FRATIER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1646
KILSEY, ENG., Sgt.		
SIELER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STUTLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
GRIFFITHS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1230
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1646
WILLIAMS, ENG., Sgt.		
OLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GRADY, FOTO, Cpl.		
WILSON, TS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	58
WYNN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1231
TABACCO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1647
BENTON, ENG., Sgt.		
BURKETT, RADIO, Sgt.		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	57
HARTLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1231
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1647
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
SMITH, G., RADIO, Cpl.		
CLEARY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.
MCGRAIN, BOMB., Lt.
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.
RIDDLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WIOGILL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, S/Sgt.

444th

97
took off 1225
landed 1728

KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.
TISDAIL, CO PILOT, Lt.
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.
WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd (Spare)

early

36
took off 1232
landed 1437

HAFKEMEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O
SKABIALKA, BOMB., F/O
HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt.
PIERCE, WH, RADIO, Sgt.
MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th (Spare)

82
took off 1233
landed 1639

HAVEL, PILOT, CB, 1st Lt.
HERRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PHILLIPS, E., BOMB., 2nd Lt.
KLOTZ, ENG., Sgt.
SEIDELL, RADIO, Sgt.
MLAKAR, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th (Spare)

early

86
took off 1234
landed 1428