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

U-C-2

8 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 548.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

KLEIN ENSTINGEN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, AREA "X" (M/R: (W) X-150750, GSGS 4416, sheet W-3), Germany.

At 10:01 hours, 40 B-26's took off to bomb Klein Enstingen Ammunition Storage Area, Area "X" (M/R: (W) X-150750, GSGS 4416, sheet W-3), Germany. 4 B-26's returned early: 3 spares; 1 engine cutting out. Total sorties: 36. 36 B-26's were over the primary target and 36 B-26's dropped 279 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses, on the primary target at 12:40 hours from 12,400' to 11,500' on an axis of 124°T (briefed axis - 136°T; drift correction - 10.5° right; evasive action - loss of 1,000' altitude). 3 x 500-lb. Demolition bombs were salvoed at 12:40 hours at the target, having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. 3 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 36 B-26's returned to base at 13:55 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) F-47's provided escort.
- (2) 1 U/I S/S a/c, 3,000' below the formation, flying south at 12:40 hours.

b. Situation:

- 1 S/W a/c on Boblingen runway appeared unserviceable at R-9310 at 12:35 hours.

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

FLAK: S, H, I, I, -CP type flak encountered from Oberkirch W-3197. Total of 20 bursts only. Accurate only for flight of damaged a/c. One crew member reported a 3-gun position firing from bivouac area at W-2286 on plateau.

S, H, I, I, -CP type flak encountered from Oberkirch W-3197 on return from target. 10 bursts only.

Losses to flak: None. Damaged by flak: 3 Category I.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Camouflaged barracks areas at W-7295 and W-8095 at 12:33 hours.
- (2) 10/12 barracks buildings and 3 oil storage tanks in M/Y at Tubingen W-9892 at 12:32 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 150 RR cars and 6 locomotives, no steam up, all stationary, at Mentlingen, X-1089 at 12:31 hours.
- (2) 150 RR cars, some loaded with supplies, radioed in, at Tubingen W-9892 at 12:32 hours.

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GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd).

b. Communications: (Cont'd).

(3) 10 RR cars at Munsingen A-3081 at 12:40 hours.

CASUALTIES: 1 - wounded.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 11.

ROUTE: Base to rendezvous with escort at Speyer A-5080; to Laverne A-7316; to Erstein V-9480; to Haslach A-2763; to Oppenau A-3267; to Besenfeld A-4099; to Herrenbert A-3399; to LF, Tübingen A-9892; to target on an axis of 124°T; break-away left to Tübingen; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

a. Enroute: : Generally 2/10ths widely scattered small cumulus well below flight altitude, with patches of 4-5/10ths in Rhine valley. Visibility unlimited.

b. Vicinity of Target: CAVU.

c. Target Area: : CAVU.

d. Return: : As enroute.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern covered the assigned area, scoring direct hits and causing large explosions and fires.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a Visual mission.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

1. The following is the location of the cameras in the formation as over the target (Klein Enstingen Ammo Storage Area, Germany), of this Group, this date.

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		84							
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	T			76		88			
T		83		(T)K-20		(T)K-9			
	T	(T)K-17					T		
				T					
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							35		46
				T		T	(T)K-17		(T)K-20

2. The pictures taken in Ship Nos. 61, 84, and 76 were not printed.

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10:21

MISSION NUMBER 536: FLIGHT COMBAT UNIT: MAJ. WEST

8 April 1945.

RUNWAY LINE UP

10:01+6

02 67

02+52

(58) NTO

03+65

04 63

04+55

05 52

05+59

06 30

06+43

07 72

07+51

08 61

08+71

09 50

09+57

10 56

10+98

11 83

11+95

12 80

12+76

13 84

13+93

14 86

14+79

15 89

15+90

16 88

16+33

17 46

17+35

18 09

18+14

19 20

19+32

20 53

20+53

21 82

21+82

22 60

22+60

23 60

23+60

24 60

24+60

25 60

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26 60

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29+60

30 60

30+60

31 60

31+60

W/T	W/T	W/T
RECHER	62 MITZOG	WEING AT
52 Loughbridge	DIVCEY	67 GREENE
DUANE	58 Otto	MEEHAN
63 Chacko	BOMBPOLE	65 Koldzinski
O'REILLY	55 DILL	JOLLIFF
59 Thompson	INGHAM	545 DESS
MCN/MIRA	30 VILL	PEARSON
72 Brunn	COOK	42 Beckman
SCHADLE	51 Lunnemann	SCOTT
71 Czechowitz	NEWTON	61 Orr
STROTTON	50 Hogan	JONES
56 Hackney	SULLIVAN	57 Simmons
LIENBENDORFER	98 DRAKE	DAY, M. J.
95 Forleo	ELLIS	83 Jarman
MICKELSON	80 Schmidt	WADDELL
84 Hale	ALBRIDGE	76 Kennerson
WELBORN	93 Eveland	FORD
79 Takala	SALMONSON	86 Nicholson
TENBARGE	89 WILLIAMS	LAMPMAN
98 Skobialka	ECHLIN	90 Goldman
RUSSEL	33 Cross	SYMONS
35 MORIN	JONES	46 Fisher
ZIRK	09 Mortinson	WILDERN
20 Biddle	HECKERS	14 McKinley
PIERCE	JOHNSTON	
82 Poindexter	53 Storick	
	HARTMAN	
	85 Bracken	

19+32 ER 12:41
 20+53 ER 12:37
 20+55 ER 12:40
 21 82
 03 60 ground spare.

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR - 8 APRIL 1945	FLARE COLORS	CHAL	REPLY
0100-0700	R Y	O	J
0700-1300	R G G	C	T
1300-1900	Y Y	P	Z
1900-0100	R Y	Y	H

AIR GROUND R/T AUTHENTICATION.

INDEX NUMBER	A	GCK
441st	163	
442nd	166	PFT
443rd	169	RHT
444th	172	JVC

COMBAT EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS

I-90 CROIX DE METZ: call sign: "Manifold" 6440 & "C"
 Y-8 LUXEUIL: call sign: "Frontroom" on 6440 & "C"
 Y-2 LUNEVILLE: call sign: "Drycloth" 6440 & "C"
 Y-39 H/GUENAU: call sign: "Jubilee" 6440 and C

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

320th Group "Tablecloth"
 W/T Call signs for wing 1 net.
 CONTROL CENTER VOICE CALL SIGNS:
 BABY AND BAGGAGE ON CHANNEL "C"
 FIGHTER VOICE CALL SIGNS: BOOMERANG
 CANCELLATION CODE WORD DUDE RANCE
 C
 CHECK DEVICES

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #536 - 8 APRIL 1945.

WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1001
MAZGA, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1358
LOWREY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HAVER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEST, FC., Major		
WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. (1)		took off 1002
GREENE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1359
MONTGOMERY, NAV., 1st Lt.		
DEVLIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MCQUEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
OBLEY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CARROLL, FOTO, Sgt.		
RECHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
VOROS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1002
LOUGHRIDGE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1359
BLACKWELL, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PERKINSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
JOHANSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1003
OTTO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1400
HANSHAW, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VALDES, RADIO, Sgt.		
FERGUSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MEEHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	65
NESBITT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1003
KLODZINSKI, BOMB., F/O		landed 1400
WENDT, ENG., S/Sgt.		
WAYMIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DUANE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
FERRY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1004
CHACKO, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1401
KENDRICKS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.		
SLATER, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
BOMHOLT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1004
DILL, BOMB., F/O		landed 1401
ANDERSON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CRT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DOUCETTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

JOLLIFF, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
TRANT, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1005
SUGGS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1402
HARMON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CONSTABLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNER, S/Sgt.		
O'REILLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
ANDREWS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1005
THOMPSON, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1402
WILLIAMS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VANCE, RADIO, Cpl.		
MERGER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
INGHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
LARSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1006
VILA, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1403
HOOD, NAV., Lt.		
POSHEK, ENG., S/Sgt.		
DANIEL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PEARSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
CHILDS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1006
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1405
MCPHERSON, NAV., F/O		
DROHER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MCNAMARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	72
STEVENS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1007
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1355
BROWN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
GLAZER, RADIO, Sgt.		
ROUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURGESS, FOTO, Sgt.		
COOK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1007
LUENNEBACH, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1405
FIELDS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
CITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CHARLTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SCOTT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
RULEY, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1008
ORR, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1405
SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
MILLS, RADIO, Cpl.		
SCOGGINS, GUNNER, Cpl.		

SHADLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71
STANLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1008
CZECHOWICZ, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1406
WOOLRIDGE, ENG., Cpl.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SCHWARTZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DE VAUGHAN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	50
WATKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1009
HOGAN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1406
HARTLEY, ENG., Cpl.		
ROW, RADIO, Cpl.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
RIEBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1009
SIMMONS, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1407
CUMMINS, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ALLEN, F., RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STRATTON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
PHILLIPS, CB., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1010
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1408
GUNN, ENG., Cpl.		
HERREMA, RADIO, Cpl.		
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
JOHNSTON, HD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1010
DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1408
WESTBROOK, NAV., 1st Lt.		
THAIN, ENG., S/Sgt.		
ZOELLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POLING, FC, Capt.		
DAY, MA., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
GOGULSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1011
JARMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1409
ADAMS, NAV., 1st Lt.		
HAMMONTREE, ENG., Sgt.		
MCDANIEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
DAY, J.E., GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZALEWSKI, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
LIEBENDORFER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	95
LEFEVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1011
FORLEO, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1357
HILEMAN, ENG., Sgt.		
PIERCE, WH, RADIO, Sgt.		
HENRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

ELLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
SINK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1012
SCHMIDT, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1409
DUFFEL, ENG., T/Sgt.		
FLEMING, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
PERRY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WADDELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
BILHREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1012
KENNERSON, BOMB., Sgt.		landed 1410
LUCAS, ENG., Sgt.		
PERELLI, RADIO, Sgt.		
RIDDLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MICKELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	84
HARRISON, HL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1013
HALE, BOMB., F/O		landed 1411
BAILEY, ENG., Sgt.		
KIRKPATRICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RYAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUS, FOTO, Cpl.		
ALDRIDGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
MUSICK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1013
EVELAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1411
GREER, ENG., T/Sgt.		
DINYER, RADIO, Sgt.		
WHITEIS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
ERVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1014
NICHOLSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1412
GAY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
O'BROCHTA, RADIO, Cpl.		
MULLANEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEIBORN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79
MARTIN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1014
TAKALA, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1413
ROEHM, ENG., Cpl.		
VINYARD, RADIO, Cpl.		
VOGT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
STARBUCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1015
WILLIAMS, RL, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1045
MCQUADE, NAV., 1st Lt.		
RANKIN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
TKACH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

early return

LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	90
DOLEZAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1015
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed 1413
DUGGAN, NAV., F/O		
VAUGHAN, ENG., Cpl.		
SMITH, RADIO, Cpl. (G)		
WILKERSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TENBARGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	88
BELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1016
SKABIALKA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1414
DELEO, ENG., S/Sgt.		
OTELL, RADIO, Cpl.		
SIEWERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WARREN, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MCLAUGHLIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33
WAUGH, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1016
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1415
ISON, ENG., S/Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SYMONS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
PETERSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1017
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1416
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RUSSELL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1017
MORIN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1417
MONTGOMERY, ENG., Sgt.		
RICHARDSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VICKERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BLUE, FOTO, Sgt.		
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	09
JOHNSON, WE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1018
MARTINSEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1417
WRIGHT, ENG., Cpl.		
HAYES, RADIO, Cpl.		
BRODIE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WALDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
GEIGER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1018
MCKINLEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed 1417
FEINEN, ENG., Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GOERING, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CONRAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		

ZIERK, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KAISER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
BIDDLE, BOMB., S/Sgt.
WASH, ENG., S/Sgt.
WITTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
VANDYKE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CRIST, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

20
took off 1019
landed 1418

HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.
RASMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ZEINER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd (Spare)

early

32
took off 1019
landed 1241

JOHNSTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
POOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
STORICK, BOMB., 1st Lt.
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.
BOATENREITER, RADIO, Cpl.
ZIEGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd (Spare)

early

53
took off 1020
landed 1239

HARTMAN, LW, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KERCHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BRACKEN, BOMB., F/O
IVERSON, ENG., Sgt.
INGRAM, RADIO, Sgt.
WIGGILL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

444th (Spare)

early

85
took off 1020
landed 1240

PIERCE, DR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
STONER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
POINDEXTER, BOMB.,
RODGERS, ENG., Cpl.
DAGOSTINO, RADIO, Sgt.
THOLEMEIER, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th (Spare)

82
took off 1021
landed 1414