

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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DWG-2

15 April 1945.

Final Mission Report No. 561.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

JAFFE DEFENSE AREA, AREA "D" (M/R: (V) Y-385790, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France.

At 07:50 hours, 18 B-26's took off to bomb Jaffe Defense Area, Area "B" (M/R: (V) Y-385790, GSGS 4249, Sheet 6M), France. No B-26's returned early. Total Sorties: 18. 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 18 x 2,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the first bomb-run at 09:40 hours from 10,400' on an Axis of 255°T (briefed Axis - 255°T; drift correction - 03° right; evasive action - loss of altitude) and 18 B-26's were over the Primary target and 9 B-26's dropped 18 x 2,000-lb. Demolition bombs (.1 & .025 second delay tail fuses) on the Primary target on the second bomb-run at 10:00 hours from 11,000' on an Axis of 255°T (briefed Axis - 255°T; drift correction - 05° right; evasive action - loss of altitude). No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's damaged. 18 B-26's returned to base at 11:34 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Activity:

- (1) 1 unknown a/c seen in the target area.
- (2) 1 B-17 over Saintes (W) Y-6887 at 1,500' at 09:38 hours.

b. Situation: 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: N

- a. General: 7/8 puffs of black smoke were seen in the target area just after bombs hit at 09:40 hours.
- b. Communications: None.

CASUALTIES: None.

No. of A/C TAKING PHOTOS: 4.

ROUTE: Same as Report No. 558, this date.

WEATHER: Same as Report No. 558, this date.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target area. A few hit over to the left, South-West of the target area.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was a visual mission.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer

CREWS PARTICIPATING IN MISSION #548 - 15 APRIL 1945.

MOONEY, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	40
MATTSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0750
YOUNENES, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1134
WERNICK, NAV., Lt.		
DEATLY, FC., Major		
MOORE, ENG., T/Sgt.		
ORTEGA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GUSTAFSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
CLEMONS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0750
HERBST, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1135
BRAIN, NAV., Lt.		
SHEEHY, ENG., S/Sgt.		
VINE, RADIO, Sgt.		
LEONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, FOTO, S/Sgt.		
BRENNAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
KRIMM, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0751
VENTURINO, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1135
WIDAU, ENG., S/Sgt.		
HARRIS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
UMSCHEID, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HOWARD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
KOKOLUS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
WAGNER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0751
WAGNER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1136
KILSEY, ENG., Cpl.		
SEILER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CHILDS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
MORTIMER, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0752
YOUSSI, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1136
MORGAN, ENG., Cpl.		
WARD, RADIO, Cpl.		
CRENSHAW, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GUEDEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
LARSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0752
SIWULA, BOMB., F/O		landed 1137
MULLIS, ENG., Cpl.		
GLADDEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
POND, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PETRO, FOTO, Sgt.		

PECKHAM, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
HEDGES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0753
BRUNN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1137
LUKER, ENG., Cpl.		
BERRY, RADIO, Cpl.		
DANIELS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KEAGY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	36
GRIFFITH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0753
FISHER, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1138
ANTHONY, ENG., Cpl.		
MURDOCK, RADIO, Cpl.		
WEINBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WAUGH, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	30
FERRIS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0754
CROSS, BOMB., F/O		landed 1139
CARTER, ENG., Sgt.		
CHURCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GILES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
MCCLUNG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0754
HAUN, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1139
SAVOCA, NAV., Lt.		
MORROW, ENG., T/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STRICKLAND, PILOT, Major	442nd	33
WOOLF, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0755
WELLS, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1140
MCPHERSON, NAV., F/O		
LINVILLE, ENG., S/Sgt.		
STACY, RADIO, Cpl.		
HURBACE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRANKEL, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
WITHERS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0755
WOODWARD, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed 1140
FARMER, ENG., Cpl.		
PHALEN, RADIO, Cpl.		
SMITH, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HECKERS, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
RASSMUSSEN, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0756
FRATHER, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1140
SURABIAN, ENG., T/Sgt.		
LOVERIDGE, RADIO, Sgt.		
ZEINER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

OLSON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	42
SHEEHAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0756
DEWULF, BOMB., F/O		landed 1141
MIDDLEBROOKS, ENG., Cpl.		
MOORING, RADIO, Cpl.		
OLSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LEVIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
TISDAIL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0757
OBEID, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1142
HOGUE, ENG., Cpl.		
SHORT, RADIO, Sgt.		
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PIERCE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
SCHOLL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0757
YOWELL, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1143
FELLER, ENG., S/Sgt.		
FREDETTE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MCCLELLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VILLELLI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
DAVIES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0758
HELFAND, BOMB., Lt.		landed 1143
MARISO, ENG., Cpl.		
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.		
TOUWSMA, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TRAUT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FERRINE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	59
TIEBITTS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0758
MORIN, BOMB., F/O		landed 1144
MORDUE, ENG., Cpl.		
RENICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NORTHCOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FINNEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

620
650
720 T.O.
750

4th
2nd
3rd Formation

MISSION NO 548 FLIGHT COMMANDER MAJOR DEATLY 15 April 1945
RUNWAY LINE UP

0750 40		MOONEX	
50+ 43	BRENNAN	40 Younes	GUSTAFSON
51 46	46 Venturino		43 Harst
51+ 46	"B"	KOVOLUS	
52 39	GUBINEL	44 Wagner	CHILDS
52+ 41	41 Sivula		29 Younes
53 45	"C"	POHLE	
53+ 36	MAUCH	45 Brunn	KELLY
54 30	30 Cross		26 Fisher
54+ 37	"D"	GILES	
55 33	FRANKEL	37 Mann	STRICKLAND
55+ 48	48 Woodward		33 Hollie
56 32	"E"	ROCKWELL	
56+ 42	LEVIN	32 Fruthers	OLSON
57 38	38 Goid		42 DeWolf
57+ 35	"F"	FLANCO	
58 47	FRANKEL	35 Younes	VILLIOTT
58+ 52	52 Moon		47 Hollie

Time Flare Colors Challenge Reply

0100-0700 YY Y Q

0700-1300 RRR S J

1300-1900 RR G P

1900-0100 YYR C D

Bomber Call Signs: 1st Formation Shorty * 2nd Formation Wiseguy

3rd Formation Yellowhair * 4th Formation Stovepipe

W/T call signs for Wing 1 Net: 1st Formation 091 * 2nd Formation 102

3rd Formation 086 * 4th Formation 189

GROUND STATION CONTROLLER (BOMBER): "BALTIMORE" ON CHANNEL 465 (116.1 MHz CYCLES) AND 6140 KCS.

AIRFIELD LOCATIONS IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE

Name	Approx. Location	Occupied
COGNAC	Y-36	P-51's and Mustangs
BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC	Y-37	P-47's and Spitfires
Cazeaux	44.30N-01.08 W	French JU-88's
SAINT JEAN D'ANGELY	45.50 N-00.50 W	Empty
MONT DE MARSAN	43.55 N-00.30 W	Empty
Avord	Y50	Airborne Units