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APC #557
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SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 169th
Mission, 31 July 1944, Schleissheim, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APC #557.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Smyrl at 1900 hours 30 July 1944. The order called for thirty-four (34) B-17's plus three (3) spares and two (2) PFF aircraft, to be loaded with 10 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. Tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Smyrl at 2203 hours, 30 July 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0845 hours and take-off time 0835 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. The force supplied by the 92nd Group consisted of thirty-four (34) B-17's, two (2) PFF a/c and three (3) spares, beginning take-off at 0835 hours. These aircraft assembled on the Mt. Farm Buncher at 13000, 14000 and 15000 feet as Low, Lead and High Groups of the 40th "B" Combat Wing. The Buncher was departed in wing formation at 0955 hours, and the briefed route over England was followed to the Coast which was departed at 1032 hours.

b. The Enemy coast was crossed at 1106 hours and after following the planned route over enemy territory the IP was reached at 1245 hours.

c. The Lead Group attempted to make a visual run on the target but failed to release. A second run was made and bombs were dropped by PFF technique at 1305½ hours from 24,380 feet (true) while on a magnetic heading of 255 degrees. The Low Group dropped on the Lead Group at 1306 hours from 24,640 feet (true). The High Group made a 360 degree turn at the IP to obtain proper visual bombing interval but then bombed on "skymarkers" because of 8/10 cloud cover; the altitude of the High Group at the time of release was 25,200 feet (true). The High Group circled at the Rally Point but failed to rally with the Lead and Low Groups which followed the briefed route out of enemy territory, departing the coast at 1537 hours and entering the English coast at 1613 hours. The Lead aircraft reached the base at 1648 hours. The High Group joined another Combat Wing which departed the enemy coast at 1542 hours. The English coast was entered at 1630 hours, and the formation reached base at 1705 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. All aircraft attacked.

4. Aircraft Lost.

None.

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