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NINTH SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
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APC #557
2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations of Mission 1 May
1944, Le Grisment, France.

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 Lt. Hamilton at 1805 hours 30 April 1944. The order called for twenty-one (21) B-17's to be loaded with 12 x 500-S.A.P. bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Prasse at 2325 hours 30 April 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0130 hours and take-off time 0405 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by twenty-one (21) B-17's from the 92nd Bomb Group beginning at 0407 hours. The three (3) 92nd Bomb Group Squadrons were to assemble separately over the base at stacked altitudes; 7,000, 8,000 & 9,000 feet. However, the squadron did not completely assemble until day break when the English Coast was reached. As briefed, each squadron completed a right turn then followed the planned course back to base and assembled into Group formation, (see Diagram "A").

b. The Group followed the briefed course over England and departed the English Coast at 0914 hours. The Enemy Coast was crossed at 0930 hours. At 0943 hours the Group Commander decided to return the formation to base because the target was obscured by 10/10 clouds.

c. Two (2) a/c jettisoned their bombs, one (1) a/c jettisoned its bombs over French territory on return route due to #3 & #4 props running away, one (1) a/c jettisoned its bombs in the Channel.

d. The Enemy Coast was crossed at 1007 hours and the English Coast was reached at 1025 hours. The lead aircraft reached base at 1105 hours.

3. Aircraft not attacking.

- a. Twenty-one (21) B-17's from the 92nd Bomb Group took-off.
- b. One (1) a/c 42-37877, returned early before being dispatched.

4. Aircraft Lost

None.

5. Statistical Summary

a. Number of A/C taking off	21
b. Unused spares	0
c. A/C taking off less unused spares	21
d. Number of A/C dispatched	20
e. Number of Sorties	20
f. Number of A/C attacking	0
g. Number of A/C not attacking	20