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NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
Office of the Operations Officer

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AFC #557  
2 May 1944

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

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, AFC #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 0950 hours, 1 May 1944. The order called for seven (7) B-17's to be loaded with 6 x 1000 G.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 Lt. Hamilton at 1415 hours, 1 May 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 1330 hours and take-off time 1505 hours.

## 2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by seven (7) B-17's from the 92nd Bomb Group beginning at 1505 hours. The assembly for these aircraft which flew as Lead Squadron, Lead Composite Group of the 40th Composite Combat Wing, was made over the 40th Combat Wing Buncher at 11,000 feet (see attached diagram). The 305th Bomb Group and the 306th Bomb Group each supplied seven (7) a/c to fly as High and Low Squadrons respectively. Group formation being accomplished, departure from assembly point made at 1600 1/2 hours, one and one half (00:01 1/2) minutes early, and the route out over England was flown as briefed departing the English Coast at 1643 1/2 hours, altitude 17,000 feet.

b. The enemy coast was entered at 1704 hours, 17,000 feet and the course to the target was flown according to the flight plan. The I.F. was reached at 1805 hours, 20,100 feet, and a visual bombing run was made on the primary target. At 1813 hours, bombs were released from 20,100 feet by the formation as shown in attached diagram on a course of 342 degrees. The route out was flown as briefed and the formation departed the enemy coast at 1917 hours, 16,800 feet. The English Coast was crossed at 1943 hours and the lead a/c landed at 2021 hours.

- c. Meager accurate flak was encountered over the target.
- d. Fighter opposition was nil.
- e. Fighter rendezvous and support was very good.
- f. VHF Communication was satisfactory.

## 3. A/C Not Attacking.

a. All of the seven (7) B-17's taking off from the 92nd Group attacked the primary target.

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4. Lost A/C.  
None

5. Statistical Summary.

a. No. of A/C taking off	7
b. Unused spares	0
c. A/C taking off less unused spares	7
d. No. of A/C dispatched	7
e. No. of Sorties	7
f. No. of A/C attacking	7
g. No. of A/C not attacking	0

Number of A/C Lost  
None.