

HEADQUARTERS
NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E-C-1
Office of the Operations Officer

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APC #557,
12 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, Mission
158, 11 July 1944, Munich, 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 1845 hours, 10 July 1944. The order called for thirty-four (34) B-17's, two (2) PFF a/c and two (2) spares to be loaded with 18 X 250 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. Hamilton at 2358 hours, 10 July 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0445 hours and take-off time 0755 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by thirty-four (34) B-17's and Two (2) spares from the 92nd Group, plus two (2) PFF a/c, beginning at 0755 hours. These a/c assembled over the Mt. Farm Buncher (Lead Group at 10000 feet) to form the Lead and Low Groups of the 40th "B" Combat Wing.

b. The Lead Group departed the Mt. Farm Buncher at 0911 hours and the High Group rendezvoused in position shortly after departing this point. The Low Group departed the Buncher in trail of the Lead Group and did not complete rendezvous until after departing the English Coast.

c. The route over England followed by the Lead Group deviated somewhat from the flight plan due to the "Gee" in the lead a/c becoming inoperative. The English coast was departed at 0953 hours and the enemy coast entered at 1021 hours. The route over enemy territory was followed according to flight plan and the IP reached at 1208 hours. A PFF bombing run was made on the primary target due to 10/10 cloud cover in the target area. The deputy PFF a/c took over the lead position at the IP due to PFF equipment failure in the lead a/c. Bombs were released by the Lead Group at 1220 1/2 hours from 26000 feet on a magnetic heading of 168 degrees. The Low Group released at 1220 1/2 hours from 24,300 feet on a magnetic heading of 157 degrees.

d. After bombs away the 40th "B" Combat Wing followed the briefed route to the enemy coast which was departed at 1535 hours. The English coast was crossed at 1615 hours and the base reached at 1654 hours. The first a/c landed at 1702 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. One a/c #42-31250 turned back at 51 48'N-02 05'E.

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#4 prop was feathered due to mechanical failure.

4. Aircraft Lost.
None.
5. Statistical Summary
See attached diagram.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 432

DATE 11 July 194

GROUP		LEAD FORMATION GROUP		LOW FORMATION GROUP		FORMATION		FORMATION	
LINE NO.		REGULAR	40th B PFF	REGULAR	40th B PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	0				
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	17	2	19	0				
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	17	2	18	0				
	No. of Aircraft Sorties	16	2	18	0				
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	16	2	18	0				
6	Name of Primary Target	MUNICH							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	16	2	18	0				
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	288 X 250	34 X 250	323 X 250					
			2 Skymarker	1 Skymarker					
7	Name of Secondary Target								
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Secondary Target								
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb								
8	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)								
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.								
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb								
9	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)								
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking (T.O.)								
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb								
10	No. of Aircraft Not Attacking								
11	No. of Aircraft Lost								