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APC #557
13 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 169th
Mission, 12 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 Major McLaughlin at 2045 hours 11 July 1944. The order called for eighteen (18) B-17's plus one (1) spare to be loaded with 4 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse and 6 M17 IB's. One (1) aircraft was ordered to carry delayed fuses in its 4 X 500 lb. bombs.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Major McLaughlin at 2116 hours 11 July 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0630 hours and take-off time 0930 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by eighteen (18) B-17's plus one (1) spare of the 92nd Group at 0930 hours for assembly on the Podington Buncher at 10000 feet as Low Group of the 40th Combat Wing.

b. After assembly, the Group departed the buncher at 1020 hours and immediately made rendezvous with the Lead 306th Group. The route to the coast was flown as ordered. However the Wing crossed the English coast at Clacton at 1105 hours instead of Felixstowe as planned. Ascent was begun at the Channel, and the enemy coast crossed at 1142½ hours. The route to the target was flown as briefed, the IP being reached at 1323 hours. The primary target was attacked by the Group from 24,200 feet at 1332 hours, dropping on the Combat Wing lead aircraft, while on a magnetic heading of 134 degrees. After the target, the Group made a right turn and regained Combat Wing Formation. The route back was flown slightly north of the ordered course. The Wing passed just South of Strasbourg at 1500 hours, but regained the ordered route shortly thereafter. The Channel was reached at 1643 hours and the English coast crossed at 1722 hours. Base was reached at 1756 hours and the first ship landed at 1801 hours.

c. Fighter rendezvous and support was excellent.

d. A heavy concentration of flak was encountered in the target area.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C #42-31995 returned early due to loss of #3 engine. A spare filled in the vacancy.

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

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 433

DATE 12 July 1944

LINE NO.	GROUP	FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0							
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	19							
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	18							
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	18							
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	18							
6	Name of Primary Target	Munich							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	18							
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	72 X 500							
		108 M-17 LB							
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	1							
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0							