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APC #557
14 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 160th
Mission, 13 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. Hamilton at 0010 hours 13 July 1944. The order called for thirty-six (36) B-17's plus two (2) spares to be loaded with 4 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse, plus 6 X M17 IB clusters.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 0200 hours, 13 July 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0215 hours and take-off time 0450 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by thirty-six (36) aircraft and two (2) spares from the 92nd Group beginning at 0450 hours. Eighteen (18) aircraft assembled on the Podington Buncher at 14000 feet to form the high group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing. The remaining eighteen (18) aircraft assembled over the Mount Farm Buncher at 14000 feet to form the high group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing.

b. The High Group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing departed the Podington buncher at 0612 hours and rendezvoused in position with the lead group a few minutes later. The route over England was followed according to flight plan, and the English coast departed at 0700 hours. The high group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing entered the enemy coast at 0724 hours, 20,000 feet. The route over enemy territory was flown as briefed and the IP reached at 0918 hours. Due to 9/10 clouds in the target area, bombing was done by means of PFF technique. Bombs were released by the high group at 0926 hours, from 26000 feet on a magnetic heading of 172 degrees. The return route over enemy territory was flown as briefed and the enemy coast was crossed and the English coast entered at 1302 hours. Base was reached at 1334 hours and the first ship landed at 1407 hours.

c. The high group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing departed the Mount Farm buncher at 0616 hours, and a few minutes later, completed rendezvous with the lead group. The 40th "B" Combat Wing followed the route over England as briefed, departing the coast at 0703 hours. The enemy coast was entered at 0731 hours. The route to the IP, which was reached at 0915 hours was flown according to flight plan. The 40th "B" Combat Wing used PFF technique due to

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9/10 cloud cover in the target area. The bombs from the high group were released at 0928 hours from 25200 feet on a magnetic heading of 165 degrees. After bombs away, the 40th "B" Combat Wing flew the briefed route back to the enemy coast which was departed at 1225 hours. The English coast was entered at 1304 hours and the high group formation reached the base at 1342 hours. The lead ship landed at 1357 hours.

d. Both "A" and "B" high groups encountered intense accurate flak over the target.

e. Fighter rendezvous and support was good throughout the mission.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C #42-107222 turned back at 0653 due to mechanical failure. A/C #42-31713 and 4206120 aborted due to mechanical failure. A/C 42-31250 turned back 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. 435

DATE 13/7/44

GROUP		HIGH FORMATION 40th A				HIGH FORMATION 40th B				FORMATION		FORMATION	
LINE NO.		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	0								
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	19	0	19	0								
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	19	0	18	0								
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	17	0	17	0								
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	16	0	17	0								
6	Name of Primary Target	Munich											
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	16	0	17	0								
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	96 X M 17 IB 63 X 500		102 X m 17 IB 68 X 500									
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	2	0	1	0								
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0	0	0	0								