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

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APC 837
18 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 1st Mission, 15 August 1944, Frankfurt, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group(H)AAF, APC 837.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Hamilton at 2110 hours 14 August 1944. The order called for thirty-four (34) B-17's, two (2) PFF a/c and three (3) spares to be loaded with 4 X 1000 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse plus 4 X M-17-500 lb IB's. (Group loads carried skymarkers.)

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 0018 hours 15 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0345 hours and take-off time 0340 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty-four (34) B-17's, two (2) PFF a/c and three (3) spares from the 92nd Group took off beginning at 0340 hours. These aircraft assembled over the base flying as lead, low and high groups of the 40th "A" Combat Wing.

b. The 40th "A" Combat Wing followed the briefed route over England and departed the English coast on time on course. Ordered to lead the 1st Division from the 1st Air Division Ground Station Control when the 41st Combat Wing failed to reach the coast as briefed, the 40th "A" Combat Wing crossed the enemy coast on time on course and reached the IP at 1002 hours.

c. The low and high group took intervals on the lead group after the IP for a visual bomb run on the primary target. The lead group bombed the primary target at 1140 hours from 25,400 feet on a magnetic heading of 217 degrees. The low group bombed at 1111 hours from 24725 feet on a magnetic heading of 242 degrees. The high group released at 1112 hours from 27000 feet on a heading of 225 degrees.

d. After bombs away the low and high groups rallied with the lead for the return and following the planned route departed the enemy coast at 1245 hours, the English coast at Orfordness at 1314 and reached base at 1342 hours, lead ship landing at 1351 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. Of the thirty-four (34) B-17's, two (2) PFF and three (3) spares, all attacked except one spare returned unused. Two spares that attacked, A/C 43-87539, 42-33110 flew with 308th BG,

4. Aircraft Lost. None.

5. Statistical Summary. See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 172

GROUP 92nd

DATE 15/8/44

LINE NO.		LEAD FORMATION "A"		LOW FORMATION "A"		HIGH FORMATION "A"		FORMATION	
		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	11	2	13		13			
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	2	12		13			
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	11	2	12		13			
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	11	2	12		13			
	Name of Primary Target	Frankfurt, Germany							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	9	2	12		12			
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	88 X AN-M44 X 1000 GP and M-17 X 500 IB plus 1 skymarker		92 X AN-M44 X 1000 GP and M17 X 500 IB plus 1 skymarker		96 X AN-M44 X 1000 GP and M17 X 500 IB plus 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.)	Zell, Germany							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.	1							
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	4 X AN-M44 X 1000 GP plus 4 X M17 X 500 IB							
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								