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ABO #127
18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations of Mission #195 of the
92nd Bombardment Group, 17 September 1944, Holland.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, ABO #127.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Hamilton at 0200 hours, 17 September 1944. The order called for thirty (30) B-17's to be loaded with 50 x 200 pound fragmentation bombs, each with inst. nose fuse and no tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 0240 hours, 17 September 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed and briefing being set for 0300 hours and take off time 0600 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty (30) aircraft of the 92nd Bomb Group began take off at 0600 hours for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 8,000, and 7,000 feet. These aircraft formed the Lead, Low Groups of the 40th "C" Combat Wing.

b. The Lead Group was composed of three (3) squadrons and the Low Group of two (2) squadrons. Each of these squadrons consisted of six (6) A/C.

c. The lead group departed the assembly buncher at 0700 hours, the Low Group rendezvoused in position along the first assembly leg. The prescribed route over England was followed to Chelmsford where a thirty (30) minute delay was relayed from the 40th "A" Combat Wing. The 40th "C" Combat Wing made two (2) 360 degree turns coming out ahead of the 40th "B" Combat Wing. The 40th "C" Combat Wing fell in behind the 40th "B" and crossed the English Coast over Clacton at 0825 hours. After departing the English Coast the 40th "C" Combat Wing flew the briefed route to the I.P.

d. At the I.P. the five, six ship squadrons took interval and made individual run on assigned targets. The Lead and Low squadrons bombed the primary from 18,000 feet at 0942 hours on a 034 degree magnetic heading. The High Squadron, Lead Group bombed the Primary from 18,500 feet on a 038 degree magnetic heading at 0943 hours. The Lead Squadron, Low Group bombed the Primary from 17,000 feet on a 034 degree magnetic heading at 0944 hours. The Low Squadron, Low Group bombed the Primary from 16,500 feet on a 015 degree magnetic heading at 0947 hours. After bombing all squadrons except the High Squadron Lead Group followed briefed route out and rendezvoused south of Brussels. The High Squadron turned left after bombing to avoid other formations on bomb run, and returned to the briefed route. All formations crossed the English Coast at approximately the same time along briefed route and returned to base.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. None

4. Aircraft Lost.

a. None.

5. Statistical Summary.

a. See attached Diagrams.

GROUP 92

DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER 498

MISSION DATE 17/9/44

		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		LEAD "C"	BORROWED PFF A/C	LOW "C"	BORROWED PFF A/C		BORROWED PFF A/C		BORROWED PFF A/C
1	Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0		0					
2	Number of Aircraft Airborne	18		12					
3	Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Missed Bombs	18		12					
4	Number of Aircraft Sorties	18		12					
5	Number of Aircraft Attacking	18		12					
6	Number of Aircraft Not Attacking	0		0					
7	Name of Primary Target	Tactical targets in Holland							
8	(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Primary Target	18		12					
9	(B) No. size and type of bombs	540 X 260 Frags.			360 X 260 Frags.				
10	Name of Secondary Target								
11	(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Secondary Target								
12	(B) No. size and type of bombs								
13	Name of Last Resort Target (LRT)								
14	(A) No. of Aircraft attacking LRT								
15	(B) No. size and type of bombs								
16	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)								
17	(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.								
18	(B) No. size and type of bombs								
19	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)								
20	(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.								
21	(B) No. size and type of bombs								