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APC #557
19 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 162nd
Mission, 16 July 1944, Peenemunde, Germany.

TC : 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 1945 hours, 17 July 1944. The order called for thirty-eight (38) B-17's which included two (2) spares and 2 PFF A/C to be loaded with 10 X 500 lb. CP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 2055 hours, 17 July 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0200 hours and take-off time 0445 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by thirty-four (34) B-17's plus two (2) spares from the 92nd Bomb Group and two (2) PFF aircraft beginning at 0445 hours. These aircraft assembled on the Mt. Farm Buncher at 10000 feet as Lead Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing and at 9000 feet as Low Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing. The Buncher was departed at 0557 hours and the route over England flown as briefed departing the coast at 0659 hours.

b. The "B" Combat Wing entered enemy territory at 0856 hours and departed the Danish peninsula at 0915 hours. The IP was reached at 1000 hours and a visual run made on the primary target. At 1018 hours bombs were released from 25000 feet by the Lead Group on a magnetic heading of 214 degrees. The Low Group bombed at 1020 hours on a magnetic heading of 234 degrees from 24000 feet.

c. The Lead and High Groups rallied at 1025 hours and proceeded to return as briefed. The Low Group due to congestion in the target area, could not rally with the "B" Combat Wing and returned, guiding right on 1st Combat Wing. The Lead Group of 40th "B" departed enemy territory at 1134 hours and entered the English coast at 1322½ hours, arriving over the base at 1356 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. Two (2) A/C, #42-37535 and #42-38110 returned early due to mechanical failure. Spares filled in for these two a/c.

4. Aircraft Lost.

a. None.

5. Statistical Summary.

a. See attached diagram.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 140

DATE 18/7/44

GROUP		LEAD FORMATION 40th B				LOW FORMATION 40th B				FORMATION		FORMATION	
LINE NO.		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	17	2			19	0						
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	17	2			19	0						
	No. of Aircraft Sorties	16	2			18	0						
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	16	2			18	0						
6	Name of Primary Target	Peenemunde				Peenemunde							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	16	2			18	0						
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	180 X 500				180 X 500							
		1 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	1	0			1	0						
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0	0			0	0						