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NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
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APC #557  
20 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 144th  
Mission, 19 June 1944, Crepleul, Bientques, Fieefs, France.

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. Smyrl at 1130 hours, 18 June 1944. The order called for fifty-four (54) B-17's to be loaded with 38 X 100 lb. GP bombs each with no delay nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Smyrl at 1030 hours, 18 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0430 hours and take-off time 0700 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by fifty-three (53) B-17's from the 92nd Group, beginning at 0642 hours. These aircraft assembled into three individual groups of eighteen (18) each over the base. One aircraft of the Low Group failed to take-off due to mechanical difficulties. These Groups flew as individual Groups.

b. The Lead Group departed the base at 0859 hours and followed the planned route over England. The English coast was departed at 0832 hours, 21000 feet. The enemy coast was crossed at 0900 hours, 25000 feet. Due to 10/10 cloud cover, the target was not bombed, and the enemy coast was departed at 0925 hours, 25,000 feet. The English coast was entered at 0938 hours, 19,700 feet. Base was reached by the lead aircraft at 1030 hours and landed at 1038 hours.

c. The Low Group departed the base at 0804 hours and followed the planned route over England. The English coast was departed at 0839 hours, 21,000 feet. The enemy coast was entered at 0908 hours, 25,000 feet but the target could not be bombed because of 10/10 cloud cover. The enemy coast was departed at 0932 hours, 25000 feet. The English coast was entered at 0945 hours, 20,000 feet. The lead ship reached the base at 1024½ hours and landed at 1046 hours.

d. The High Group departed the base at 0754 hours and followed planned route to the English coast, which was departed at 0828 hours, 23,900 feet. The enemy coast was entered at 0856½ hours and moderate inaccurate flak was encountered. The target was covered by 10/10 clouds and no bombs could be dropped. The enemy coast was departed at 0919½ hours, 21,200 feet and the English coast entered at 0930½ hours, 17,000 feet. The lead aircraft reached base at 1019½ hours, landing at 1028 hours.

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3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. All of the fifty-three (53) aircraft that took off from the 92nd Group failed to attack because of 10/10 cloud over the target.

b. One aircraft in the Low Group failed to take-off because of mechanical difficulties, #42-31907.

c. A/C #42-31771, flying as No. 2 position, 1st element of the Low Squadron, High Group, aborted over England after one engine failure.

4. Aircraft Lost.  
None.

5. Statistical Summary.  
See attached diagram.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS  
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 398

DATE 19 June 1944

GROUP 92nd

LINE NO.		LEAD FORMATION 40th A		HIGH FORMATION 40th A		LO. FORMATION 40th A		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	0	1	0		
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	18	0	18	0	17	0		
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	18	0	18	0	17	0		
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	18	0	17	0	17	0		
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Name of Primary Target	Lientques, Piefs, Crepleul, France							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb								
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	18	0	17	0	17	0		
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0	0	0	0	0	0		