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

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APC #557
19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 188rd
Mission, 18 August 1944, Huy, Belgium.

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. Prasse at 0635 hours, 18 August 1944. The order called for fifteen (15) B-17's including three (3) spares to be loaded with 8 X 1000 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and no tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Prasse at 0614 hours, 18 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0630 hours and take-off time 1800 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Fifteen (15) B-17's including three (3) spares of the 92nd Group took off at 1800 hours for assembly on the Podington Buncher as Lead Group of the 40th Combat Wing. After takeoff the Gee Equipment of the lead ship failed, and the Group was assembled and led to the enemy coast by the Deputy Leader. Combat wing assembly was completed on leaving the buncher, and the route to the target was flown as briefed. The 40th Combat Wing was 3rd in the Air Division.

b. Upon approaching the target, a thick haze prevented the Lead Bombardier from picking up the assigned LPI until too late for the Group to bomb it. The Group then made a right turn back to the IP for a second run. On the second run clouds obscured the target and the Group again made a right turn back to the IP. On the third run, the Group bombed the railroad bridge in the town of Huy, Belgium, visually from 25,000 feet at 1821 hours, magnetic heading 112 degrees.

c. During the three runs, the Low and High Groups having bombed on their first run, rallied and returned together. The 92nd Group returned along the briefed route and reached base at 2001 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.
None.

4. Aircraft Lost
None.

5. Statistical Summary.
See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 474

GROUP 92nd

DATE 18/8/44

LINE NO.		40th FORMATION CW LEAD		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0							
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	15							
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12							
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	12							
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	12							
	Name of Primary Target	Huy, Belgium							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	12							
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	72 X 1000 GP plus 1 sky marker							
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								
11	No. of Aircraft Lost								