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

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APC #557  
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SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations of  
170th Mission, Orleans/Brivy & Chateaudun A/D's,  
1 August 1944.

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 0910 hours 31 July 1944. The order called for forty-eight (48) B-17's to be loaded with 10 X 500 GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Prasse at 0421 hours, 1 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0630 hours and takeoff time 1140 hours.

## 2. General Narrative.

a. Forty-eight (48) aircraft (no spares or PFF) from the 92nd Bomb Group took off, beginning at 1133 hours, to form the Lead, Low and High groups of the 40th "A" Combat Wing and the High Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing. All three (3) groups of the 40th "A" Combat Wing assembled over the Mt. Farm Buncher; and the High Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing assembled over the Podington Buncher.

b. The lead group of the 40th "A" departed Mt. Farm at 1317 hours with the high and low groups in Combat Wing formation. The route over England was flown as briefed to the coast which was departed three (3) miles west of Selsey Bill at 1340 hours. The continental coast was crossed at 1407 hours and the formation followed the briefed route to the IP which was reached at 1441 hours.

(1). The lead group of 40th "A" Combat Wing made a visual bomb run releasing on the primary at 1503 hours from 20,000 feet (true altitude) on a magnetic heading of 343 degrees.

(2). The low group of 40th "A" Combat Wing followed the lead group and released visually on the primary at 1506 hours, 19,800 feet (true altitude) on a magnetic heading of 343 degrees.

(3). The high group of 40th "A" Combat Wing also making a visual run on the primary released at 1507 hours from 21,600 feet (true altitude) on a magnetic heading of 329 degrees.

c. After bombs away the Lead, Low and High groups of the 40th "A" Combat Wing rallied and returned along the briefed route, departing the coast of France at 1546 hours. The English coast was entered at 1613 hours and the formation reached the base at 1656 hours. The lead aircraft landed at 1704 hours.

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2. The High group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing departed the Rodington Bunker at 1300 hours in Combat Wing formation. The briefed route over England was followed and the coast was departed at 1343 hours. The enemy coast was entered at 1412 hours and the Primary IP at 1447 hours. Bombs were released at 1516 hours from 21,500 feet (true) on a magnetic heading of 315 degrees. This group rallied with the 40th "B" Combat Wing after the target and followed the briefed route home. Base was reached by the lead aircraft at 1709 hours.

### 3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. All aircraft of the 40th "A" lead and low groups attacked the target. A/C #42-97870 of the High group failed to locate the formation and did not attack. A/C #42-31807 of the 40th "B" High group failed to find the formation and did not attack.

### 4. -Aircraft Lost. None.

### 5. Statistical Summary. See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS  
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 455

GROUP 92nd

DATE 1/8/44

LINE NO.		LEAD FORMATION 40th A		LOW FORMATION 40th A		HIGH FORMATION 40th A		HIGH FORMATION 40th B	
		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	12		12		12		12	
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12		12		12		12	
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	12		12		11		11	
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	12		12		11		11	
6	Name of Primary Target	Orleans/Bricey A/D				Chateaudun, A/d			
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	12		12		11		11	
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	120 X AN-M43 500 GP plus 1 skymarker		120 X AN-M43 500 GP plus 1 skymarker		110 X AN-M43 500 GP plus 1 skymarker		110 X AN-M43 500 GP 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.)								
	(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								