

HEADQUARTERS
NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E#A-2
Office of the Operations Officer

APO #557
3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations on the
129th Mission, 2 June 1944, Dannes, France. (AM)

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APO 557.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters, 40th Combat Wing by Lt. Hamilton at 1930 hours 1 June 1944. The order called for twenty-four (24) plus six (6) spare B-17's which included one (1) PFF A/C from the 305th Bomb Group to be loaded with 12 X 500 GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/100 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Lt. Hamilton at 0235 hours 2 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0630 hours and take-off time 0955 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. 92nd Bomb Group, Main formation, 40th Combat Wing.

(1). Take-off was accomplished by twenty (20) B-17's plus one (1) PFF aircraft from the 92nd Bomb Group beginning at 0955 hours. The assembly for these aircraft was made over the Mount Farm buncher at 18000 feet and at 1138 hours the group departed the buncher on course. The route out to the English coast was flown as briefed but due to a change in winds the departure point at the coast was reached eight (8) minutes early. The group made a 360 degree turn without disturbing other groups in the area and departed the coast at 1159 hours, altitude 21000 feet. At this point three (3) aircraft returned to base as unused spares.

(2). The route over the channel was flown as briefed and bombs were released by PFF technique at 1244½ hours on the primary target. The altitude at bombs away was 21,080 feet on a magnetic heading of 112 degrees.

(3). The route over enemy-occupied territory was flown as briefed and the coast was departed at 1235½ hours. The group entered the English coast at 1313½ hours and the first ship landed at base at 1355 hours.

b. High Squadron, Composite Group, 40th Combat Wing.

(1). Take-off was accomplished by six (6) B-17's plus two (2) spare aircraft from the 92nd Bomb Group beginning at 1015 hours. The assembly for these aircraft was made over the Mount Farm buncher at 16,000 feet and group formation was accomplished before leaving the buncher. For route and times consult the narrative of the 306th Bomb Group. One (1) spare B-17 filled in as

abortion in the Low Squadron, composite group; the other returned to base unused.

SECRET

3. A/C Not Attacking.

a. Aircraft number 42-102495 did not attack due to failure of bomb racks.

4. Lost A/C.

None.

5. Statistical Summary- (Includes one (1) PFF A/C)

	MAIN GP.	COMP.GP.	TOTAL
a. Number of A/C taking off.....	21	8	29
b. Unused spares.....	3	1	4
c. A/C taking off less unused spares..	18	7	25
d. Number of A/C dispatched.....	21	8	29
e. Number of sorties.....	18	7	25
f. Number of A/C attacking.....	18	6	24
g. Number of A/C not attacking.....	0	1	1

Lost A/C

None.