

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

APQ #557
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SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 130th
Mission, 2 June 1944, Palaiseau, France. (PM)

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APQ 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 1200 hours 2 June 1944. The order called for fifteen (15) B-17's to be loaded with 12 X 500 GP bombs each with inst. nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Smyrl at 1355 hours 2 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 1445 hours and take-off time 1740 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Lead Group (40th Combat Wing)

(1). Take-off was accomplished by twelve (12) B-17's and one (1) spare from the 92nd Bomb Group beginning at 1743 hours. These aircraft assembled over the Podington Buncher at 10,000 feet as lead group of the 40th Combat Wing. The 92nd (Lead) Group formation departed the assembly buncher at 1836½ hours, and the 306th (Low) Group rendezvoused in position immediately after leaving the assembly buncher. The Composite (High) Group rendezvoused along the route over England between Oxford and Spl. #10.

(2). The Lead Group formation departed the English Coast over Selsey Bill at 1930 hours, 16700 feet, and crossed the coast of France at 1958 hours, 21,800 feet. The lead group reached the I.P. at 2028 hours and a visual bombing run was made by the lead bombardier. Bombs were released on the Primary target at 2038 hours from 19,400 feet on a magnetic heading of 37 degrees. There was 4/10 cloud cover at the target and visibility was poor due to haze but no flak was encountered. Moderate accurate flak was encountered on the route out at 49 degrees 03 minutes North; 02 degrees 06 minutes East, just north of Paris. The enemy coast was departed at 2129 hours and the English Coast crossed at 2158 hours. The base was reached at 2240 hours and the lead ship landed at 2245 hours.

b. High Squadron (High Comp. Gp.)

(1). Three (3) aircraft took off beginning at 1740 hours and assembled on the Podington buncher at 11000 feet to form the High Squadron of the High Composite Group. For further information reference can be made to the general narrative of the 305th Bomb Group.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.
 a. A/C #42-6017 returned as an unused spare.
4. Lost Aircraft.
 None.
5. Statistical Summary (No PFF A/C used)
- | | <u>LEAD</u> | <u>COMPOSITE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| a. Number of A/C taking off... | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| b. Unused spares..... | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| c. A/C t.o. less unused spares | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| d. Number of A/C dispatched... | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| e. Number of Sorties..... | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| f. Number of A/C attacking.... | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| g. Number of A/C not attacking. | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Lost A/C.
 None.

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