

HEADQUARTERS  
NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E-A-8  
Office of the Operations Officer

**SECRET**

APC #557  
20 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 163rd  
Mission, 19 July 1944, Augsburg, Germany.

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 Major McLaughlin at 2030 hours, 19 July 1944. The order called for twelve (12) B-17's plus one (1) spare to be loaded with maximum M-47 IB bombs.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Major McLaughlin at 0003 hours, 19 July 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0230 hours and take-off time 0505 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by twelve (12) aircraft plus one (1) spare from the 92nd Bomb Group, beginning at 0505 hours. These aircraft assembled on the Podington Buncher as High Group of the 40th Combat Wing and departed the Buncher at 17000 feet with the Lead Group at 0619 hours. The route over England was flown as briefed and the English coast was departed at 0706 hours at 17000 feet. Immediately after leaving the coast the Lead and High groups made two (2) 360 degree turns in an effort to pick up the Low Group which had failed to rendezvous. This attempt was unsuccessful and the Lead and High groups proceeded to carry out the mission.

b. Enemy territory was entered at 0754 hours, at 21000 feet and the briefed course followed to the IP which was reached at 0956 hours. The bombing run on the visual primary target was flown at 25500 feet on a magnetic heading of 345 degrees, and bombs were released at 1005 hours. The High Group rallied with the Lead Group and returned in formation to the enemy coast which was crossed at 1214 hours. The English coast was entered at 1300 hours and the formation reached base at 1326 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C #42-1408 returned early as unused spare.

4. Aircraft Lost.

a. None.

5. Statistical Summary.

See attached diagram.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS  
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 19 July 1944

LINE NO.	GROUP _____	HIGH FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	40th CB PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0							
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	13							
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12							
	No. of Aircraft Sorties	12							
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	12							
6	Name of Primary Target	Augsburg							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	12							
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	503 X M47 IB 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	0							
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0							