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RECEIVED APO #557
22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 146th
Mission, 21 June 1944, Berlin, Germany.

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 Capt. Hamilton at 1830 hours, 20 June 1944. The order called for thirty-seven (37) B-17's to be loaded with 8 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. tail fuse and 2 X M-17 IB bombs. Two (2) of the aircraft carried long delayed fuses from 6 to 144 hours.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 0052 hours, 21 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0130 hours and take-off time 0425 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. High Group, 40th Combat Wing "B".

(1) Take-off was accomplished by nineteen (19) B-17's from the 92nd Group beginning at 0425 hours. Eighteen (18) of these aircraft assembled on the Mount Farm Buncher at 6000 feet as High Group. One (1) aircraft assembled and flew the entire mission with the 305th Group as directed. The High Group departed the Buncher at 0534 hours and made immediate rendezvous with the Lead Group. The route over England was flown as briefed, and the formation departed the English coast at 0646 hours.

(2) The enemy coast was entered at 0901 hours, 22,500 feet and the planned course was flown to the IP, which was reached at 1015 hours. Dense, heavy, persistent contrails were encountered in the target area. From the IP to the target, the Combat Wing Leader started to climb, during which time he was lost from visual contact. The High Group resumed cruising at 30,000 feet and found it impossible to contact the Leader; so they released their bombs on the target area, which was seen through breaks in the clouds. Bombs were dropped by the High Group of the 40th Combat Wing "B" at 1027 hours on a magnetic heading of 270 degrees from 30,000 feet. After leaving the target, the Lead and High Groups rallied successfully and departed the enemy coast at 1130 hours. The English coast was entered at 1259 hours, and the formation did a procedure letdown (270 degree heading) on the Podington Buncher. The Lead aircraft landed at 1347 hours.

b. Low Group, 41st Composite Combat Wing.

(1) Take-off was accomplished by eighteen (18) B-17's from the 92nd Group, beginning at 0440 hours. These aircraft assembled on Splasher #16 at 7000 feet as Low Group, 41st Composite Combat Wing.

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Rendezvous was successfully completed with the Lead Group, and the Splasher was departed at 0550 hours. The English coast was crossed at 0650 hours and the enemy coast was entered as briefed at 0853 hours, 22,000 feet.

(2) The IP was reached at 1012 hours, altitude 26000 feet. Although heavy persistent contrails were encountered in the target area, the Low Group Leader was able to drop on the Combat Wing Lead PFF aircraft. Bombs were released at 1018 hours from 26,800 feet on a magnetic heading of 241 degrees. The return route was as briefed, the Low Group leaving enemy territory at 1137 hours and reaching the English coast at 1313½ hours. A let-down was accomplished on the Podington Buncher, beginning at 1343 hours and the first ship landed at base at 1352 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.
Of the thirty-seven (37) aircraft that took off from this base, all attacked the target.

4. Aircraft Lost.
None.

5. Statistical Summary.
See attached diagram.

GROUP 92nd

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 401

DATE 21 June 1944

LINE NO.		High FORMATION 40th B		Low FORMATION 41st Comp		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		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	19	0	18	0				
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	19	0	18	0				
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	19	0	18	0				
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	19	0	18	0				
	Name of Primary Target	Berlin, Germany							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	16	0	17	0				
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	128 1 500 GP 32 1 M-17 13		136 1 500 GP 34 1 M-17 13					
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.)	Littenberg, Germany		Mukensin, Germany					
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.	2	0	1	0				
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	16 1 500 GP 6 1 M-17 13		8 1 500 GP 2 1 M-17 13					
9	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)	50 2000, 11 5013							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking (T.O.)	1	0						
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	8 1 500 GP 7 1 M-17 13							
10	No. of Aircraft Not Attacking	0	0	0	0				
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0	0	0	0				