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

**SECRET** APO #557  
22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 147th  
Mission, 22 June 1944, Renescure and Sautrecourt, France.

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. Smyrl at 1830 hours, 21 June 1944. The order called for thirty-three (33) plus three (3) spare B-17's and three (3) GH A/C to be loaded with 12 X 500 GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Smyrl at 0100 hours, 22 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0515 hours and take-off time 0810 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. 92nd "A" and "B" Groups.

(1) Take-off was accomplished by twenty-two (22) aircraft and two (2) spares from the 92nd Bomb Group, and two (2) GH aircraft, beginning at 0822 hours. These aircraft assembled on the Podington Buncher at 16000 feet, (Lead Gp.) to form the lead (92nd "A") and low (92nd "B") groups of the 40th "A" force.

(2) The lead group departed the Podington Buncher at 0933, and the low group which departed late at 0945 hours rendezvoused in position over Market Harborough at 0953 hours. The English coast was departed at 1032½ hours and the French Coast entered at 1052½ hours.

(3) The lead (92nd "A") group reached the IP at 1059 hours and started a visual run on the target but due to cloud cover the bombardier was unable to synchronize. A second run was made, but the bombardier was hit by flak on the bomb run and bombs were not released. The deputy lead A/C was also hit by flak, losing an engine and unable to take over the lead. The lead A/C of the low squadron took over the lead of the group and made two (2) more runs. The target was obscured by cloud cover on both runs and no bombs were dropped. The lead group encountered moderate accurate flak at the target. The enemy coast was departed at 1203 hours and the English coast entered at 1224 hours. The formation reached the base at 1304 hours and the lead ship landed at 1315 hours.

(4) The low (92nd "B") group reached the IP at 1059 hours and due to cloud cover in the target area, a bombing run using GH technique was made. Bombs were released at 1107 hours from 24000 feet on a magnetic heading of 262 degrees. Light inaccurate flak

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was encountered in the target area. The low group departed the enemy coast at 1119 hours and entered the English coast at 1134 hours. The formation reached the base at 1212 hours and the lead ship landed at 1227 hours.

b. 92nd "C" group.

(1) Take-off was accomplished by eleven (11) aircraft and one (1) spare from the 92nd Bomb Group, and one (1) GH aircraft beginning at 0812 hours. These aircraft assembled on the Mt. Farm Buncher at 16000 feet to form the lead group of the 40th "B" Force.

(2) The lead (92nd "C") group departed the Mt. Farm Buncher at 0929 hours and the low (305th) group rendezvoused in position shortly after departure. The English coast was departed at 1030 hours and the French coast entered at 1052 hours. The IP was reached at 1102 hours and a visual run was made on the primary target. Cloud cover prevented bombing on the first run, but a second visual run was started at 1123 hours. Bombs were released at 1133 hours from 24,900 feet on a magnetic heading of 267 degrees. Light inaccurate flak was encountered shortly before reaching the target. The enemy coast was departed at 1142 hours and the English coast entered at 1157 hours. The base was reached at 1243 hours and the lead ship landed at 1252 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. Eleven (11) aircraft of the 92nd "A" group plus the lead GH aircraft failed to bomb due to a combination of flak hits in the lead and deputy lead aircraft, and the cloud cover which prevented a visual run by the lead A/C of the low squadron.

4. Aircraft Lost.

None.

5. Statistical Summary.

See attached diagram.

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