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NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
Office of the Operations Officer

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APC #557  
27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations of Mission 26 April 1944, Brunswick, 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 Capt. Prasse at 2100 hours 25 April 1944. The order called for eighteen (18) plus three spare B-17's to be loaded with 12 x 500 pound 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 Capt. Prasse at 2310 hours 25 April 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed and briefing being set for 0230 hours and take off time 0525 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by eighteen (18) B-17's plus three (3) spares from the 92nd Bomb Group, beginning at 0525 hours. The assembly for these aircraft was made over the 40th Combat Wing Buncher at 8,000 feet instead of the 5,000 feet because of a heavy cloud layer. (See diagram "A"). The 92nd Group formation departed the assembly point 0623 hours for immediate rendezvous as Low Group with the 40th Combat Wing. The route over England was followed as briefed and the English Coast at Yarmouth was departed 0738 hours at 13,700 feet. Crossing the Channel the 92nd Bomb Group followed the 40th Combat Wing Lead Group which led thirty (30) miles north of briefed course. The enemy coast was entered two (2) miles south of briefed course and sixteen and one half (16½) minutes late.

b. The planned route to the I.P. was followed but then the Combat Wing leader decided to attack the Secondary Target because the Primary was covered by clouds. The 92nd Bomb Group dropped its bombs on the 40th Combat Wing Lead Group which was using blind bombing equipment. All bombs away at 1011 hours the lead aircraft of the 92nd Bomb Group was at 21,300 feet on a magnetic heading of 190 degrees. (See diagram "B"). The route out was as planned and the enemy coast was departed at 19,000 feet, 1134½ hours. The English Coast was crossed 1208½ hours at 5,000 feet. The lead aircraft reached base at 1245 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking .

a. Of the eighteen (18) B-17's and three (3) spares which took off, eighteen (18) aircraft attacked the target.

b. A/C 42-3496 and A/C 42-31687 did not attack but returned to base early.

c. Of the three (3) spares taking off two (2) were used and the third 42-31898 returned to base unused.

4. Lost Aircraft

None

5. Statistical Summary:

a. Number of A/C taking off	21
b. Unused spares	1
c. A/C taking off less unused spares	20
d. Number of A/C dispatched	13
e. Number of Sorties	18
f. Number of A/C attacking	18
g. Number of A/C not attacking	2

Number of A/C Lost  
None.