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

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APC #557

28 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 185th
Mission, 25 August 1944, Peenemunde, 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 2315 hours, 24 August 1944. The order called for twenty-two (22) B-17's to be loaded with 10 X M-17 IE's plus two (2) PFF aircraft.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Major McLaughlin at 2345 hours 24 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0430 hours and takeoff time 0525 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by twenty-two (22) B-17's and two (2) PFF aircraft from the 92nd Group, beginning at 0500 hours. These aircraft assembled on the Redington bunker at 8000 feet to form the Lead and Low Groups of the 40th "B" Combat Wing. The Lead Group departed the bunker at 0857 hours with the High and Low groups in Combat Wing formation. The 40th "B" CW departed the English coast at 0951 1/2 hours and followed the briefed route over the North Sea except for a slight dog-leg North of course in order to make good the control time. The enemy coast was entered at 1153 hours.

b. The Lead Group reached the IP at 1302 hours and bombs were released visually on the primary target at 1311 hours from 23,200 feet on a heading of 247 degrees. Just before reaching the briefed IP the Low Group leader had difficulty with the AFCE and the inter-phone system was inoperative. The Low Group made a 860 degree turn and established a new IP and released visually on the Primary at 1323 1/2 hours, from an altitude of 22,140 feet on a magnetic heading of 224 degrees.

c. After bombs away, the 40th "B" Combat Wing did not rally. The three groups returned individually along the briefed route. The Lead Group entered the English coast at 1635 hours and reached the base at 1712 hours. The Low Group entered the Coast at 1630 hours and reached base at 1704 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C 42-97479 turned back at 1125 hours, 54 24'N-08 45'E because of waist gunner's illness.

b. A/C 42-97121 was hit by flak on the bomb run and bombs were jettisoned in the sea. This a/c was lost.

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4. Aircraft Lost.

- a. A/C 42-70663 was seen to go down out of control at 1324 hours over the target.
- b. A/C 43-37596 reported to the Lead aircraft at 1315 hours that it was heading for Sweden on 3 engines and losing altitude.
- c. A/C 42-92121 was hit by flak on bomb run and went down after jettisoning bombs.
- d. A/C 43-37547 was lost at target due to flak. No details known.

5. Statistical Summary.

See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO.

GROUP 92nd

DATE 25/8/44

LINE NO.		LEAD FORMATION		LOW FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0					
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	10	2	12					
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	10	2	12					
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	9	2	12					
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	9	2	11					
	Name of Primary Target	Peenemunde, Germany							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	9	2	10					
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	90 X M17 IB	20 X M17 IB	100 X M17 IB	One a/c in this group was hit by flak and highisoned bombs in water.				
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.)				Putbus				
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.				1				
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb				10 X M 17 IB				
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								
11	No. of Aircraft Lost								