

HEADQUARTERS  
NINTH AIRBORNE 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  
27 April 1944.

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 1230 hours, 27 April 1944. The order called for eighteen (18) B-17's plus three (3) spares to be loaded with 12 x 500 GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Prasse at 1315 hours, 27 April 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 1400 hours and take-off time 1530 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 1530 hours. The Group assembled over the 40th Combat Wing Buncher at 14,000 feet, as shown in Diagram "A". The formation departed the assembly point at 1645 hours and joined the 40th Combat Wing along the first assembly leg. The route flown by the 92nd Group was as set forth in the flight plan, and the English Coast was departed at 1725 hours.

b. The 92nd Group flew in Combat Wing Formation entering the enemy coast at 20,600 feet at 1745 hours reaching the I.P. at 1856 hours. A visual run on the Primary Target was made on a magnetic heading of 25 degrees, and bombs were released from 21,000 feet at 1907 hours by formation (Diagram "B").

c. The formation flew the route back over enemy territory as briefed, and departed the enemy coast at 2031 hours. The English Coast was crossed at 2058 hours, and the formation reached the base at 2133 hours.

d. Moderate accurate flak was encountered enroute to the target.

e. Fighter opposition was nil.

f. Fighter escort was good.

g. V.H.F. Communication was satisfactory.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

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

b. A/C # 42-97244 turned back before becoming dispatched.

c. A/C # 42-31995 and 42-30644 returned early as unused spares.

4. Lost Aircraft  
None

5. Statistical Summary.

x a.	No. of A/C taking off	21
x b.	Unused spares	2
x c.	A/C taking off less unused spares	19
x d.	No. of A/C dispatched	18
x e.	No. of sorties	18
x f.	No. of A/C attacking	18
x g.	No. of A/C not attacking--	1