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

E-A-4

27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 18th
Mission, 28 August 1944, Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APO 887.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The Bomb Loading Order was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Major McLaughlin at 2130 hours 28 August 1944. The order called for twelve (12) B-17's to be loaded with 12 X 250 lb. 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 Major McLaughlin at 2315 hours, 28 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0245 hours and takeoff time 0300 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by twelve (12) B-17's from the 92nd Group beginning at 0335 hours for assembly on the Podington buncher at 10000 feet to form the Lead Group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing. The High and Low Groups were furnished by the 308th and the 40th "A" Combat Wing led the 1st Division.

b. The wing departed the buncher on time and flew the briefed course over England. The enemy coast was entered two (2) minutes late on course, and the route to the target was flown as ordered. The primary target was bombed visually at 1219 hours from 28000 feet, while on a magnetic heading of 245 degrees. After the target, the wing rallied and flew the planned route out of enemy territory. After crossing the enemy coast, the group took the shortest route home due to the fact that several personnel were injured and many aircraft damaged. The group reached base at 1410 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C 42-38158 turned back at 5237N-0810E, 24,000 feet at 1125 hours, unable to maintain formation with 2500 RPM 46" Hg. Bombs were brought back to base. No sortie credit.

b. A/C 42-38559 lost an engine and returned early. 2-1 not receive sortie credit.

4. Aircraft Lost.

5. See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 479

GROUP 92nd

DATE 26/8/44

LINE NO.		LEAD FORMATION "A"		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0							
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	12							
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12							
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	10							
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	10							
	Name of Primary Target	Gelsenkirchen, Germany							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	9							
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	158 X 250 GP 1 skymarker							
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.)	5148 N- 0739 E							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.	1							
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	18 X 250 GP							
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								

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