

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

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APC #557
29 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations of Mission
28 April 1944.

TB : 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. Smyrl at 2100 hours, 27 April 1944. The order called for twelve B-17's to be loaded with Max. Frag. bombs.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Smyrl at 2344 hours, 27 April 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed and briefing was set for 0545 hours and take-off time 0845 hours.

2. General Narrative. (Lead Group, 40th Comp. CBW, High and Low Sqdns.)

a. Take-off was accomplished by twelve (12) B-17's from the 92nd Group beginning at 0845 hours. The Group, including a High Composite Squadron from the 306th Group, assembled over the 40th Combat Wing Buncher at 6,000 feet as shown in Diagram "A". The Formation departed the assembly point at 0932 hours and rendezvoused with the low and high group. The high group was the 351st of the 94th Combat Wing, and the low group was the 379th of the 41st Combat Wing. The route over England was followed as briefed and the coast was departed at 1019 hours at 10,000 feet.

b. The 92nd Group, leading the 40th Composite Combat Wing, crossed the Enemy Coast at 1049 hours at 15,100 feet, and reached the Primary I.P. at 1150 hours without incident. A visual run on the primary target was made on a magnetic heading of 010 degrees, and bombs were released from 15,000 feet at 1200 1/2 hours. (See Diagram "B")

c. The formation flew the route back over enemy territory as briefed, and departed the enemy coast at 1317 hours at 15,000 feet. The English Coast was crossed at 1334 hours, and the formation reached the base at 1437 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. All of the twelve (12) B-17's taking off from the 92nd Group attacked the primary target.

4. Lost A/C.

None.

5. Statistical Summary:

a. No. of A/C taking off	12
b. Unused spares	0
c. A/C taking off less unused spares	12
d. No. of A/C dispatched	12
e. No. of Sorties	12
f. No. of A/C attacking	12
g. No. of A/C not attacking	0