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92ND 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, 1st
Mission, 27 August 1944, Berlin/Wilhelmshaven, 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. Hamilton at 2200 hours, 26 August 1944. The order called for twenty-four (24) B-17's to be loaded with 42 X M-47 IB's.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 2105 hours, 26 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0800 hours and take-off time 0945 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by twenty-four (24) B-17's (No PFF a/c) from the 92nd Group beginning at 0940 hours. Twelve (12) of these aircraft assembled on the Poxington Buncher at 8000 feet to form the High Group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing. The other twelve (12) aircraft assembled at 6000 feet on the Mt. Farm Buncher to form the High Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing.

b. The High Group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing departed the assembly buncher at 1039 hours in wing formation. The briefed route over England was followed to the Coast which was departed at 1136 hours. The flight over the North Sea was followed according to flight plan until 1320 hours when the 40th "A" Combat Wing abandoned operations. No bombs were dropped by the High Group of 40th "A". The return route was flown as briefed, and the English coast was entered at 1538 hours. The base was reached at 1615 hours and the lead aircraft landed at 1617 hours.

c. The High Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing departed the Mt. Farm buncher at 1036 hours, completing wing formation along the first assembly leg. The route over the North Sea was flown as briefed, until 1325 hours when the abandon operations signal was received. After receiving the abandon operations, the 40th "B" made a 360 degree turn and proceeded to 5425'N-0857'E where it turned back at 1350 hours. At 1412 hours, the formation made another 360 degree turn and prepared for a PFF bombing run on Wilhelmshaven. The IP was reached at 1435 hours and bombs were released by PFF technique at 1445 hours from 25,500 feet on a magnetic heading of 220 degrees. The return route was followed

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as briefed and the English coast entered at 1627 hours. The base was reached at 1701 1/2 hours and the lead aircraft landed at 1709 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C 42-97217 jettisoned bombs 15 minutes before the target at 1330 hours. No. 3 engine had a broken exhaust stack and pilot believed the engine was on fire when flames started coming out around the engine cowling. Engine was feathered.

b. A/C 43-37912 released bombs on A/C 42-97217, due to personnel error.

4. Aircraft Lost.

a. None.

5. Statistical Summary.

See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 481

DATE 27/8/44

GROUP 92nd

LINE NO.		HIGH FORMATION "A"		HIGH FORMATION "B"		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0		0					
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	12		12					
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12		12					
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	12		12					
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	0		10					
	Name of Primary Target	Berlin		Berlin					
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	0		0					
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb								
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.)			Wilhelmshaven					
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.			10					
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb			419 X M-47 IB's					
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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