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APC #557  
30 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 152nd  
Mission, 29 June 1944, Leipzig, 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. Smyrl at 2043 hours, 28 June 1944. The order called for twenty-four (24) B-17's plus two (2) spares to be loaded with 10 X 500 lb. 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. Smyrl at 0251 hours, 29 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0215 hours and take-off time 0515 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Low Group, 40th "B" Combat Wing.

(1) Take-off was accomplished by eighteen (18) B-17's and one (1) spare from the 92nd Group beginning at 0521 hours. The assembly for these aircraft was made over the Mount Farm Buncher. The briefed altitude for assembly of the Low Group was changed from 13000 feet to 6000 feet shortly after take-off, due to weather.

(2) The Low Group departed the Mount Farm Buncher (with 12 A/C) at 0623 hours, in trail of the Lead Group, and rendezvoused in position a few minutes later. Enroute to the English coast, five (5) more aircraft joined the Low Group, but one (1) aircraft failed to find the formation and returned to base.

(3) The Low (92nd) Group followed the Lead Group to the IP which was reached at 0935 hours. Bombs were released by the Low Group, on the PFF aircraft leading the 40th "B" Combat Wing, at 0943 hours on a magnetic heading of 148 degrees from 24,100 feet. Meagre attacks were encountered from enemy aircraft in the target area.

(4) The return route over enemy territory was as briefed and the coast departed at 1213 hours. The English coast was entered at 1303 hours and the formation reached the base at 1348 hours. The lead ship landed at 1351 hours.

b. High Squadron, High Composite Group, 40th "B" Combat W.

(1) Take-off was accomplished by six (6) aircraft and one (1) spare from the 92nd Group beginning at 0515 hours. Five (5) of these aircraft assembled over the Mount Farm Buncher at 8000 feet to form the High Squadron of the High Composite Group led by the

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305th Group. One (1) aircraft from the 92nd Group failed to find the formation and returned to base.

(2) Five (5) aircraft of the 92nd Group flew the entire mission as High Squadron of the High Composite Group. For further information, reference is made to the General Narrative of the 305th Group.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C 42-38101 scheduled to fly in the Low Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing was unable to find the formation and returned to the base.

b. A/C 42-37976 scheduled to fly in the High Composite Group was unable to find the formation and returned to the base.

4. Lost Aircraft.  
None.

5. Statistical Summary.  
See attached diagram.

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## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 113

DATE 29 June 1944

LINE NO.		LOW FORMATION 40th		HIGH 30FORMATION 40th B		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	0				
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	19	0	7	0				
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	18	0	6	0				
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	17	0	5	0				
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	17	0	5	0				
	Name of Primary Target	LIPALIG		LEIFALIG					
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	17	0	0	0				
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	170 H 500 LB ANM-43		0	0				
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.)								
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.								
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb								
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	1	0	1	0				
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0	0	0	0				

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