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

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APC #557,
3 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 153rd
Mission, 2 July 1944, Blangermont, France.

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 Lt. Hamilton at 0001 hours, 2 July 1944. The order called for twelve (12) B-17's plus one (1) spare to be loaded with 18 X 250 lb. GP bombs and twelve (12) B-17's plus one (1) spare to be loaded with 12 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/100 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Lt. Hamilton at 0234 hours, 2 July 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0815 hours and take-off time 1120 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by twenty-two (22) B-17's plus two (2) GH aircraft and two (2) spares from the 92nd Group, beginning at 1120 hours.

b. The 92nd "E" Group, comprised of twelve (12) B-17's including one (1) GH aircraft, assembled over Splasher #10 at 21000 feet. The Group departed the splasher at 1245 hours and followed the briefed route to the target. Bombs were dropped at 1325 hours, 25000 feet on the lead aircraft which was using GH bombing technique. The planned route was followed on the return trip, and the formation reached base at 1505 hours.

c. The 92nd "F" Group, comprised of twelve (12) B-17's including one (1) GH aircraft, assembled over Splasher #10 at 20000 feet. The "F" Group departed the splasher at 1246½ hours and flew the briefed route to the target. Bombs were released at 1329 hours 25000 feet, on the lead aircraft which was using GH bombing technique. The formation returned as briefed and reached base at 1457 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

A/C #42-97293, 42-6084 returned to base as unused spares.
A/C #42-31765 and 42-3811C did not attack the target due to personnel error. A/C #42-31408 returned to base early because of engine failure.

4. Aircraft Lost.
None.

5. Statistical Summary.

See Attached Diagram.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 417

DATE 2 July 1944

GROUP		92nd FORMATION "E"		92nd FORMATION "F"		FORMATION		FORMATION	
LINE NO.		REGULAR	PFF GH	REGULAR	PFF GH	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	0				
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	12	1	12	1				
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	1	11	1				
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	11	1	10	1				
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	11	1	8	1				
6	Name of Primary Target	Blangermont		Blangermont					
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	11	1	8	1				
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	143 X 500 1 skymarker		152 X 250 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.)								
	(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	4	0				
11	No. of Aircraft Lost	0	0	0	0				