

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

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APC #557
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SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operational Mission #202
30 September 1944, Munster Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF., APC #557.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bombloading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Hamilton at 0228 hours 30 September 1944. The order called for twenty-two (22) B-17's plus two (2) spares and two (2) PFF aircraft to be loaded with 12 x 500 GP Bombs, each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 0228 hours, 30 September 1944. Flight plans and details for the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0630 hours and take-off time 1025 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Twenty-six (26) aircraft including two (2) PFF aircraft and two (2) spares of the 92nd Bomb Group began take-off at 1025 hours for assembly on the Mt. Farm Buncher, 17,000 feet for the High Squadron of the 40th "A" Composite Group, and the Fodington Buncher was used for the High Squadron of the 40th "B" Composite Group at the same altitude. These aircraft formed the 1st and 2nd of the 1st Air Division.

b. The Squadron assemblies were accomplished as briefed. The High Squadron of the 40th "A" Group at 17,000 feet on the Mt. Farm Buncher and the High Squadron of the 40th "B" Group at 17,000 feet on the Fodington Buncher. The 40th "A" departed the buncher on time and flew the briefed route over England and the 40th "B" Group left the buncher two (2) minutes late following briefed route and departed the English coast on time. Both groups followed the briefed route over Europe to the IP where the decision was made to make a blind run due to 8/10 to 9/10 cloud cover over the target. The 40th "A" Groups bombed at 1334 on a heading of 98 degrees from a true altitude of 26,995 feet. The 40th "B" Groups bombed 3 1/2 minutes late at 1339 1/2 hours on a heading of 146 degrees from a true altitude of 27,000 feet.

c. The 40th "A" Group followed the briefed route back to base arriving at 1601 hours. The 40th "B" Group flew slightly North of course over the Channel entering the English Coast at Southwold returning to base at 1611 hours.

3. Aircraft not attacking.

a. A/C #43-38520 - This a/c could not stay with the formation at altitude and returned to base with its bombs. The a/c was found to have faulty carburetor air filters.

4. Aircraft Lost.

None.

5. Statistical Summary.

See attached diagrams.

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GROUP 92

DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER 507

MISSION DATE 30/9/44

		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		HIGH "A"	FORWARDED PTF A/C	HIGH "B"	FORWARDED PTF A/C		FORWARDED PTF A/C		FORWARDED PTF A/C
1	Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0		0					
2	Number of Aircraft in Formation	13		13					
3	Number of Aircraft in Formation Less Those Lost	12		12					
4	Number of Aircraft Sorties	12		11					
5	Number of Aircraft Attacking	12		11					
6	Number of Aircraft Not Attacking	0		1					
7	Name of Primary Target								
8	(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking Primary Target								
9	(B) No. size and type of bombs								
10	Name of Secondary Target	Munster							
11	(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking Secondary Target	12		10					
12	(B) No. size and type of bombs	143 X 500 GP 1 skymarker		119 X 500 GP 1 skymarker					
13	Name of Last Resort Target (LRT)								
14	(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking LRT								
15	(B) No. size and type of bombs								
16	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)			VERINEN					
17	(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking T.O.			1					
18	(B) No. size and type of bombs			12 X 500 GP					
19	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)								
20	(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking T.O.								
21	(B) No. size and type of bombs								