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HEADQUARTERS  
NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E-A-2  
Office of the Operations Officer

APC #557  
31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 188th  
Mission, 30 August 1944, Kiel, 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 Major McLaughlin at 0900 hours, 30 August 1944. The order called for 24 B-17's to be loaded with 5 X 1000 GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. tail fuse and twelve (12) B-17's to be loaded with 10 X 500 H-17 IB's, fused for release at 5000 feet.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division at 0955 hours by Major McLaughlin, 30 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 1030 hours and takeoff time 1225 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty-six (36) aircraft, including one PFF a/c took-off beginning at 1225 hours for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 12000 feet as the Lead, High and Low Groups of the 40th "B" CBW. Flying as the 7th Combat Wing of the 1st Air Division, it departed the Buncher on time and flew the ordered route over England. Due to an unexpected wind shift the Wing departed the English coast at Grimsby instead of Louth in order to depart on schedule.

b. The route to the target was flown as briefed and the wing attacked the primary target using PFF technique at 1322 hours from 26,200 feet while on a magnetic heading of 330 degrees.

c. The wing returned along the planned route and reached base at 1949 hours.

3. A/C Not Attacking.

a. None.

4. A/C Lost.

a. None.

5. Statistical Summary.

a. See attached forms.

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## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 483

DATE 30/8/44

GROUP 92nd

LINE NO.		LEAD FORMATION 40th B		HIGH FORMATION 40th B		LOW FORMATION 40th B		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PPF	REGULAR	PPF	REGULAR	PPF	REGULAR	PPF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	11	1	12	0	12	0		
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	1	12	0	12	0		
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	11	1	12	0	12	0		
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	11	1	12	0	12	0		
	Name of Primary Target	Kiel, Germany							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	11	1	12	0	12	0		
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	55 X 1000 GP	5 X 1000 GP	120 X 500 M-17 IB		56 X 1000 GP			
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								
11	No. of Aircraft Lost								

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