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HEADQUARTERS
10th Bombardment Group (H) AF, APO #551
Office of the Operations Officer

APC #551
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SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations of Mission 4 May 1944
Berlin, Germany - Recall.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AF, APO #551.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 10th Combat Wing by Capt. Prasse at 2020 hours 3 May 1944. The order called for eighteen (18) B-17's plus three (3) spares to be loaded with 3 X 1000 GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse plus 30 X M47 I.B.'s.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Prasse at 2103 hours 3 May 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0400 hours and take off time 0715 hours.

2. General Narrative (2nd B.G., High Group, 10th CW.)

a. Take off was accomplished by eighteen (18) B-17's plus three (3) spare B-17's beginning at 0715 hours. The group assembled over the base at 9000 feet and departed the 10th Combat Wing Runway two (2) miles south of base at 0819 hours. The 92nd Bomb Group rendezvoused as High Group with the 10th Combat Wing along the first assembly leg.

b. The route over England was followed as briefed except that heavy cloud layers prevented the 10th Combat Wing from climbing to the prearranged altitude. The English Coast was departed 0741 hours which was two and one half (2 1/2) minutes early at an altitude of 10,000 feet instead of 17,000 feet.

c. The enemy coast was crossed 0945 hours at 20,500 feet. Mist was encountered and some ships were slightly damaged. Shortly later 1001 hours, altitude 20,000 feet the 92nd Bomb Group was recalled by 1st Bomb Division. Descent was begun after leaving the enemy coast. The lead aircraft reached the base 1014 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. Of the twenty-one (21) aircraft that took off, one (1) aircraft #42-31995 aborted after becoming dispatched and two (2) spares #42-39851, and #42-37145 returned as unused.

b. The eighteen (18) aircraft that were dispatched were recalled before attacking by 1st Bomb Division because of bad weather conditions.

c. Two aircraft jettisoned their bombs before landing A/C #42-31995 an abortive aircraft and A/C #42-35101 a dispatched aircraft jettisoned their bombs in the English Sea.

4. Lost Aircraft.

None.

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5. Statistical Summary.

a.	Number of A/C taking off.....	21
b.	Unused spares.....	1
c.	A/C taking off less unused spares.....	19
d.	Number of A/C dispatched.....	19
e.	Number of sorties.....	18
f.	Number of A/C attacking.....	8
g.	Number of A/C not attacking.....	10

Number of A/C Lost.

None.