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

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APC #557,
5 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 172nd
Mission, Anklam, Germany, 4 August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group, 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 2154 hours 3 August 1944. The order called for eleven (11) B-17's and two (2) PFF aircraft to be loaded with 10 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse plus twenty-six (26) B-17's to be loaded with 10 X M-17 IB's.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Smyrl at 2154 hours, 3 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0530 hours and take-off time 0900 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. The 92nd Bomb Group, consisting of thirty-four (34) B-17's, two (2) PFF, and three (3) spares, began taking off at 0901 hours and assembled on the Mount Farm Buncher at 4000, 5000, and 6000 feet, flying as Low, Lead and High Groups of the 40th "B" Combat Wing. The buncher was departed at 1001 hours and the briefed route followed over England. The English coast was departed at 1115½ hours after the wing assembled with the Division.

b. The route to the IP was as planned and without incident. The IP was reached at 1450 hours. A helpful and accurate weather report of the target area was received by the Wing Command from the scouting aircraft. This report enabled the Wing Commander to order the Low and High Groups to take visual bombing intervals at the IP.

c. The Lead Group visually bombed the primary target at 1504½ hours from 18,500 feet while on a magnetic heading of 212 degrees. The Low Group visually bombed the Primary target at 1506½ hours from 18,100 feet, magnetic heading 212 degrees. The lead aircraft of the High Group could not drop on the primary target because of bomb bay door failure, but the Group Leader notified all aircraft concerned, and the Group dropped on the lead aircraft flare and VHF signal. Bombs were away at 1507 hours from 20000 feet while on a magnetic heading of 224 degrees.

d. The three groups of the 40th "B" Combat Wing rallied after the target and followed the briefed route home. The English coast was crossed at 1747 hours. Base was reached at 1728 hours.

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3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

All aircraft except one, #42-97402 from the Lead Group, attacked the primary target. #42-97402 aborted because the pilot failed to find the formation. The spare failed in. Two spares returned as unused.

4. Aircraft Lost. None.

5. Statistical Summary. See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 459

GROUP 92nd

DATE 4/8/44

LINE NO.		Lead FORMATION		Low FORMATION		High FORMATION		FORMATION	
		REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF	REGULAR	PFF
1	No. of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	11	2	13	0	13	0		
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	2	12	0	12	0		
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	10	2	12	0	12	0		
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	10	2	12	0	12	0		
6	Name of Primary Target	Anklam, Germany							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	10	2	12	0	10	0		
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	115 X 500 GP AN M-43 one skymarker		120 X 500 GP AN M-43 one skymarker		100 X 500 GP AN M-43 one 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.)	Richtenberg, Germany				Grimmen, Germany			
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.	1	0	0	0	1	0		
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	5 X 500 GP AN M-43 1 skymarker				10 X 500 GP AN M-43			
9	Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)	Road Junction NW of target							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking (T.O.)	1 0							
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	10 X 500 GP AN M-43							
10	No. of Aircraft Not Attacking								
11	No. of Aircraft Lost								

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