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

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AFC #557  
8 August 1944.

**SUBJECT:** Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 173rd  
Mission, Lengenhagen, Germany.

**TO :** Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group, AFC #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 2330 hours, 4 August 1944. The order called for twenty-two (22) B-17's plus two (2) PFF aircraft and two (2) spares to be loaded with 10 X 500 lb GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse. The order also called for twelve (12) B-17's and one (1) spare to be loaded with 12 X M-17 B clusters.

b. The Field Order was received from headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Major McLaughlin at 0050 hours, 5 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0600 hours and take-off time 0800 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty-four (34) B-17's plus two (2) PFF aircraft and three (3) spares from the 92nd Group took off beginning at 0755 hours. These aircraft assembled on the Mt. Farm buncher at 8000 feet to form the Lead, Low and High Groups of the 40th "A" Combat Wing. The Lead Group departed the Mt. Farm buncher at 0809 1/2 hours with the Low and High Groups in Combat Wing formation. The route over England was followed according to flight plan, and the coast was departed at 1017 hours. The formation flew the briefed route across the North Sea and crossed the coast of Germany at 1221 hours, 24000 feet.

b. The Lead Group reached the LF at 1259 hours and started a visual run on the primary target. The bombs were released at 1307 hours from 25,700 feet on a magnetic heading of 255 degrees.

c. The Low Group released visually on the primary target at 1303 1/2 hours from 24,300 feet, magnetic heading 262 degrees.

d. The High Group released visually on the primary target at 1309 hours from 28000 feet, magnetic heading 249 degrees.

e. After bombs away, the three groups of 40th "A" Combat Wing rallied and returned to the coast which was departed at 1405 1/2 hours. The English coast was entered at 1441 hours and the base was reached at 1513 hours. The lead aircraft landed at 1539 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

A/C #42-31280 turned back after forty-five minutes when #3 engine started smoking and oil pressure dropped 15 lbs. Investigation disclosed aluminum particles in sump. The #1 piston had failed.

4. Airmen Lost.

None.

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8. Statistical Summary.

See attached.

GROUP 92nd

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS  
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 461

DATE 5/9/44

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			
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	11	2	13		13			
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	2	12		12			
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	10	2	12		12			
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	10	2	12		12			
	Name of Primary Target	Langenhagen							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	10	2	12		12			
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	100 X 500 GP	20 X 500 GP	352 M-17 IB		110 X 500 GP			
			1 skymarker	1 skymarker		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.)				2 miles west of Primary	2 miles west of Primary			
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking T.O.				1	1			
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb				12 X m-17 IB	10 X 500 GP			
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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