

HEADQUARTERS
NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E-B-4
Office of the Operations Officer

APO #557
7 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 135th
Mission, 6 June 1944, Longues, Flers, Arromanches and
Thury Harcourt, France.

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

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Smyrl at 1100 hours, 6 June 1944. The order called for thirty-three (33) B-17's to be loaded with 12 X 500 GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. tail fuse plus three (3) PFF aircraft.

The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Prasse at 1219 hours, 6 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 1445 hours and take-off time 1755 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by thirty-six (36) B-17's, including three (3) PFF aircraft from the 92nd Group, beginning at 1755 hours. The aircraft assembled on the Mount Farm buncher as a Combat Wing at 13,000 feet and departed this point at 1920 hours. The route over England was flown as briefed, and the English coast was departed at 1937 hours, 16000 feet.

b. The formation entered the French coast at St. Aubin, 16000 feet at 2004 hours. A straight course was flown to the targets, and the Low and High Groups bombed the Primary by PFF technique. The Lead Group made a sixty (60) second visual run on a factory area and railroad yard at Flers, France, attacking on a mag. heading of 350 degrees from 16,000 feet. Bombs were released at 2024½ hours.

c. The Low and High Groups rallied with the Lead Group, and the French Coast was departed at Lingreville at 2047 hours, altitude 15900 feet. The Combat Wing proceeded westerly around the Jersey and Guernsey Islands and at 49 30N 03 00'W turned to a course enabling them to enter the English coast in the vicinity of Portland at 2200 hours. The aircraft landed at base at 2248 hours. Three (3) aircraft landed away from base.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking (Does not include 3 PFF aircraft).

a. All aircraft that were dispatched attacked.

4. Lost Aircraft.

a. None.

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5. Statistical Summary (Does not include 3 PFF A/C)

	<u>LEAD</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Number of A/C taking off.....	11	11	11	33
b. Unused spares.....	0	0	0	0
c. A/C taking off less unused spares..	11	11	11	33
d. Number of A/C dispatched.....	11	11	11	33
e. Number of sorties.....	11	11	11	33
f. Number of A/C attacking.....	11	11	11	33
g. Number of A/C not attacking.....	0	0	0	0

Aircraft Lost
None.

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