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

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APC 557
7 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 174th
Mission, Brandenburg, Germany, 6 August 1944.

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 Capt. Praske at 2210 hours. The order called for twenty-eight (28) B-17's and one (1) PFF A/C to be loaded with 10 K 500 lb bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/100 sec. tail fuse.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by twenty-three (23) of these A/C at 0640 hours, for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 3000 feet as the Lead and Low Groups of the 40th "C" Combat Wing. The High Group was furnished by the 305th Bomb Group. The buncher was departed at 0740 hours and the route over England was flown as briefed. This Combat Wing was 3rd in the 1st Air Division.

b. The Wing departed the English Coast at a point 51 52N-01 19'E at 0841 hours. During the flight across the North Sea the Lead Combat Wing flew about fifty (50) miles north of course. All attempts to reach the Division Leader on VHF failed. The Lead Combat Wing then turned back south to the briefed point from which they were to enter the enemy coast, however, they were eighteen (18) minutes late by this time and the 1st Combat Wing, having followed the briefed course, automatically assumed the Lead position upon entering the coast.

c. The route on to the target was flown as briefed, the Combat Wing reaching the IP at 1230 hours. The Lead Group bombed the Primary target visually from 25,725 feet on a magnetic heading of 311 degrees. The Low Group also bombed visually from 24,200 feet at 1249 hours on a magnetic heading of 310 degrees. Excellent results were obtained by both groups.

d. After the target the Combat Wing rallied and returned along the ordered route, crossing the enemy coast at 1338 hours. The English Coast was entered at Chormer at 1513 hours and the Wing reached base at 1549 hours.

e. The remaining six (6) aircraft took off at 0750 hours for assembly on the Fodington Buncher as Low and High Squadrons of the High 305th Group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing. Reference is made to the general narrative of the 305th Bomb Group.

- f. Moderate inaccurate flash was encountered at the target.
- g. Friendly fighter support was excellent.
- h. Enemy fighter opposition was nil.

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3. Aircraft Not Attacking.
None.
4. Aircraft Lost.
None.
5. Statistical Summary.
See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 463

GROUP 92nd

DATE 6/8/44

LINE NO.		LEAD FORMATION 40th C		LOW FORMATION 40th C		HIGH FORMATION 40th "A"		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	1	11		6			
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	1	11		6			
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	11	1	11		6			
	No. of Aircraft Attacking	11	1	11		6			
6	Name of Primary Target			Brandenburg, Germany					
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	11	1	11		6			
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	110 X 500 GP plus 1 skymarker		110 X 500 GP plus 1 skymarker		60 X 500 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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