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SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 136th
Mission, 7 June 1944, Kerlin/Bastard, France.

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

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

The bomb loading was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Smyrl at 1300 hours, 7 June 1944. The order called for twenty-two (22) B-17's plus two (2) PFF aircraft to be loaded with 38 X 100 lb. GP bombs each with inst. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. tail fuse.

The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Smyrl at 1500 hours, 7 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 1530 hours and take-off time, 1700 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. High Group, 40th Combat Wing.

(1). Eleven (11) aircraft from the 92nd Bomb Group and one (1) PFF aircraft took off beginning at 1659 hours and assembled over the Mount Farm Buncher at 17000 feet. These aircraft departed the Buncher at 1811 hours and rendezvoused immediately as High Group of the 40th Combat Wing. The route over England was followed according to flight plan to the coast, which was departed at 1850 hours, 22000 feet over Start Point.

(2). The French Coast was crossed at 1914 hours, 23000 feet and the I.P. was reached at 1920 hours. A visual bombing run was made on the primary target, and the bombs were released at 1928 hours from 23,000 feet on a magnetic heading of 180 degrees. The route over enemy territory after leaving the target was as briefed, the coast being departed at 2036 hours, 18000 feet. The English coast was entered at 2050 hours, 4,000 feet and the base was reached at 2145 hours. The first ship landed at 2155 hours.

b. High Group, 1st "A" Combat Wing.

(1). Eleven (11) aircraft from the 92nd Group and one (1) PFF aircraft took off beginning at 1650 hours and assembled over the Podington Buncher at 15,000 feet. These aircraft departed the Buncher at 1755 hours and proceeded to Basingbourne where they rendezvoused as High group with the 1st "A" Combat Wing at 1803 hours. The route over England was followed as briefed to Start Point on the coast, which was departed at 1902 hours, 22,900 feet. The French coast was entered at 1926 hours, and the I.P. reached at 1932 hours. The bombs were released over the primary target on a visual run at 1942 hours from 22,900 feet on a magnetic heading of 175 degrees. The 92nd High Group followed the route taken by the lead group across enemy territory on the return trip and departed the French coast at 2021 hours. The

English coast was entered at 2111 hours and the base was reached at 2202 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. Twenty-two (22) aircraft from the 92nd Group and two (2) PFF aircraft attacked the assigned target.

4. Lost Aircraft.

a. None.

5. Statistical Summary (Does not include two (2) PFF A/C).

	HIGH GP 40th CBW	HIGH GP 1ST CBW	TOTAL
a. No. of A/C taking off.....	11	11	22
b. Unused spares.....	0	0	0
c. A/C taking off less unused sp.	11	11	22
d. No. of A/C dispatched.....	11	11	22
e. No. of sorties.....	11	11	22
f. No. of A/C attacking.....	11	11	22
g. No. of A/C not attacking.....	0	0	0

Lost Aircraft.

None.