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

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8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 1934th
Mission, Humber, France, 7 August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 32nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APO 512.

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Hamilton at 0100 hours, 7 August 1944. The order called for thirty-six (36) B-17's to be loaded with 8 X 1000 GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/10 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 0100 hours 7 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0400 hours and take-off time 0800 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Due to very bad visibility at the original take-off time, take-off was not begun until 0825 hours. Thirty-five (35) aircraft from the 32nd Group assembled over the Honeybourne rancher at 10,11 and 12000 feet flying as Low, Lead and High Groups of 10th Combat Wing "A". The wing departed the rancher at 1035 hours. The High group was slightly ahead of the Lead Group and the Group Commander decided to do a 180 degree turn which put the High Group behind the Lead. When the Lead and Low Groups departed the English coast at 1117 hours, the High Group was two minutes late. The Lead Group crossed the enemy coast at 1147 hours, with the High Group 1 minute late. The 12 was reached by the Lead and Low Group at 1327 hours and by the High Group at 1328 hours.

b. The Lead Group bombed the primary target visually at 1334 hours from 15,400 feet on a magnetic heading of 234 degrees. The Low Group bombed the primary visually at 1338 hours from 14425 feet on a magnetic heading of 230 degrees. The High Group had to make a second run when the AFCE in the lead ship did not operate correctly. The deputy lead took over on the second run and bombed the primary target visually at 1403 hours from 15,500 feet on a magnetic heading of 243 degrees.

c. The groups rallied and left the enemy coast at 1504 hours. The English coast was crossed at 1513 hours, and base reached at 1703 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attaching.

a. A/C #42-108488 in the Low Group failed to take-off because of mechanical trouble. A/C #42-108488 was damaged by fire when the enemy coast was first entered, and had to abort. All other aircraft attached.

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the primary target.

4. Aircraft Lost.
None.
5. Statistical Summary.
See attached.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 464

GROUP 92nd

DATE 7/8/44

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		1		0			
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	12		11		12			
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12		11		12			
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	12		11		12			
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	11		11		12			
6	Name of Primary Target	Montbattier, France							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	11		11		12			
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	55 X 1000 M-44 1 skymarker		55 X 1000 M-44 1 skymarker		60 X 1000 M-44 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.)								
	(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								