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**SECRET**

APC #557,  
8 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 137th  
Mission, 8 June 1944, St. Jacques, France.

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

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Lt. Col. Keck at 2355 hours, 7 June 1944. The order called for eighteen (18) plus two (2) spare B-17's to be loaded with 12 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. tail fuse.

The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Lt. Col. Keck at 0150 hours, 8 June 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0245 hours and take-off time 0505 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by eighteen (18) B-17's plus two (2) spares, beginning at 0505 hours, from the 92nd Bomb Group. These aircraft assembled on the Podington Buncher at 14,000 feet as Lead Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing. The buncher was departed at 0615½ hours and over England, cloud layers prevented flying the briefed courses and altitudes. At about 0628 hours, the Low Group was lost from visual contact due to clouds, but R/T contact was maintained. At Splasher #9, the Lead Group did two (2) 360 degree turns endeavoring to find a front through the front which lay across the course. The coast was departed at 0715 hours, 20,400 feet at Beachy Head, and a course was flown so as to enter the Continent at 49 degrees 28' N, 00 degrees 20' W, 19,300 feet at 0741 hours. The two (2) spares returned when 50 degrees 00' N was reached.

b. From the coast to the I.P., which was reached at 0815 hours, the route was flown as briefed. A visual bomb run on a course of 330 degrees magnetic was made on the primary target, and bombs were released at 0819½ hours from 19,800 feet. In the target area, the Lead and Low Groups were in R/T contact, but not in visual contact. After the target, the Lead Group departed the coast at the same point they had entered. The departure time was 0904 hours, altitude 19,600 feet.

c. The English coast was entered at Selsey Bill at 0940 hours, and the formation reached base at 1021 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. A/C 42-97479 jettisoned its bombs two (2) minutes late.

- b. A/C 42-102424 did not drop bombs due to personnel error.  
c. A/C 42-38025 did not drop bombs due to malfunction in bomb racks.

4. Aircraft Lost.  
None.

5. Statistical Summary. (No PFF A/C included).

a. Number of A/C taking off.....	20
b. Unused spares.....	2
c. A/C taking off less unused spares.....	18
d. Number of A/C dispatched.....	18
e. Number of sorties.....	18
f. Number of A/C attacking.....	15
g. Number of A/C not attacking.....	3

Lost Aircraft.  
None.