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

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APC #557
9 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, 176th
Mission, Caen area, France, 8 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 Major McLaughlin at 2015 hours 7 August 1944. The order called for thirty-six (36) B-17's to be loaded with 30 x 250 GP bombs each with inst. nose fuse and no tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Major McLaughlin at 2045 hours, 7 August 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0730 hours and take-off 1015 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Take-off was accomplished by thirty-six (36) B-17's from the 92nd Group, assembling on the Honeybourne Bomber at 14000 feet as the 40th "All Combat Wing.

b. The Lead Group departed the Bomber at 1138 hours with the Low and High Groups in Combat Wing formation. The briefed route was followed to the English Coast which was crossed at 1214 hours. At 1234 hours, 14000 feet, the enemy coast was crossed. The Wing Leader declared the IP at 1239 hours, and proceeded on his bomb run. Bombs were released on the primary target by the Lead Group at 1307 hours, 14,050 feet on a magnetic heading of 069 degrees. The Low Group bombed the primary from 13000 feet on a magnetic heading of 060 degrees at 1308 1/2 hours. The High Group released on the primary at 1309 1/2 hours from 15100 feet on a magnetic heading of 102 degrees.

c. The Combat Wing reassembled and returned to the enemy coast which was crossed at 1314 hours. The lead ship landed at base at 1423 hours.

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. 465

DATE 8/8/44

GROUP 92nd

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		0		0			
2	No. of Aircraft Airborne	12		12		12			
3	No. of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12		12		12			
4	No. of Aircraft Sorties	12		12		12			
5	No. of Aircraft Attacking	12		12		12			
	Name of Primary Target	Bretteville-Sur-Laze							
	(a) No. Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	12		12		12			
	(b) No. Size and Type of Bomb	357 X 260 M-81 1 skymarker		359 X 260 M-81 1 skymarker		360 X 260 M-81 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								