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

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APO #557,
 5 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operational Mission,
 4 November 1944, Hamburg, Germany.

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

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt Worth at 2350 hours, 3 November 1944. The order called for thirty-three (33) B-17's plus three (3) PFF aircraft to be loaded with 12 X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt Worth at 0355, 3 November 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0500 hours and take-off time 0745 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty-six (36) aircraft, including three (3) PFF a/c of the 92nd Group began take-off at 0815 hours for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 8000, 9000 and 10000 feet. These aircraft formed the Lead, Low and High Squadrons of the 40th "B" Group, 6th in the 1st Air Division.

b. The Lead, Low and High Squadrons of the 40th "B" Group rendezvoused over the Honeybourne Buncher and departed on course, on time. The route over England was flown as briefed and the English coast crossed on course, on time.

c. The briefed route was followed across the North Sea to the enemy coast, crossed on time. The Group formation reached the IP at 1141 hours and prepared to make a PFF run on the secondary target, after receiving word from the Weather Scout of a 10/10 undercast at the Primary.

d. Bombs were released on the secondary by the Lead and Low Squadrons in Group formation by means of PFF equipment at 1148 hours. The lead released from a true altitude of 26,350 feet on a magnetic heading of 50 degrees. The low released from a true altitude of 25,300 feet on a magnetic heading of 60 degrees. The high squadron made an individual bombing run using PFF equipment, and released at 1149 hours from a true altitude of 27,200 feet on a magnetic heading of 31 degrees.

e. After bombs away, the High Squadron regained formation and the Group returned along the briefed route, reaching base at 1518 hours.

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3. Aircraft Not Attacking.
a. None.
4. Aircraft Lost.
a. None.

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GROUP	STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS				MISSION DATE <u>4/11/44</u>			
	DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER <u>545</u>							
	FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
	Lead	BORROWED PFF A/C	Low	BORROWED PFF A/C	High	BORROWED PFF A/C	BORROWED PFF A/C	BORROWED PFF A/C
Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0		0		0			
Number of Aircraft Airborne	12		12		12			
Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12		12		12			
Number of Aircraft Sorties	12		12		12			
Number of Aircraft Attacking	0		0		0			
Number of Aircraft Not Attacking								
Name of Primary Target								
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Primary Target								
(B) No. size and type of bombs								
Name of Secondary Target		Hamburg, Germany						
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Secondary Target		12		12		12		
(B) No. size and type of bombs		12 X 500 GP 2 skymarkers		144 X 500 GP 1 skymarker		144 X 500 GP 1 skymarker		
Name of Last Resort Target (LRT)								
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking LRT								
(B) No. size and type of bombs								
Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)								
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.								
(B) No., size and type of bombs								
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(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.								
(B) No., size and type of bombs								

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