

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

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SECRETAPO #557,
6 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operational Mission,
6 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. Hamilton at 0100 hours, 6 November 1944. The order called for twenty-two (22) B-17's and two (2) PFF a/c to be loaded with 6 X 1000 lb GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse, and ten (10) B-17's and two (2) PFF a/c to be loaded with 26 cartons of Type X chaff.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt Hamilton at 0230 hours, 6 November 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0415 hours and take-off time 0700 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Twelve (12) aircraft, including two (2) PFF a/c of the 92nd Group began takeoff at 0700 hours for assembly on the Mt. Farm Buncher at 10,000 feet. These aircraft formed the complete screening force. Thirty six (36) aircraft including two (2) PFF a/c of the 92nd Group began takeoff at 0705 hours for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 8000, 9000 and 10,000 feet. These aircraft formed the Lead, Low and High Squadrons of the 40th "B" Group, 3rd in the 1st Division.

b. The Squadrons accomplished assembly on the assigned buncher and departed on course, on time. The prescribed route was flown over England, departing the coast on course, 4 minutes early. The screening force, flying high, High Squadron on 40th "A" Group, departed one (1) minute early. The 40th "B" Group made "S" turns to get in proper Division order and was forced south of course by preceding groups. At 52 40'N-09 05'E, the briefed route was resumed to the IP at which point the Deputy Lead took over the Lead because the Lead ship's PFF equipment became inoperative.

c. The Screening Force followed the briefed route making good the control times and dropping the chaff between the assigned co-ordinates and returned to base SOP.

d. The 40th "B" Group bombed the Primary PFF target in group formation from 26500 feet true at 1049 hours on a heading of 30 degrees true. Making a right turn off the target, the Lead a/c resumed lead of the Group and flew the briefed route back to base, arriving over the field at 1407 hours.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. #43-38624 turned back at 0958 hours at 53 10'N-05 54'E. The pilot suffered a nose hemorrhage and began bleeding into his oxygen mask. Bombs were salvaged at 53 12'N-05 10'E.

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4. Aircraft Lost.
a. None.

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GROUP		DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER 548				MISSION DATE 6/11/44			
		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
		Lead	BORROWED PFF A/C	Low	BORROWED PFF A/C	High	BORROWED PFF A/C	Screening	BORROWED PFF A/C
1	Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0		0		0		0	
2	Number of Aircraft Airborne	12		12		12		12	
3	Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	12		12		12		12	
4	Number of Aircraft Sorties	12		12		12		12	
5	Number of Aircraft Attacking	12		11		12		12	
6	Number of Aircraft Not Attacking	0		0		0		0	
Name of Primary Target		Hamburg							
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Primary Target		72 X 1000 GP		60 X 1000 GP		72 X 1000 GP		260 Type X	
(B) No. size and type of bombs		2 skymarkers		1 skymarker		1 skymarker			
Name of Secondary Target									
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Secondary Target									
(B) No. size and type of bombs									
Name of Last Reserve Target (LRT)									
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking LRT									
(B) No. size and type of bombs									
Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)				Bad Oldesloe					
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.				6 X 1000 GP					
(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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