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APC #557
30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operational mission
29 January 1945, Target: Koblenz, Germany.

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 Maj McKee, at 0145 hours 29 January 1945. The order called for thirty-three(33) B-17's, plus two (2) PFF, and one Gee-H PFFA/C to be loaded with 12 x 500 GP bombs, each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/1000 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Air Division by Maj. McKee at 0145 hours, 29 January 1945. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0430 hours and take-off time 0730 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty-six (36) aircraft including two (2) PFF air - craft of the 92nd Bomb Group, and one (1) GEE-H PFF A/C from the 379th Bomb Group began take-off at 0730 hours for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 10,000, 11,000 and 12,000 feet. These aircraft formed the Lead, Low and High Squadrons of the 40th "A" Group. This Group was the ninth of the 1st Air Division.

b. The Group accomplished take-off and assembled of the assigned buncher, departing on time on course. The briefed course was flown over England and Control Point #1 was crossed on time, on course in 40th Combat Wing formation. Continuing to the point 52° 10'N - 08° 21'E the group was forced to execute a 360 degree turn because they were on the right side of the Bomber Stream and the preceding groups were turning right. If this group had remained on the inside they would have passed directly over the Osnabruck flak Area.

c. Receiving a call from the Weather Scout at the target the group made good the IP for the Primary Target and made a run but the target was covered by 10/10 clouds. The group rallied and prepared to bomb the secondary target because the Gee-h equipment in the Lead aircraft was inoperative. The Deputy Lead aircraft assumed the lead due to faulty PFF equipment in the Lead aircraft and established an IP at 50° 49' N - 08° 48' E for the Secondary Target. On the bomb run the PFF equipment in the Deputy Lead aircraft became inoperative necessitating another 360 degree turn during which the High Squadron took over the lead. The High Squadron established a IP at 50° 23' N - 08° 22' E and bombed the Secondary target on PFF at 1253½ hours, from 24,900 feet true altitude on a true heading of 278 degrees. The results were unobserved.

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d. Due to shortage of gas the Group withdrew North of course to 50° 18'N 06° 21' E, direct to Ostenf, to Clacton, thence direct to base at 1505 hours.

3. Aircraft failing to attack:

a. A/C # 43- 37847 - This A/C failed to attack due to failure of the #2 and #3 turbo supercharger governor.

4. Aircraft lost:

a. None.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER 618

MISSION DATE 29/1/45

GROUP	FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION		FORMATION	
	LEAD SQ. 40TH "A"	BORROWED PFF A/C	HIGH SQ. 40TH "A"	BORROWED PFF A/C	LOW SQ. 40TH "A"	BORROWED PFF A/C		BORROWED PFF A/C
1. Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0		0			
2. Number of Aircraft Airborne	11	1	12		12			
3. Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	1	12		12			
4. Number of Aircraft Sorties	11	1	11		12			
5. Number of Aircraft Attacking	11	1	11		12			
6. Number of Aircraft Not Attacking	0	0	0		0			
Name of Primary Target	KOBLENZ	KO	KOBLENZ		KOBLENZ			
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Primary Target	4 SKYMARKERS		2 SKYMARKERS		1 SKYMARKERS			
(B) No. size and type of bombs								
Name of Secondary Target								
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Secondary Target								
(B) No. size and type of bombs								
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.)					52°34'N - 07°33'E			
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.					1			
(B) No., size and type of bombs					12 X 500 GP			
Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)					52°28'N - 08°12'E			
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.					1			
(B) No., size and type of bombs					12 X 500 GP			

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