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APC #557
8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operational Missions, 7 January 1945, Target: Euskirchen, 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 Capt. Hertz at 2323 hours, 6 January 1945. The order called for thirty-two (32) B-17's plus three (3) Spares, three (3) PFF and one (1) Gee-H A/C from the 379th Bomb Group to be loaded with twelve (12) x 500 GP bombs, each with 1/10 second nose fuse and a 1/40 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hertz at 0320 hours, 7 January 1945. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0530 hours and take-off time 0820 hours.

2. General Narrative

a. Thirty-eight (38) aircraft including three (3) PFF and three (3) Spares of the 92nd Bomb Group began take-off at 0820 hours, and one (1) Gee-H A/C from the 379th Bomb Group took off and flew as lead A/C of this group. These A/C assembled on the Honeybourne Buncher at 15,000, 16,000, and 17,000 feet. These A/C formed the Lead, Low and High Squadron of the 40th "A" Group. This group was the seventh of the 1st Air Division.

b. The Group accomplished assembly on the assigned buncher and departed on course, on time. The Group was in close formation but as the Lead Squadron departed the buncher, the High and Low Squadrons took off on a heading approximately 180 degrees from the lead squadron. The High and Low Squadrons were following each other thinking that the other was the lead squadron. The leader called and suggested that the High and Low Squadrons rendezvous at Control Point one. The lead squadron departed from Control Point one on course, on time in the correct Division Formation, but due to a compass malfunction the High and Low Squadrons failed to rally at Control Point one. The Lead Squadron executed a 360 degree turn at Control Point two and the High and Low Squadron successfully rallied. The Group then proceeded along the briefed route but went North of course due to a faulty PFF fix. The briefed IP was made good for the Primary Target and the Group attacked the Primary Target in Group Formation using Gee-H Technique. Bombs were away at 1200 hours, from 23,500 feet true, on a heading of 338 degrees true.

c. On withdrawal of the Group, it followed the briefed route except for cutting corners on turns because the Group was last in the Division Formation, and desired to take advantage of the Division Fighter support. Crossing the Belgium Coast at the briefed point the Group separated into Squadrons to effect a letdown in the clouds off the English Coast. The English Coast was entered at Orfordness because of weather at returned directly to base using the SOP Stand-off Procedure.

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- 3. A/C failing to attack:
 - a. None.
- 4. A/C lost:
 - a. None.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER 600

MISSION DATE 7/1/46

GROUP	FORMATION	FORMATION	FORMATION	FORMATION
	Lead Sq. BORROWED PFF A/C	High Sq. BORROWED PFF A/C	Low Sq. BORROWED PFF A/C	BORROWED PFF A/C
Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0	
Number of Aircraft Airborne	11	12	15	
Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	12	13	
Number of Aircraft Sighted	11	12	13	
Number of Aircraft Attacking	0	12	13	
Number of Aircraft Not Attacking		0	0	
Name of Primary Target	Euskirchen	Euskirchen	Euskirchen	Euskirchen
(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking Primary Target	10	12	13	
(B) No. size and type of bombs	128x500GP 6 skymarkers	143x500GP 2 skym.	156x500GP 1 skym.	
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.)	Unknown			
(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking T.O.	1			
(B) No., size and type of bombs	12x500GP			
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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