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NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E-A-1
Office of the Operations Officer

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APO #557
27 September 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operational Mission #199, 26 September 1944, Osnabruck, 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 Hq, 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Hamilton at 0035 hours, 26 September 1944. The order called for thirty-three (33) B-17's, plus three (3) PFF a/c to be loaded with 8 X 1000 GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Hq., 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 0[illegible] hours, 26 September 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for [illegible] hours and take-off time 1100 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty-five (35) aircraft including three (3) PFF aircraft of the 92nd Group began take-off at 1100 hours for assembly on the Mt. Farm Buncher at 9000, 10000 and 11000 feet as Low, Lead and High Squadrons of the 92nd Group, 40th "B" Combat Wing. This Group was the eighth of the 1st Air Division.

b. Due to an accident at take-off, the Low Squadron took-off thirty (30) minutes late, forming at 8000 feet over the base and making Group assembly on the last leg of the briefed course over England.

c. The Group departed the English coast on course on time, and followed the planned route to the IP where it was decided to attack the primary target visually as suggested by the Weather Scouting Force. At this point the Groups ahead overshot the IP and the 92nd Group made a 360 degree turn, establishing a new IP from which the primary target was attacked with good results at 1430 hours by the Lead Squadron from 25700 feet true, while on a magnetic heading of 44 degrees. The Low Squadron attacked the primary target visually at 1436½ hours from 25,950 feet true while on a magnetic heading of 50 degrees. The High Squadron, due to an intervalometer malfunction, made two runs on the primary, attacking it visually at 1457 hours from 27500 feet true, while on a magnetic heading of 344 degrees.

d. The Lead and Low Squadrons made two (2) 360 degree turns just beyond the target while waiting for the High Squadron; however, after bombs away the High Squadron was unable to locate the 92nd Group and returned with Groups of the 2nd Air Division. The remainder of the 92nd Group returned along the briefed route, reaching base at 1750 hours.

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GROUP 92 DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER 504 MISSION DATE 26/9/44

	FORMATION HIGH 92 Gp	FORMED PFF A/C	FORMATION LEAD 92 Gp	FORMED PFF A/C	FORMATION LOW 92 Gp	FORMED PFF A/C	FORMATION	FORMED PFF A/C
Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0		1		0			
Number of Aircraft Airborne	12		11		12			
Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Those Returning	12		11		12			
Number of Aircraft Sorties	12		10		9			
Number of Aircraft Attacking	12		10		9			
Number of Aircraft Not Attacking	0		1		3			
Name of Primary Target	Osnabruck							
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Primary Target	11		10		9			
(B) No. size and type of bombs	55 X 1000 GP 1 skymarker		50 X 1000 GP 2 skymarkers		45 X 1000 GP 1 skymarker			
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.)	Melle							
(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking T.O.	1							
(B) No., size and type of bombs	5 X 1000 GP							
Name of Target of Opportunity (T.O.)								
(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking T.O.								
(B) No., size and type of bombs.								