HEADQUARTERS
[illegible] SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E-A-4
Office of the Operations Officer

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APO [illegible]
[illegible] September 1944

SUBJECT: Report on [illegible] and Execution of Operational Mission #[illegible], [illegible] September 1944, [illegible] (Cologne) Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, [illegible]nd Bombardment Group(H)AAF, APO [illegible].

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Major McLaughlin at [illegible] hours, [illegible] September 1944. The order called for thirty-six ([illegible]) B-17's plus three ([illegible]) spares and two ([illegible]) PFF aircraft to be loaded with 1[illegible] X 500 lb. GP bombs each with 1/10 sec. nose fuse and 1/40 sec. tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Lt. Worth at 2[illegible] hours, [illegible] September 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for [illegible] hours and take-off time [illegible] hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Thirty-nine ([illegible]) aircraft including two ([illegible]) PFF a/c and three ([illegible]) spares of the [illegible] Group began take-off at [illegible] hours for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 11,[illegible], 1[illegible],[illegible] and 1[illegible],[illegible] feet. These aircraft formed the Lead, Low and High Squadrons of the 40th Combat Wing "B" Group. This Group was the 5th of the 1st Air Division.

b. The Lead Squadron departed the Honeybourne Buncher on time with the High and Low Squadrons in Group formation. The 40th Combat Wing "B" Group followed the briefed route over England to the coast which was departed on time at [illegible] hours. The route to the IP was followed according to flight plan until [illegible] hours when a [illegible] degree turn was made because of a misunderstanding between pilot and navigator in the lead aircraft. After completion of the [illegible] degree turn, the High Squadron had become separated from the Lead and Low Squadrons and was unable to regain formation.

c. The Lead and Low Squadrons continued on to the briefed IP where the Group Leader decided to make a PFF run on the secondary target, after communicating with the weather aircraft. Bombs were released on the Secondary Target by the Lead Squadron, using PFF technique, at [illegible] hours from a true altitude of [illegible] feet on a magnetic heading of [illegible] degrees. The Low Squadron released on the High Squadron at [illegible] hours from 25,[illegible] feet (true) on a magnetic heading of [illegible] degrees.

d. After becoming separated from the Lead and Low Squadrons, the High Squadron continued on to the briefed IP and attempted

[illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

GROUP 92

STATISTICAL [illegible] OF OPERATIONS
DIVISION FIELD ORDER NUMBER 506

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	FORMATION Lead	BORROWED PFF A/C	FORMATION Low	BORROWED PFF A/C	FORMATION High	BORROWED PFF A/C	FORMATION	BORROWED PFF A/C
Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0	0	0		0			
Number of Aircraft Airborne	11	2	13		13			
Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Unused Spares	11	2	12		12			
Number of Aircraft Sorties	9	2	12		11			
Number of Aircraft Attacking	9	2	12		10			
Number of Aircraft Not Attacking	2	0	0		2			
Name of Primary Target	Koln, Germany							
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Primary Target	9	2	12					
(B) No. size and type of bombs	131 X 500 GP AN-M43 1 skymarker		142 X 500 GP AN-M43 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.)					Blatzheim			
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking T.O.					10			
(B) No., size and type of bombs					119 X 500 GP AN-M43 1 skymarker			
Name of Target of Opperturity (T.O.)								
(A) No, of Aircraft attacking T.O.								
(B) No., size and type of bombs,								