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APO [illegible],
[illegible] September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations, [illegible] Mission, 2[illegible] September 1944, Magdeburg, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, [illegible] 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. Stroud at 2150 hours, 27 September 1944. The order called for twenty-two (22) B-17's and two (2) PFF aircraft to be loaded with 10 X 500 lb. GP bombs, each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse.

b. The Field Order was received from Headquarters, 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Hamilton at 2150 hours, 27 September 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0430 hours and takeoff time 0730 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Twenty-four aircraft, including two (2) PFF aircraft from the [illegible] Group began take-off at [illegible] hours for assembly on the Honeybourne Buncher at 7000 feet (Lead Squadron.) These aircraft formed the lead and low squadrons of the 40th Combat Wing "C" Group. The High Squadron was a composite squadron composed of six (6) aircraft from the [illegible] Group and six (6) aircraft from the [illegible] Group.

b. The altitude was raised [illegible] feet at assembly, due to interference from clouds at the briefed altitude. The Lead Squadron departed the Honeybourne Buncher two (2) minutes late with the High and Low Squadrons in position. The formation flew the briefed route to the English coast, where the 40th Combat Wing "C" assumed its proper position as the sixth group in the 1st Division. The coast was departed on course three (3) minutes late. The formation followed the route taken by the Division Leader to the IP, which was reached at 1143 hours. The Group Leader prepared for a PFF bomb run at the IP after communicating with the weather aircraft.

c. The Lead Squadron started a PFF run on the secondary target but the special equipment failed. The bombardier, however, was able to pick up the target visually through cloud breaks and completed the run, releasing the bombs at 1151 hours from a true altitude of 25,900 feet on a magnetic heading of 94 degrees. The low squadron released on the high squadron from a true altitude of 24,[illegible] feet.

d. The formation returned along the briefed route reaching the base at 1530 hours.

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3. Aircraft Not Attacking.
   a. All aircraft of the 100th Group attacked the secondary target.

4. Aircraft Lost.
   a. None.

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	FORMATION Lead	BORROWED PFF A/C	FORMATION Low	BORROWED PFF A/C	FORMATION	BORROWED PFF A/C	FORMATION	BORROWED PFF A/C
Number of Aircraft Failing to Take Off	0		0					
Number of Aircraft Airborne	12		12					
Number of Aircraft Airborne Less Bracked Spares	12		12					
Number of Aircraft Sorties	12		12					
Number of Aircraft Attacking	12		12					
Number of Aircraft Not Attacking	0		0					
Name of Primary Target								
(A) No. of Aircraft attacking Primary Target								
(B) No. size and type of bombs								
Name of Secondary Target	Magdeburg, Germany							
(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking Secondary Target	12		12					
(B) No. size and type of bombs	120 X 500 GP 2 skymarkers		120 X 500 GP 2 skymarkers					
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.)								
(A) No. of Aircraft Attacking T.O.								
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