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HEADQUARTERS
NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Group Bombardier E-O-10

APO 634,
16 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Bombing Analysis and Results.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APO 634.

1. Aircraft Accountability:

a. Thirty-one (31) aircraft, including one (1) from the 482nd Bombardment Group, took off to attack military objectives in Southeastern, Germany. Of the thirty (30 aircraft from the 92nd Bombardment Group, fourteen (14) attacked in the Lead Group of the 40th Composite Combat Wing, three (3) returned early with the bomb load, and one (1) was lost before the target; six (6) attacked in the high squadron, Low Group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing; six (6) attacked in the high squadron, Low Group with the 91st Bomb Group.

2. Bombardiers Report:

a. The secondary target at Augsburg, Germany was attacked. A seven (7) minute bombing run, with P.F.F. in the lead position, was made.

b. There was a ten-tenths cloud cover encountered, meager inaccurate flak, and no fighters were reported in the target area.

c. One (1) aircraft, in the Lead Group, failed to release upon the primary, but released three (3) minutes late, because of bomb-bay door malfunction.

d. Because of existing weather conditions no bomb strikes were observed.

e. See attached forms.

f. See attached forms.

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g. Bombing accountability by number and type:

	Lead Comp. Combat Wing	Low-91st Group	Low-40th "A" Combat Wing
(1) Total bombs carried:	17 A/C-65 X 1000# AN-M44	6 A/C-222 X 100 AN-M1A1	6 A/C-222 X100 AN-M1A1
(2) Total bombs released on target:	13 A/C-65 X 1000# AN-M44	6 A/C-222 X 100 AN-M1A1	6 A/C-222 X100 AN-M1A1
(3) Total Bombs in A/C R.E.:	2 A/C-10 X 1000 # AN-M44	0	0
(4) Total bombs jettisoned from A/C R.E.:	0	0	0
(5) Total bombs in A/C attacking retrunsed due to bombing equipment malfunction	0	0	0
(6) Total Bombs jettisoned from attacking A/C due to malfunction:	1 A/C-5 X 1000# AN-M44	0	0
(7) Total bombs unaccounted for due to lost A/C:	1 A/C-5 X 1000# AN-M44	0	0
(8) Total nickles carried, but returned early:	One A/C		

h. Neither A.F.C.E. nor A.B.C. were used.

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD[1]

BOMBARDIER[2] Rear, H.P. 1st Lt. (A/C) DATE 16/5/44

PILOT[2] Rock, R.E. Lt. Col. A/C TAKE-OFF 0740

NAVIGATOR[2] Lybrook, H.E. 1st Lt. (Lead) LANDED 1420

ORGANIZATION 325 / Squadron — 92 / Group AIRPLANE B-17 / Type — 018 / Number

OBJECTIVE[3] Augsburg, Germany.

AIMING POINT (MPI) Center of Industrial Area.

INITIAL POINT 48°10'N 11°30'E.

METHOD OF ATTACK[4] Individual / Flight / Squadron / Group / Wing

NUMBER OF ATTACKING A/C IN GROUP Fourteen (14) COMPOSITE GROUP twelve (12)

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP P.F.F. COMPOSITE GROUP P.F.F.

RANGE SIGHTING ONLY. GROUP None COMPOSITE GROUP None

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES AN-M64 X 1000 lbs.; AN-M41A1 X 100 lbs.

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED — RELEASED 486

FUZING, NOSE 1/10 Instantaneous TAIL 1/40

SYNCHRONIZATION[5] On / Fast / Slow P.F.F.

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT[6] 10/10 cloud.

Altitude of target	1410	Mag. Hdg., Order 14°	Actual 320°
True Altitude above target	20,000	True Heading	5° 315°
Ind. Altitude	17,000	Drift, Lat. 5° Right	Actual 11° Left
Pressure altitude of target	plus 1422	True Track	14° 304½
Altimeter setting	29.92	Actual Range	74.52 96.24*
C.I.A.S.	150	B.S. Type	B-9
T.A.S.	283	Time of release	1229
G.S., Est. 260	Actual 283	Length of Bombing Run	7 minutes
Wind Direction, Metro 320	Actual 44	Intervalometer setting	Salvo
Wind Velocity, Metro 28	Actual 40	C-1 Pilot	No
D.S. 164.83	Trail 35 ATF 34.41	A-5 Pilot	No
TAN. D.A. Est. .54	Actual X	Manual Pilot	Yes

*-Actual

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TYPE OF RELEASE[7] 12 X Frags. timing 13 X G.P.'s Salvo.
Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN[8] Not seen

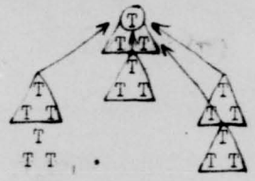
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MEAN TEMP. METRO -34 ACTUAL

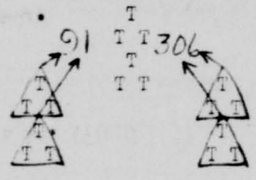
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ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP. C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
1000					0	
3000					-4	
6000					-8	
10000					-12	
15000					-28	
20000	320	20	46	40	-31	-30
22000						
24000						
26000						
28000						
30000						

METHODS OF BOMBING[10]



COMPOSITE GROUPS[11]



Bombardier making complete sighting operation --- (T)

Bombardier making range operation only --- |T|

Bombardier dropping on leader, with arrow indicating leader's position --- 

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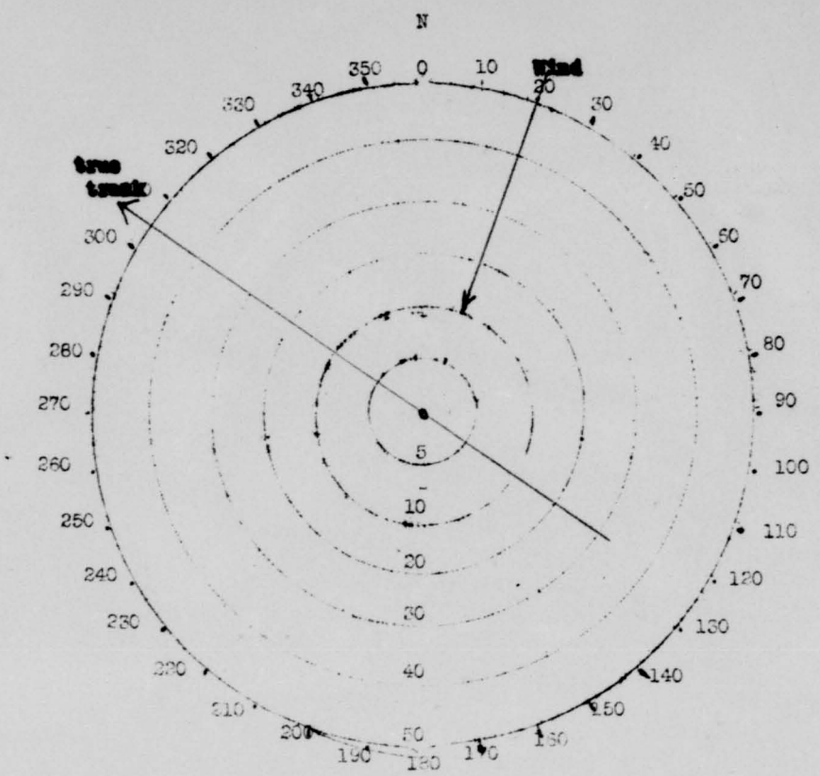
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GROUP BOMBING PLOT AND REPORT

GROUP 92nd Bomb Group (H)(Lead)
TARGET Augsburg, Germany
METHOD OF BOMBING P.F.F. Ring
TRUE ALTITUDE 27,500

TOTAL BOMBS CARRIED 85 X 1000
TOTAL BOMBS AT TARGET 65
TOTAL BOMBS HITTING TARGET Unknown
TOTAL BOMBS ACCOUNTED FOR 80
TOTAL BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR 5
TOTAL BOMBS JETTISONED after target: 5
TOTAL BOMBS BROUGHT BACK 20



• (Circles equal thousands of feet)

PLOT.
Wind Direction. 20°
Wind Velocity. 40 MPH.
Direction of Attack True track 204°

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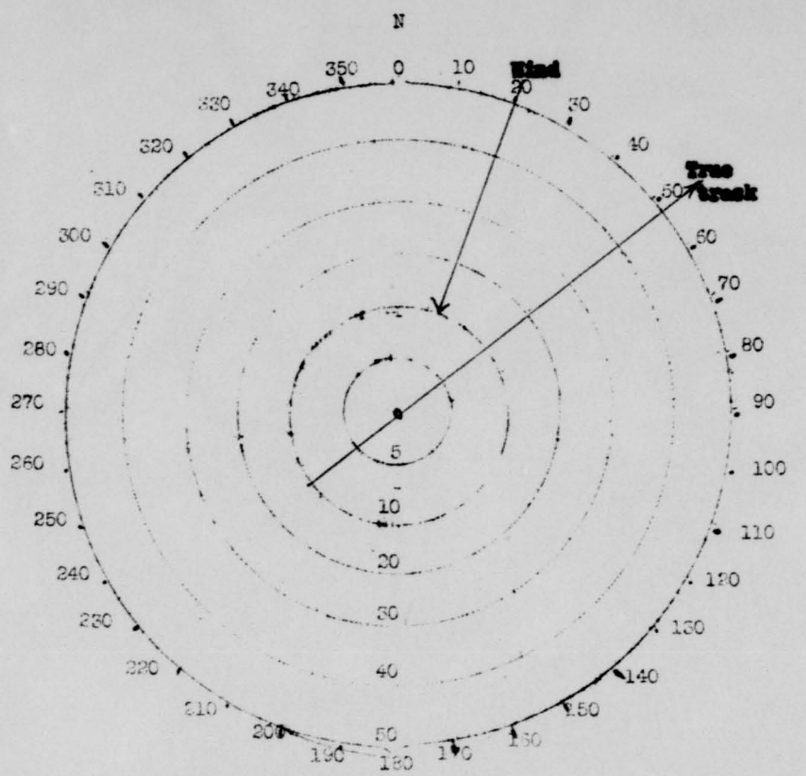
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GROUP BOMBING PLOT AND REPORT

GROUP 2nd Bomb Group (H) (High Sqd. 96)
TARGET Augsburg, Germany.
METHOD OF BOMBING Visual
TRUE ALTITUDE 27,000

TOTAL BOMBS CARRIED 288 X 100
TOTAL BOMBS AT TARGET 288
TOTAL BOMBS HITTING TARGET Unknown
TOTAL BOMBS ACCOUNTED FOR 288
TOTAL BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR None
TOTAL BOMBS JETTISONED None
TOTAL BOMBS BROUGHT BACK None



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PLOT.
Wind Direction. 29°
Wind Velocity. 40 MPH.
Direction of Attack True track 52°.

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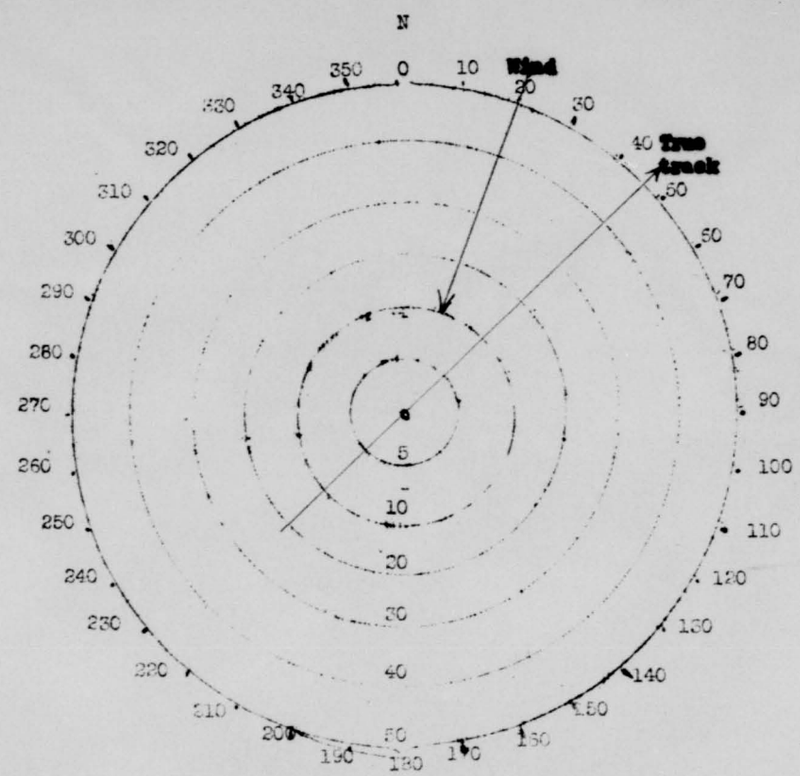
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GROUP BOMBING PLOT AND REPORT

GROUP 92nd Bomb Group (H) (High Sqd. Plot)
TARGET Augsburg, Germany
METHOD OF BOMBING Visual
TRUE ALTITUDE 24,000

TOTAL BOMBS CARRIED 288 X 100
TOTAL BOMBS AT TARGET 288
TOTAL BOMBS HITTING TARGET Unknown
TOTAL BOMBS ACCOUNTED FOR 288
TOTAL BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR None
TOTAL BOMBS JETTISONED None
TOTAL BOMBS BROUGHT BACK None



* (Circles equal thousands of feet)

PLOT.
Wind Direction. 20°
Wind Velocity. 40 MPH.
Direction of Attack True track 45°

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