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

APO 634,
18 March 1944.

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SUBJECT: Bombing Analysis and Results.

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

1. Aircraft Accountability:

a. Twenty-eight (28) aircraft took off, twenty-one (21) in the High Group of the 40th "A Combat Wing, and seven (7) in the high squadron, High Group of the 40th "B" Combat Wing, to attack the Iechfield airdrome and aircraft factory near Augsburg, Germany.

b. Four (4) aircraft returned early with the bomb load, two (2) aborted the formation and jettisoned the bombs in mid-channel, one (1) was lost after attacking the target, and one (1) attack the target with the 303rd Bombardment Group, out of the main group. One (1) aircraft from the high squadron of the Composite Group returned early with the bomb load.

2. Bombardiers Report:

a. A bombing run two and one half (2½) minutes was made on a smaller hanger five hundred (500) yards to the right of the assigned aiming point, because the assigned aiming point was not visible through the smoke pall made by previous groups.

b. There were no clouds, no smoke screen, and visibility was fair. Flak was meager to moderate, but there were no enemy aircraft encountered in the target area.

c. There were no equipment malfunctions, and all attacking aircraft released the bombs at the desired time.

d. Fair bombing results were reported with the strikes ranging over the actual aiming point.

e. See attached forms.

f. See attached forms.

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g. Bombing accountability by number and type:

		"A" Combat Wing	"B" Combat Wing
(1)	Total bombs carried:	21 A/C 210X500 AN-MA3:	6 A/C 228X100 AN-M1A1
			1 A/C Pickles
(2)	Total released on target:	14 A/C 140X500 AN-MA3	5 A/C 190X100 AN-M1A1
		1 A/C 10X500 AN-MA3	with 303rd Group
(3)	Total in A/C R.E.:	4 A/C 40X500 AN-MA3	1 A/C 38X100 AN-M1A1
(4)	Total jettisoned from A/C aborting:	2 A/C 20X500 AN-MA3	0
(5)	Total returned, malfunction:	0	0
(6)	Total jettisoned, malfunction:	0	0
(7)	Total unaccounted for:	0	0

h. Both A.P.C.E. and A.B.C. were used during the bombing run.

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD[1]

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BOMBARDIER[2] Maj. G.W. Capt. DATE 10/3/44

PILOT[2] McKeown, C.B. 1st Lt. TAKE-OFF 0910

NAVIGATOR[2] Raymond G.E. 1st Lt. LANDED 1601

ORGANIZATION 327 Squadron 92 Group AIRPLANE B-17 Type 31771 Number

OBJECTIVE[3] A/M and A/C factory, Lechfield, Germany.

AIMING POINT (MPI) Factory and hangars; Dispersal area.

INITIAL POINT 48°16'N 10°27'E.

METHOD OF ATTACK[4] Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing

NUMBER OF ATTACKING A/C IN GROUP 15 COMPOSITE GROUP 6

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP One COMPOSITE GROUP None

RANGE SIGHTING ONLY. GROUP None COMPOSITE GROUP None

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES AN-M43 X 500 lbs. -- AN-M41A1 X 100 lbs.

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 150 X 500 lbs. 198 X 100 lbs. RELEASED None

FUZING, NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/10

SYNCHRONIZATION[5] On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT[6] Alternate A.P. because of previous bomb bursts.

Altitude of target	1630	Mag. Hd'g, Order 102°	Actual 96°
True Altitude above target	23,675; 22,400*	True Heading 97°	71°*
Ind. Altitude	24,500; 24,000	Drift, Est. 10° R	Actual 6° R
Pressure altitude of target	Nine 1497	True Track 107°	77°*
Altimeter setting	29.92	Actual Range	12040; 11716*
C.I.A.S.	150	B.S. Type	B-9
T.A.S.	220	Time of release	1413:30
G.S., Est 222	Actual 238	Length of Bombing Run	2 min.
Wind Direction, Metro 260	Actual 240	Intervalometer Setting	2.5
Wind Velocity, Metro 22	Actual 35	C-1 Pilot	Yes
D.S. 134.84	Trail 54 ATP 32.30	A-5 Pilot	No
TAN. D.A. Est. .295	Actual .22	Manual Pilot	No

*-Actual

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TYPE OF RELEASE[7] 100 X 100 / 150 ft. trains 150 X 500 / salvo.
Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN[8] On target ranging over.

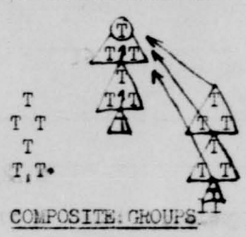
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MEAN TEMP. METRO -16 ACTUAL -19

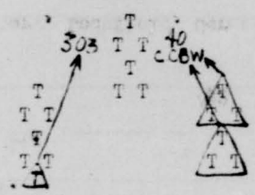
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ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		°TEMP. C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
1000					4	7
3000					1	4
6000					-4	-1
10000					-13	-8
15000					-20	-17
20000					-31	-28
22000					-35	-32
24000	360	340	39	31	-40	-37
26000						
28000						
30000						

METHODS OF BOMBING[10]



COMPOSITE GROUPS



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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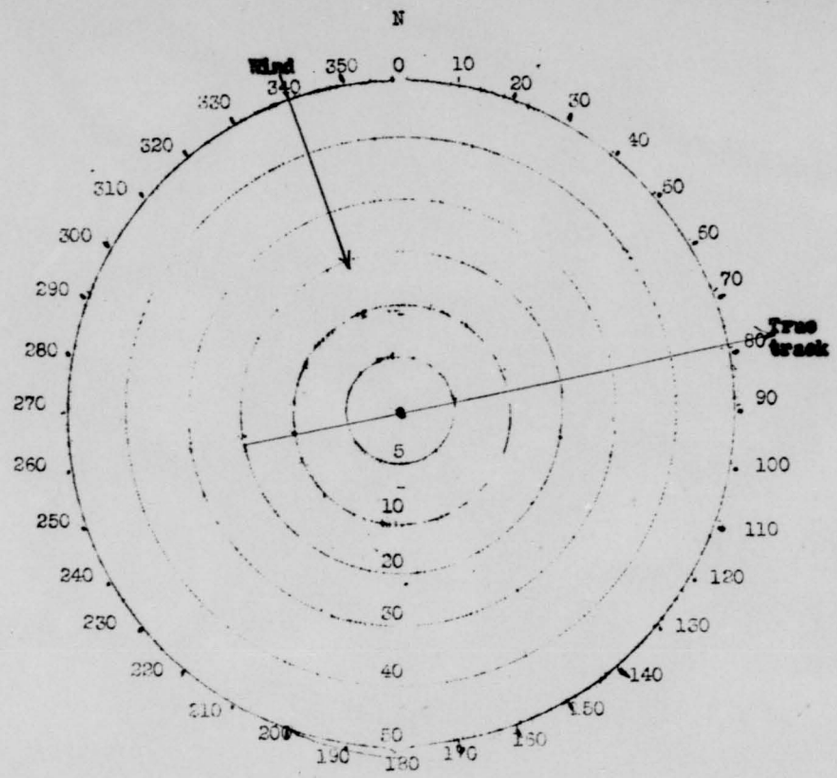
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GROUP BOMBING PLOT AND REPORT

GROUP 92nd Bomb Group (40 "A")
TARGET Lechfield, Germany.
METHOD OF BOMBING Group
TRUE ALTITUDE 22,400

TOTAL BOMBS CARRIED 210 X 500#
TOTAL BOMBS AT TARGET 190
TOTAL BOMBS HITTING TARGET Unknown
TOTAL BOMBS ACCOUNT ED FOR 210
TOTAL BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR None
TOTAL BOMBS JETTISONED 20
TOTAL BOMBS BROUGHT BACK 40

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* (Circles equal thousands of feet)

PLOT.
Wind Direction. 340°
Wind Velocity. 31 MPH.
Direction of Attack True Track: 79°

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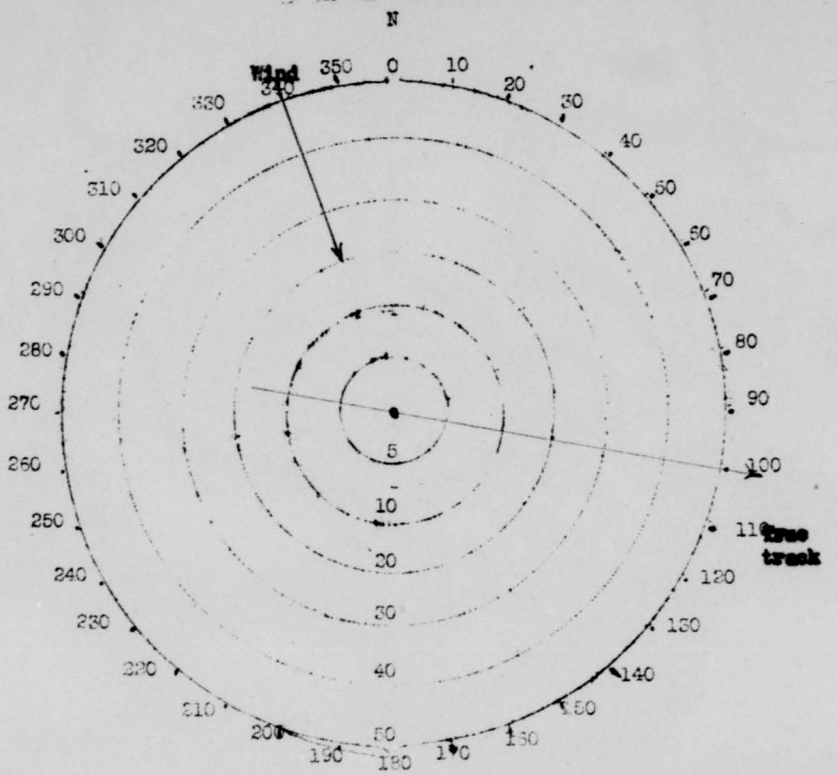
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GROUP BOMBING PLOT AND REPORT

GROUP 92nd Bomb Squadron (492h "B")
TARGET Lechfield, Germany.
METHOD OF BOMBING Group
TRUE ALTITUDE 12,675

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 98

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* (Circles equal thousands of feet)

PLOT.
Wind Direction. 340
Wind Velocity. 30 MPH.
Direction of Attack: True track: 100

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