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

APO #634,
5 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Not Attacking, Mission of 4 March 1944, Bonn.

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

MAIN 92nd GROUP FORMATION

A. Number of A/C Taking-Off 18
B. A/C Taking-Off Less Unused Spares 18
C. Number of A/C Attacking 13
D. Number of A/C Not Attacking 5
E. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack as follows:

1. A/C 42-3493 - Not Sortie, Aircraft not dispatched.
a. It was reported #4 propeller ran away five minutes after take off and would not feather until third attempt.
b. After one hour and thirty minutes of flying #2 prop ran away and was feathered.
c. On final approach to land #1 engine R.P.M. dropped to 1300.
d. Investigation is in progress.

2. A/C 42-3536 - Sortie credit. Aircraft was dispatched.
a. This aircraft turned back over enemy territory when the oil pressure on #3 engine dropped to 50 pounds and was feathered.
b. Both chin turret guns and left ball turret guns were inoperative.
c. Investigation disclosed #3 engine oil cooler had failed internally. Gun malfunctions are attributed to the effect on hydrolic charging system by extreme cold temperatures encounter.

3. A/C 42-37877 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched.
a. This aircraft turned back at 0950 hours when the ball turret gunners electric gloves, and waist gunners right shoe burned out. The glycol heater system was was inoperative.
b. Wear and tear is responsible for electrically heated equipment failure. Glycol system was found to have carbonized and restricted a by pass valve to the glycol tank.

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4. A/C 42-30638 - Sortie Credit. Aircraft was dispatched.
a. This aircraft turned back at 1124 hours, position 50°29'N - 06°52'E, because the #2 supercharger at full power setting supplied only 18 inches of manifold pressure.
b. Investigation indicated that the turbine had rough or deteriorated bearings causing excessive axial looseness of turbine.

5. A/C 42-30644 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched.
a. This aircraft joined another group after being unable to join the 92nd Group formation.
b. The group this aircraft flew with turned back before reaching mid-channel.
c. No malfunctions were reported on this aircraft.

92ND - 303RD COMPOSITE GROUP

A. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 13
B. A/C Taking off less unused spares..... 13
C. Number of A/C Attacking 12
D. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 1
E. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack as follows:

1. A/C 42-30849 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched.
This aircraft made a late take-off at 0938 hours and turned back at 1031 hours after failing to catch the formation.

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