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NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF E-A-2
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 634
7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Aircraft Not Attacking, Mission of 6 March 1944, Berlin.

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

MAIN 92ND GROUP FORMATION
(Includes one (1) A/C 482nd Bomb Gp)

A. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 21.
B. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 21.
C. Number of A/C Attacking..... 16.
D. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 5.
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 and flew directly to the departure point on the English Coast, but was unable to locate the formation. No vacancies were found in other formations leaving the coast.

2. A/C 42-30261 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched.
a. After two hours of flight and at an altitude of 14,500 feet the oil pressure on the number two engine dropped to 35 pounds. The cylinder head temperature was 210 degrees. The fuel mixture auto-rich, and the cowl flaps open. The propeller was immediately feathered and the aircraft turned to this station to land.

3. A/C 42-37877 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched.
a. After two hours and fifty minutes of flight and at an altitude of 14,000 feet the oxygen system dropped approximately 125 pounds before being used. After the crew started using oxygen the system dropped approximately another 100 pounds in 35 minutes. Aircraft retruned to this station.
b. On investigation it was found that the safety wire on the regulator in the top turret was broken. The right waist gunner's oxygen regulator was found to be leaking.

4. A/C 42-31231 - Sortie Credit. Aircraft was dispatched.
a. The number two engine began throwing white smoke at an altitude of 21,000 feet after a flight of three hours and forty-five minutes. Propeller was immediately feathered and aircraft returned to this station.
b. Investigation disclosed that aircraft had been hit by flak. The number two engine glycol heater line was cut by flak, causing fluid to run over hot exhaust, thus causing the white smoke.

5. A/C 42-3536 - Not Sortie. Aircraft was dispatched. This aircraft aborted because of defective numbers two (2) and four (4) supercharger regulators.

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92ND - 306TH COMPOSITE GROUP

A. Number of A/C Taking Off ..... 14.
B. A/C Taking Off less unused spares ..... 14.
C. Number of A/C Attacking ..... 9.
D. Number of A/C Not Attacking ..... 5.
E. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack as follows:

1. A/C 42-31687 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched. After one hour and fifteen minutes of flight and at an altitude of 12,000 feet the Navigator became violently sick. Aircraft returned to this station.

2. A/C 42-97489 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched.
a. After two hours of flight and at an altitude of 10,000 feet the aircraft turned to this station. Pilot reported that on the ground check and on take-off that the carburetor air temperature was excessively high on the #1 engine. The pilot also reported that the carburetor air temperature and oil temperature was excessively high on the number one engine in flight. Intermitten black puffs were coming from the exhaust and there was slight roughness, detonation and preignition.
b. Carburetor intercooler checked on ground and found in satisfactory condition. Aircraft will be test flown.

3. A/C 42-31783 - Not Sortie. Aircraft not dispatched.
a. After two hours of flight the aircraft returned to this station. Pilot reported that the number one engine smoked and ran rough starting at an altitude of 6000 feet and continuing during climb. RPM was 2200 and the manifold pressure 34 to 35" Hg.
b. Investigation disclosed carburetor malfunction. Carburetor is being changed.

4. A/C 42-39958 - Sortie Credit. Aircraft dispatched.
a. After approximately four hours and fifteen minutes of flight and at an altitude of 22,000 feet the number two engine was hit by flak. The propeller was feathered and then unfeathered by itself, windmilling. It is presumed that the connecting rods were broken.
b. The number two engine is being changed.

5. A/C 42-40052 - Sortie Credit. Aircraft dispatched. This aircraft was lost before reaching the target from causes unknown.

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