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

APO #634
9 March 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Planning and Execution of Operations of Mission 8 March 1944, Berlin.

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

1. Comment on Planning and Execution.

a. The bomb loading for this operation was received from Headquarters 40th Combat Wing by Capt. Prasse at 2000 hours 7 March 1944. The order called for twenty-one (21) B-17's to be loaded with 36 X 100 GP bombs each with 1/10 second nose fuse and 1/40 second tail fuse, and four (4) B-17's to be loaded with Maximum M-47A1 Incendiary Bombs.

b. The field order was received from Headquarters 1st Bomb Division by Capt. Prasse at 2240 hours 7 March 1944. Flight plans and details of the mission were completed, briefing being set for 0600 hours and take-off time 0900 hours.

2. General Narrative.

a. Main formation (Low Group 40th Combat Wing)

(1) Take-off was accomplished by twenty-one (21) B-17's from the 92nd Bomb Group beginning at 0900 hours. The assembly for these aircraft was made over Podington on the 40th Combat Wing Buncher as shown in Diagram "A". The formation departed the 40th Combat Wing Buncher at 1004 hours flying as low group of the 40th Combat Wing.

(2) The route out was followed according to flight plan and the English Coast was departed at 1104 hours. The enemy coast was entered at 1156 hours at an altitude of 20,600 feet. The I.P. was reached at 1435 hours and the 92nd Bomb Group bombed the primary target at 1440 hours on a magnetic heading of 230 degrees at 25,000 feet as shown in Diagram "C". The 92nd Bomb Group rallied with the 40th Combat Wing after the target and began a descent. The English Coast was crossed at 1652 hours and a procedure let down was made over Splasher #6 from 9,000 feet. The base was reached by the lead aircraft at 1732 hours.

b. 92nd - 305th Composite High Squadron (High Composite Gp. 40th CW).

(1) Take-off was accomplished by four (4) B-17's from the 92nd Bomb Group beginning at 0915 hours. These aircraft assembled as shown in Diagram "B" over the 40th Combat Wing Buncher where they joined three (3) aircraft from the 305th Bomb Group which formed the high squadron. The formation departed 40th Combat Wing buncher at 1004 hours for immediate rendezvous as High Composite Group with the 40th Combat Wing.

(2) For further details of the Composite Group, reference is made to the General Narrative of the 305th Bomb Group. Diagrams "B" and "D" show the composite squadron formation at assembly and over the target.

3. Aircraft Not Attacking.

a. Twenty-five (25) aircraft of the 92nd Bomb Group took-off and assembled as shown in diagrams "A" and "B". Of these twenty-five (25) aircraft six (6) did not attack.

b. Four (4) aircraft, Numbers 42-31408, 42-3496, 42-3536, and 42-31250 returned early before becoming dispatched. Numbers 42-31564 and 42-39851

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turned back after being dispatched, but did not receive sortie credit.

4. Lost Aircraft
None

5. Statistical Summary.

	MAIN GP.	COMPOSITE SQ.	TOTAL
a. Number of A/C Taking Off.....	21	4	25.
b. Unused Spares.....	0	0	0.
c. A/C Taking off less unused spares.	21	4	25.
d. Number of A/C dispatched.....	17	4	21.
e. Number of Sorties.....	15	4	19.
f. Number of A/C Attacking.....	15	4	19.
g. Number of A/C Not Attacking.....	6	0	6.

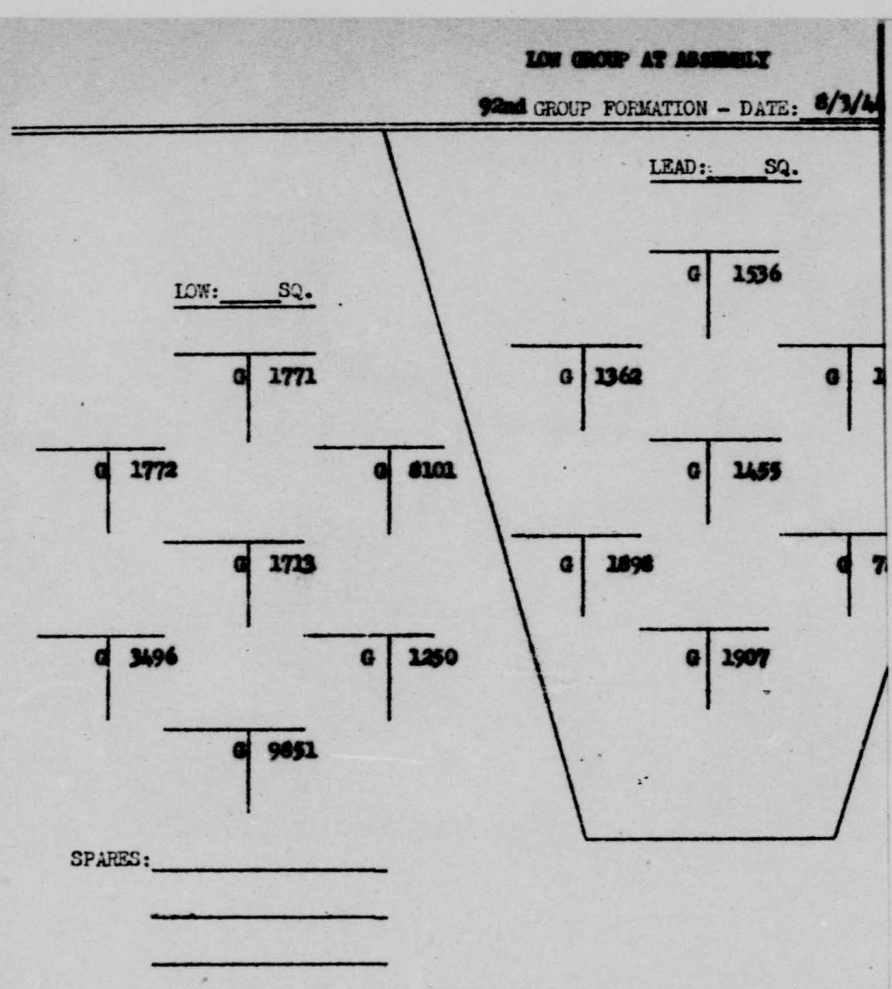
No aircraft lost.

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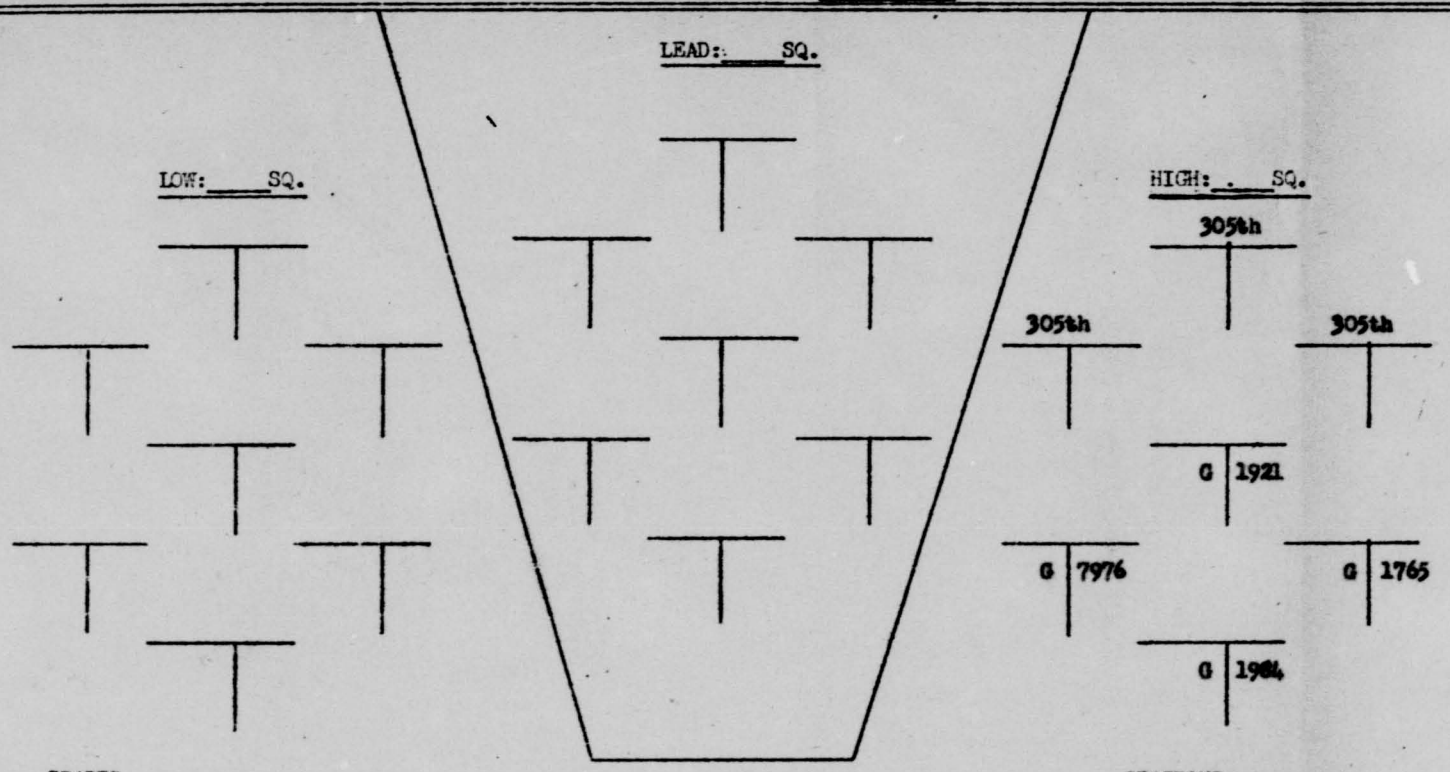
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AT ASSEMBLY

92ND-305TH COMPOSITE HIGH SQ. HIGH GP. GROUP FORMATION - DATE: 6/3/44 (DIAGRAM "B")

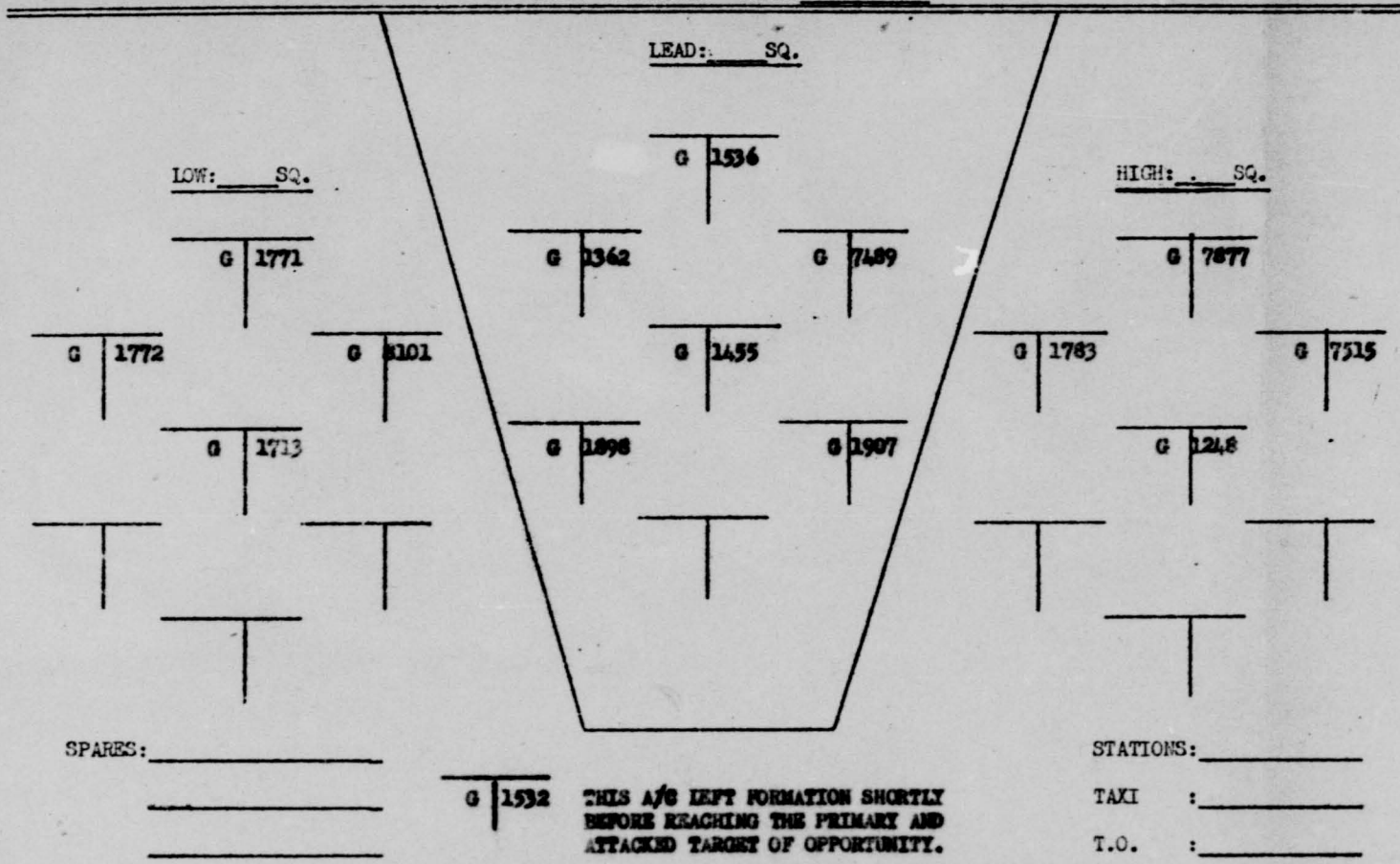


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LOW GROUP OVER TARGET

92nd GROUP FORMATION - DATE: 8/3/44 (DIAGRAM "C")

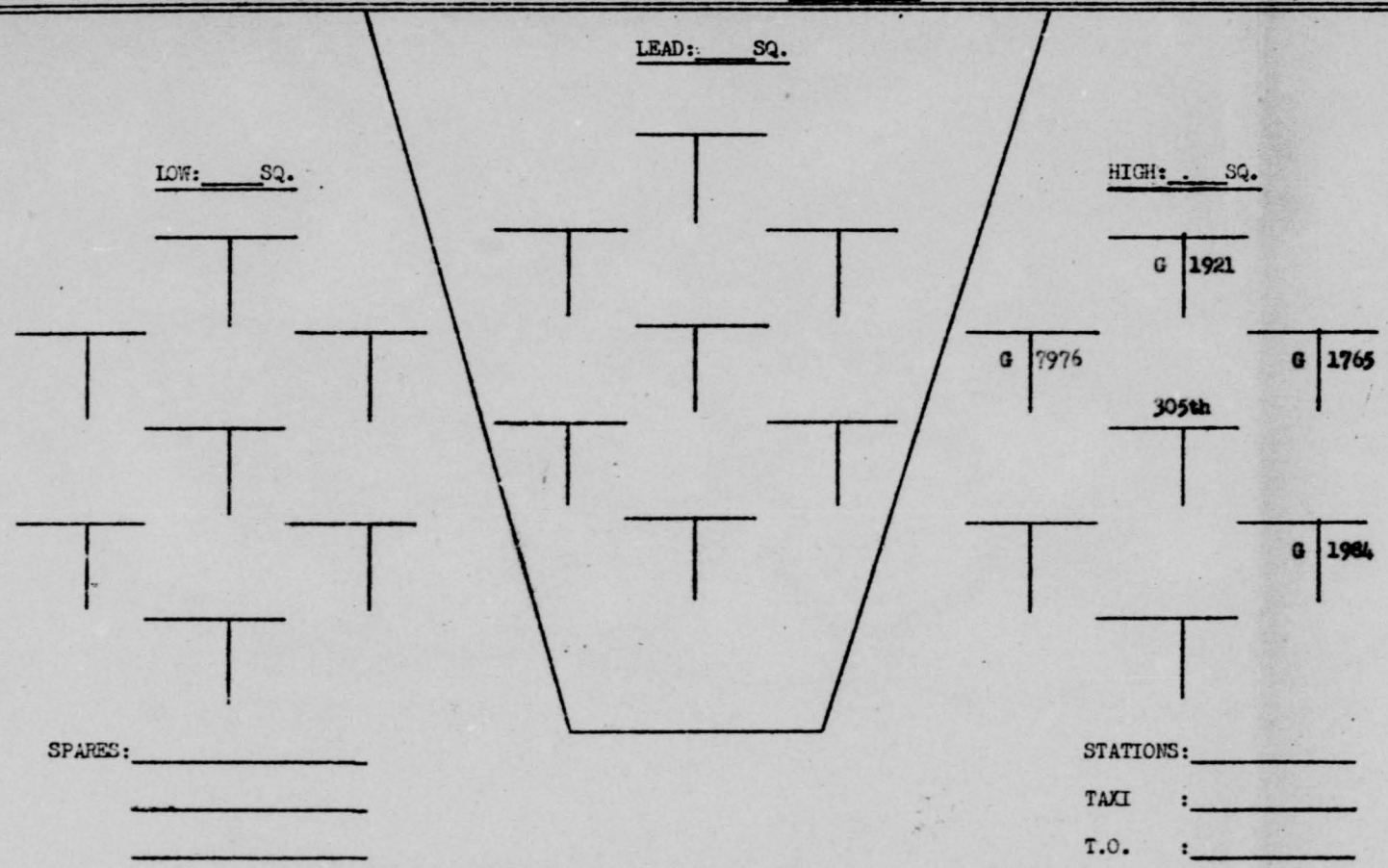


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OVER TARGET

92ND-305TH COMPOSITE HIGH SQ. HIGH GP. GROUP FORMATION - DATE: 8/3/44 (DIAGRAM "D")



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