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HEADQUARTERS
NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Group Bombardier

B-G-10

APO 634,
9 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Bombing Analysis and Results.

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

1. Aircraft Accountability:

a. Twenty-seven (27) aircraft, including one (1) from the 482nd Bomb Group, took off to attack an industrial site in North Berlin, Germany. Twenty-one (21) were to fly in the 92nd Group, and six (6) were to fill in for abortions in the 40th Combat Wing. Of the 92nd aircraft, fifteen (15) crossed the secondary target in Berlin (one (1) with the 306th Bomb Group), two aborted after attacking targets of opertunity in the Hanover area, and two (2) are missing after attacking a target of opertunity at 52°38'N 09°12'E.

b. One (1) aircraft crashed three minutes after take-off, four returned early (two (2) jettisoned the bomb load in the channel, and two (2) returned with the bombs), two (2) aborted the formation before reaching the enemy coast (one (1) jettisoned the bomb load in the channel, and one (1) returned with the bombs).

2. Bombardiers Report:

a. Bombing was accomplished through P.F.F. technique after a run of seven and one-half (7½) minutes was made.

b. A cloud cover of 10/10 was encountered at the target. There was moderate inaccurate flak, and no enemy fighters during the run.

c. Except for three aircraft which had bomb-bay door failure, there were no equipment malfunctions. All the bombs were released at the desired time.

d. Due to the existing weather conditions, no bombing results were seen.

e. See attached forms.

f. See attached forms.

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g. Bombing accountability by number and type from nineteen (19) aircraft.

(1)	Total bombs carried :	180 AN-M43 plus 1 Skymarker. 1 lead leaflets. (released)
(2)	Total released at target :	140 AN-M43 plus 1 Skymarker.
	Total at target of opertunity:	40 AN-M43.
(3)	Total in A/C R[illegible]	0
(4)	Total in A/C attacking not dropping due to bombing equipment malfunction :	0
(5)	Total bombs jettisoned :	0

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

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD[1]

BOMBARDIER[2] Henry, C.P. 1st Lt. DATE 9/3/44

PILOT[2] [redacted], A.E. Lt. Col. A/Co. TAKE-OFF 0736

NAVIGATOR[2] Hughes, H.A. Capt. (92nd) LANDED

ORGANIZATION 407 Squadron 92 Group AIRPLANE B-17 Type 523 Number

OBJECTIVE[3] Berlin, Germany.

AIMING POINT (MPI) Industrial center of city.

INITIAL POINT 52°45'N 13°55'E.

METHOD OF ATTACK[4] Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing

NUMBER OF ATTACKING A/C IN GROUP Nineteen (19) COMPOSITE GROUP

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:

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

RANGE SIGHTING ONLY. GROUP None COMPOSITE GROUP

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES AN-M43 X 500 lb.

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 180 G.P.'s plus 1 Skymaster RELEASED same

FUZING, NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/100

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

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

Altitude of target	190	Mag. Hdg., Order	247° Actual 235°
True Altitude above target	24,775	True Heading	244° 232°
Ind. Altitude	25,000 24,700*	Drift, Est.	6° L Actual 5° R
Pressure altitude of target	-206	True Track	238° 234°
Altimeter setting	29.92	Actual Range	14,986 17,750*
C.I.A.S.	180	B.S. Type	M-9
T.A.S.	288	Time of release	1355.5
G.S., Est.	262 Actual 334	Length of Bombing Run	71 minutes
Wind Direction, Metro	25° Actual 27°	Intervalometer setting	200 ft.
Wind Velocity, Metro	44 Actual 52	C-1 Pilot	No
D.S.	Trail ATF	A-5 Pilot	No
TAN. D.A. Est.	Actual	Manual Pilot	Yes

*Actual

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TYPE OF RELEASE[7] [redacted]

Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN[8] [redacted]

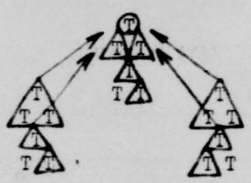
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MEAN TEMP. METRO -15 ACTUAL -12

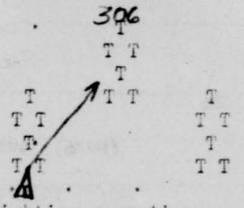
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ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP. C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
1000					1	0
3000					-3	5
6000					-5	1
10000					-8	-3
15000					-20	-15
20000					-29	-25
22000					-34	-28
24000	98	- 97	45	92	-40	-33
26000						
28000						
30000						

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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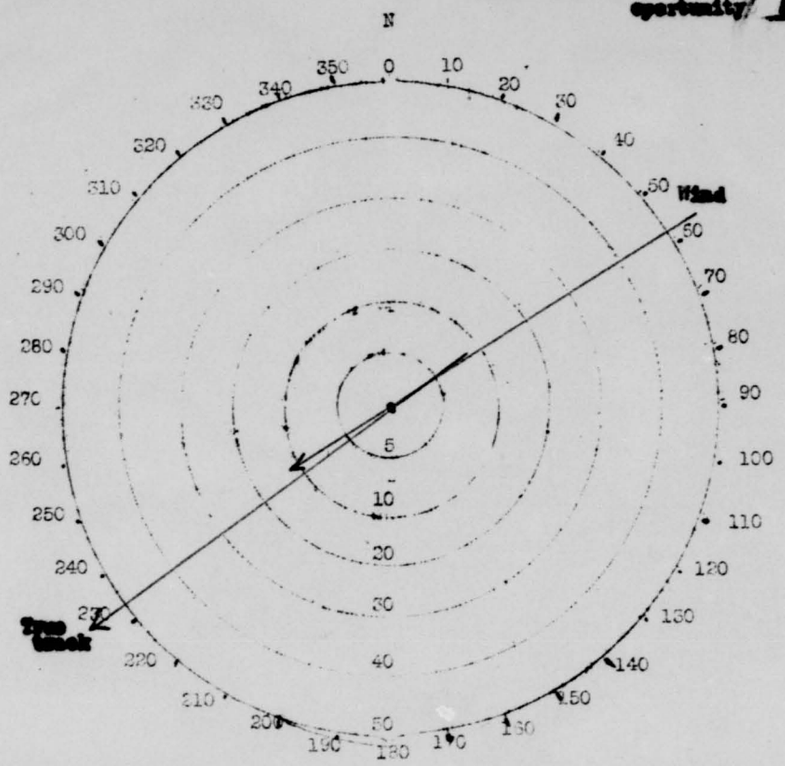
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FORM 12.C
MODIFIED FOR COMBAT

GROUP BOMBING PLOT AND REPORT

GROUP 92nd Bomb Group (H) AAF
TARGET Berlin
METHOD OF BOMBING Wing
ISSUE ALTITUDE 25,500

TOTAL BOMBS CARRIED 192 x 500 plus 1 SM
TOTAL BOMBS AT TARGET 190 plus 1 Skymark
TOTAL BOMBS HITTING TARGET Unseen
TOTAL BOMBS ACCOUNTED FOR 190 plus 1 SM
TOTAL BOMBS UNACCOUNTED FOR None
TOTAL BOMBS JETTISONED 0
TOTAL BOMBS BROUGHT BACK 0
Total bombs at target of opportunity 40



• (Circles equal thousands of feet)

PLOT.
Wind Direction. 57°
Wind Velocity. 28 M.P.H.
Direction of Attack True track 284°

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