



STATION

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SEPT. 6, 1943

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST.	ACT.	EST.	ACT.	
334	F	0273	COZENS	✓		0519	1409	FIRST REPORTED TO BE DITCHING @ 13:07 10°15'N - 00°35'W	
334	G	0817	<del>ALLEN</del> PALMER	✓		0519	1410		
334	JG	5986	MCPHERSON	✓		0520	1408		
334	B	0342	THOMAS	✓		0520	1411		
334	D	0120	RENO	✓		0543	1413		
334	K	9943	WITT	✓		0534	1359	GAS LOW	
335	W	0218	STORIE	✓		0522	1415		
335	S	0178	KINOWLTON	✓		0521	1415 <sup>+</sup>		
335	X	0181	SNOW	/		0551	0740	TRANSFERRED FROM 0181 COULDN'T CATCH FORMATION.	
334	C	0300	TYLER	/		0522 <sup>+</sup>		MISSING	
335	Z	0353	CARSON	✓		0521 <sup>+</sup>	0825	3 GENERATORS OUT #4 SUPERCHARGER BOMBS IN WAREH	
335	R	0271	RANSOM	✓		0524		MISSING	
336	K	3321	ROTHSCHILD	/		0530		Ditched GAS LOW @ 1259 49°40'N - 00°09'E	
336	D	3400	KUENGER	✓		0524	1614	LANDED @ FORD - CREW ALL OK.	
336	B	0161	CABEEN	✓		0525	<del>1406</del>	MISSING	
412	U	0235	HINDLET	✓		0526	1406		
412	R	0377	KRING	✓		0527	1407		



HEADQUARTERS  
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Engineering Officer

APO 634,  
7 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Base Engineering Report on Combat Mission of 6 September 1943.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fourth Bombardment Wing, APO 634. (Attn:  
Statistical Control.)  
COMMANDING OFFICER, 95th Bombardment Group (H).

1. The following information is submitted concerning Combat Mission of the 95th Bombardment Group (H) on 6 September 1943.
  - a. Twenty-three (23) B-17F airplanes took-off.
  - b. Fourteen (14) B-17F airplanes returned to base after completing mission.
  - c. Airplanes 42-30300, 42-30271, 42-3321 and 42-30161 are missing.
  - d. Airplane 42-30045 made an emergency landing at Chipping Ongar, England.
2. There were four (4) abortive airplanes.
  - a. 42-30322 - Propeller governor drive gear sheared.
  - b. 42-3465 - Ball Turret electrical system inoperative.
  - c. 42-30272 - After late take-off pilot couldn't catch formation.
  - d. 42-30353 - Sluggish supercharger maximum output was 33 inches manifold pressure.
3. Battle damage is as follows.
  - a. 42-30178 - Sheet metal damage.
  - b. 42-3263 - Sheet metal damage.
  - c. 42-3152 - Sheet metal damage and #1 propeller nicked by bullet on leading edge.
  - d. 42-30120 - Minor sheet metal damage.
  - e. 42-29943 - Skin damage by flak and self-inflicted damage to left wing and right elevator.
  - f. 42-5986 - Minor sheet metal damage by flak.
  - g. 42-30273 - Minor skin damage by flak.

3. Battle Damage is as follows. (cont'd)

h. 42-30817 - General sheet metal damage; left and right wing and right elevator; all flak damage.

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HEADQUARTERS  
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: S-2 Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. Twenty Three B-17's of the 95th Group took off at 0519, Sept. 6, 1943, to bomb ball bearing factory at Stuttgart, Germany. Four A/C returned early: A/C #0276 turned back at  $51^{\circ}35'N$   $00^{\circ}30'E$  at 0720, this crew left our field 30 minutes late due to a change in A/C and failed to catch the formation. A/C #3465 turned back over Colchester at 0725 due to failure to entire electrical system. A/C #0353 turned back over splasher #7 at 0650 account number four supercharger and three generators out. A/C 0322 turned back at English Coast at 0724 due to number four prop out.

2. Four A/C failed to return. A/C #3221 is reported down in the English Channel. Ditched at 1307. A/C #0300 reported with one engine out 25 miles from Swit erland. Apparently under control heading for Swiss border. A/C #0271 turned out of formations about 50 miles from Swiss border. Last seen heading toward France. A/C #0161 reported dropping out of formations about twenty miles over French Coast on way to target. A/C #0045 landed at Chipping-Ogan to refuel and returned to base at 1845.

3. Briefed course was followed to target. After target formation flew about 35 miles South of briefed course but got back on course at Gratress France. Formation was over target at 0945. Cloud prevented bombing of primary target. Bombs were dropped on air field at Strasbourg and Orleans with poor results.

4. P-47 fighter escort on route over to target good but due to lateness only few spitfires were seen on route back.

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Ass't. S-2 Officer.

Sortie NO. 33)  
Mission No. 29)

6 September 1943

TARGET: Ball Bearing Factory at Stuttgart, Germany.

1. 23 A/C of this base took off at 0519 to attack the Ball Bearing Factory at Stuttgart, Germany. Four A/C returned early. 19 continued on briefed course into target, but due to cloud could not bomb primary so bombed any target they could find on the way home. On the way back from target was off briefed course and this group ran into considerable flak from numerous places but was moderate and meager with most places accurate. About 35 E/A attacked this formation but did not push home vicious attacks. 4 A/C were lost on this mission.

VIII BC Narrative: 157 A/C were dispatched to bomb Ball Bearing Factory at Stuttgart. 111 A/C attempted to bomb Stuttgart, with 46 A/C aborting and 11 lost. E/A claims 98-20-50.

The Fourth Task Force composed of B-24's of the 2nd Bomb Division successfully completed a diversion without any incidents. Fighter support was furnished by Spitfires.

LINDLEY

COZENS

STORIE

ROBINSON

KRING

MCPHERSON

PALMER

SNOW

X

KNOWLTON

EASTLING X

THOMAS

TYLER

KOMURKA X

HINES

WITT

RENO

RANSOM

CARSON X

YUENGER

ROTHSCHILD

CAPBEN

EXTRAS

CROCKETT

CROWDER

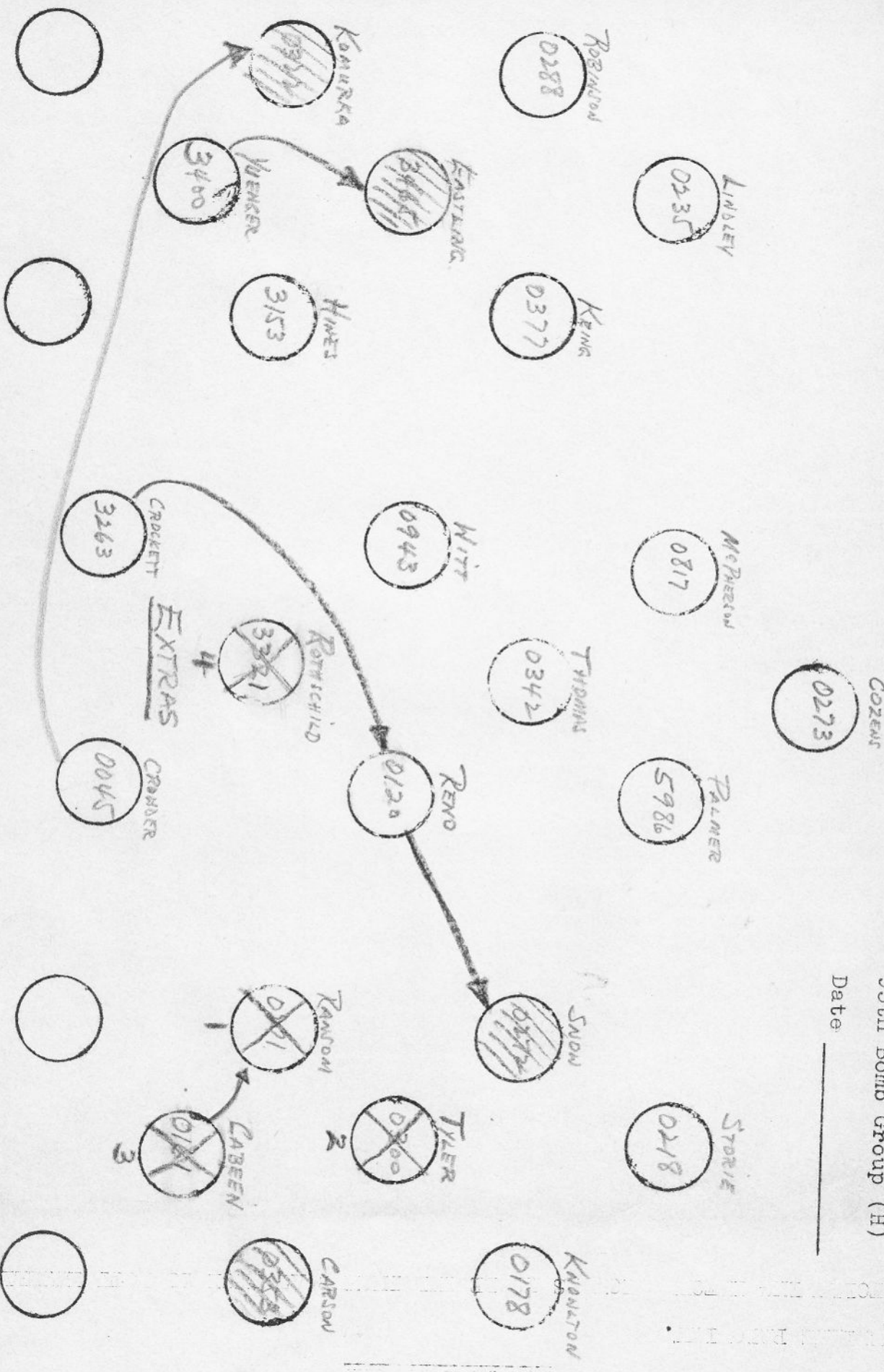
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Combat Duplication check form

95th Bomb Group (H)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ABORT - MISSING



COZEM  
0273

PALMER  
5986

STORYE  
0218

KNIGHTON  
0178

CARSON  
0345

TYLER  
0300

CABEN  
0141

RANDOM  
0191

RENO  
0120

ROTHCHILD  
3321  
4

CRANER  
0045

CROCKETT  
3263

EXTRAS

HINES  
3153

HENKER  
3460

WITT  
0943

THOMAS  
0342

KEMR  
0377

MCPHERSON  
0817

LINDLEY  
0235

ROBINSON  
0288

EASTLING  
0465

KAMURKA  
0344

