

HEADQUARTERS
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Air Executive

14 November 1943

SUBJECT: S-3 Narrative Report on Operational Mission, 13 November 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Group, APO 634.

1. The 95th Bomb Group (H) was alerted for this mission at 1755 hours 12 November 1943. The 95th Bomb Group formed the low Group of the 13th Combat Wing, which in turn formed the 3rd Combat Wing of the 3rd Bomb Division.

2. Twenty-two aircraft commenced takeoff at 0740 hours and the Group assembly departed the field at 0800 hours.

3. Ship #3529, piloted by Lt. Fischer, returned to base at 1037 hours before leaving the coast due to a runaway supercharger on #2 engine. Ship #0634, piloted by Lt. Owen returned to base at 1130 hours due to low oxygen supply caused by a leak in the system.

4. Combat Wing assembly was effected as briefed and the 95th Bomb Group followed the Combat Wing leader from then on. Target area was overcast and visual navigation was impossible, but it is the belief of the 95th Bomb Group lead navigator that our coastal crossing into enemy territory was somewhat North of course. Communication with the Combat Wing leader was never effected due to trouble in the Combat Wing lead ship. The Combat Wing lead ship eventually dropped its bombs into the North Sea and this Group did likewise.

5. Bad weather caused the lead Group of the 13th Combat Wing to break up into squadrons on the return trip and the 95th Group thence followed the high Group back to base.

6. Two of our aircraft landed at other bases to refuel but all eventually returned to base.

7. Aircraft #0255, piloted by Capt. Miller, was struck by flak over enemy territory, knocked out of the formation and forced to fly home alone on three engines. During subsequent fighter attacks on this ship two members of his crew were killed and one wounded. These were the only casualties and no battle damage was sustained by other ships in this Group.

8. Fighter support was reported as good.

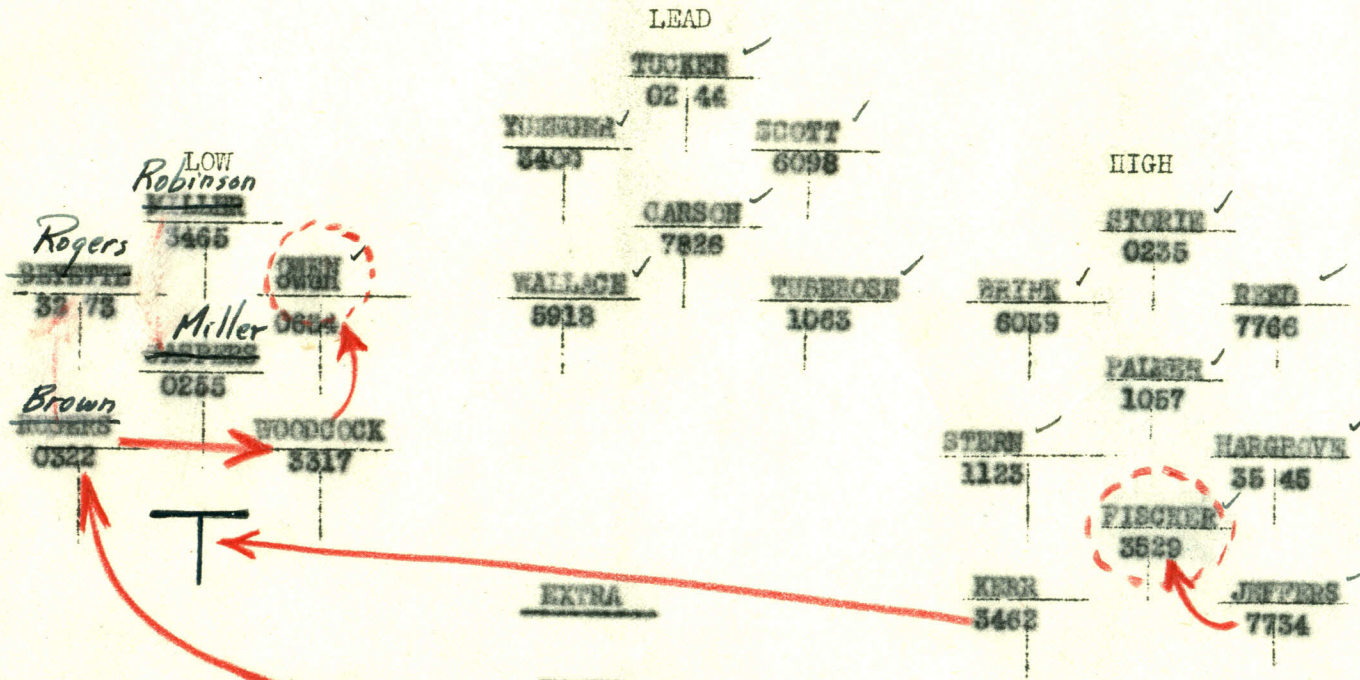
9. Bombs were dropped through overcast and thus were unobserved.

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 15 NOVEMBER



BRIEFING	0445
READINESS	0610
STATIONS	0710
TAXI	0725
TAKE-OFF	0740
RENDEZVOUS	0800

EXTRA SHIPS	
334	0152, 0342 (lead)
335	0218
336	
412	3095