

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

APO 634.
8 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operational Mission, 5 January 1944, Elberfeld,
Composite Formation (95th A).

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE:

Five (5) aircraft took off at 0755 - 0809 to form the low squadron of the Composite Group which was lead by the 100th Group. The Composite Group was to fly the low Group of 13th "B" Combat Wing which was lead by the 100th "A" Group. One aircraft scheduled for 95th "A" Group failed to take off due to mechanical trouble. The five aircraft from 95th "A" Group assembled with the 100th Group over their base at 2000' at 0844. Climb to Combat Wing assembly altitude was started at this time. No difficulty encountered with climb except up through overcast at 12,000'.

Reference is made to the report of the 100th "B" Group which furnished the lead of the Composite Squadron.

The position of aircraft contributed by the 95th "A" Group to the Composite Group after assembly and over the target are shown in the attached diagrams labeled "A" and "B".

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING:

Five (5) aircraft left the base in formation shown in diagram "A". Of these five aircraft one (1) failed to attack the target. Ship # 42-30167 left the formation after being dispatched due to a sick tail gunner. (No sortie)

3. AIRCRAFT LOST.

No aircraft were lost from 95th "A" Group.

HARRY G. MUMFORD,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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APO 634

E-I-11

5 January 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95 A Group Formation

Mission of 5 January 1944

- A. Number of A/C Taking Off 5
- B. A/C Taking Off less unused spares 5
- C. Number of A/C Attacking 4
- D. Number of A/C Not Attacking 1
- E. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:
 - 1. A/C 42-30167 Not Sortie. Left formation after being dispatched because of: (a) Sick tail gunner.

For the Commanding Officer:

HARRY G. MUMFORD,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE:

The 95th "B" Group took off at 0805 - 0828. Two aircraft scheduled for take off, # 3153 and # 9838, failed to take off due to mechanical trouble. By 0830 the 95th "B" Group had assembled above the field at 2000'. Climb to altitude of 21,000' was started at this time to effect Combat Wing Assembly. At 12,000' a climb up through a solid overcast of 800' was effected. The 95th "B" Group was late at Splasher # 7 so the 390th was contacted and informed that rendezvous would be made at Lowestoft. As Combat Wing departed Lowestoft at 1030 the 95th "B" Group was in good combat wing formation.

Climb to bombing altitude was started as Combat Wing departed Lowestoft with bombing altitude being reached at 1105. Course into target was flown south of course and turn at I.P. two minutes early. A visual run was anticipated so Groups peeled off at the I.P. for a visual run. The target was obscured and P.F.F. ship with the 390th Group had equipment failure so an attempt was made by the 95th "B" Group to bomb the secondary target while following the 390th Group in a circle to the right. Bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Gelsenkirchen.

After bombing Combat Wing formation was not effected due to the bombing run the 95th "B" Group made. Route out of enemy territory was flown south of course with enemy coast being crossed at 51°10' - 02°20'E at 1322 at an altitude of 17,000'.

Land fall was made on English Coast at 52°00' - 01°25' E at 1353, at an altitude of 12,000'. No fighter support was seen on route home from the target. The 95th "B" Group landed at the base at 1412 - 1442. One Aircraft # 6080 unable to find the home airdrome in the haze landed at Tibenham without damage to aircraft or injury to personnel.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING:

Twenty one (21) aircraft left the base in the formation shown in the attached diagram "A". Aircraft # 42-30244 left the formation in the target area before bombs were dropped.

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By OCC NARA Date 4/28/11

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634

E-I-13



5 January 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95 B Group Formation

Mission of 5 January 1944

- A. Number of A/C Taking Off.....21
- B. A/C Taking Off less unused spares.....21
- C. Number of A/C Attacking.....20
- D. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 1
- E. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:
 - 1. A/C 42-30244 Sortie. Left formation after being dispatched because of; (a) unknown(acft did not return to base, listed as MIA)

For the Commanding Officer:

HARRY G. MUMFORD,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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95 "A"

DIAGRAM "A"
ASSEMBLY

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 5 January 1944.

LEAD

100th Sp.

LOW

1205

0167

0226

1320

0173

1054

HIGH

300th Sp.

EXTRA SHIPS

334

335

336

412

REFUGEE _____
DINING _____
ENTERTAINMENT _____
L _____
EQUIPMENT _____
MATERIALS _____

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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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95 "A"
DIAGRAM "B"
OVER THE TARGET

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 5 January 1944.

LEAD

130th Sp.

LOW

1205

0173

1054

1320

HIGH

390th Sp.

EXTRA SHIPS

334

335

336

412

REFUGEE _____
BUSINESS _____
POSITIONS _____
T _____
E*OFF _____
REMARKS _____

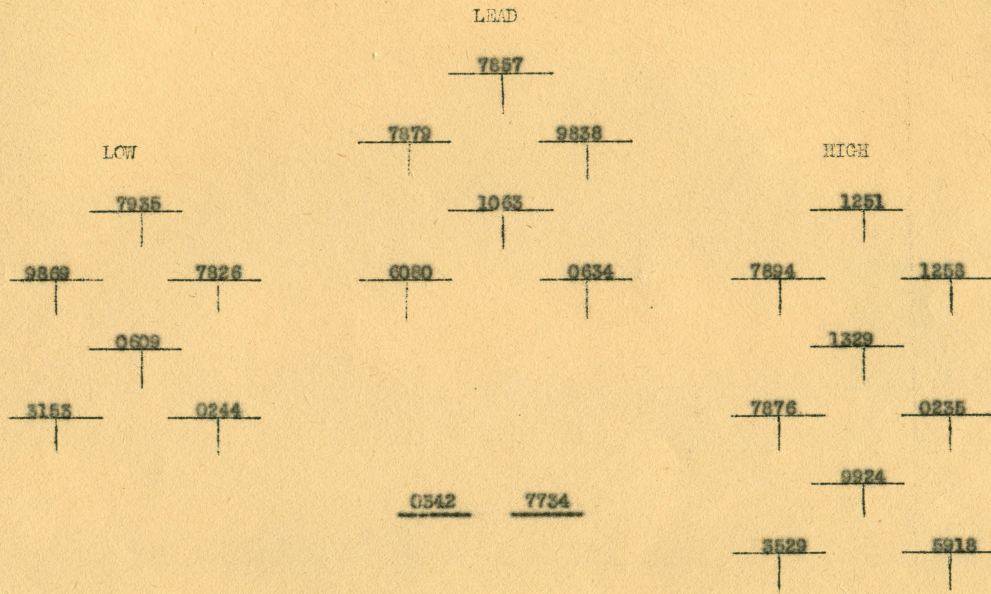
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95th "B"
DIAGRAM "A"

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 5 January 1944



BRIEFING _____
READINESS _____
STATIONS _____
TAXI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
RENDEZVOUS _____

SHIP'S _____
334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

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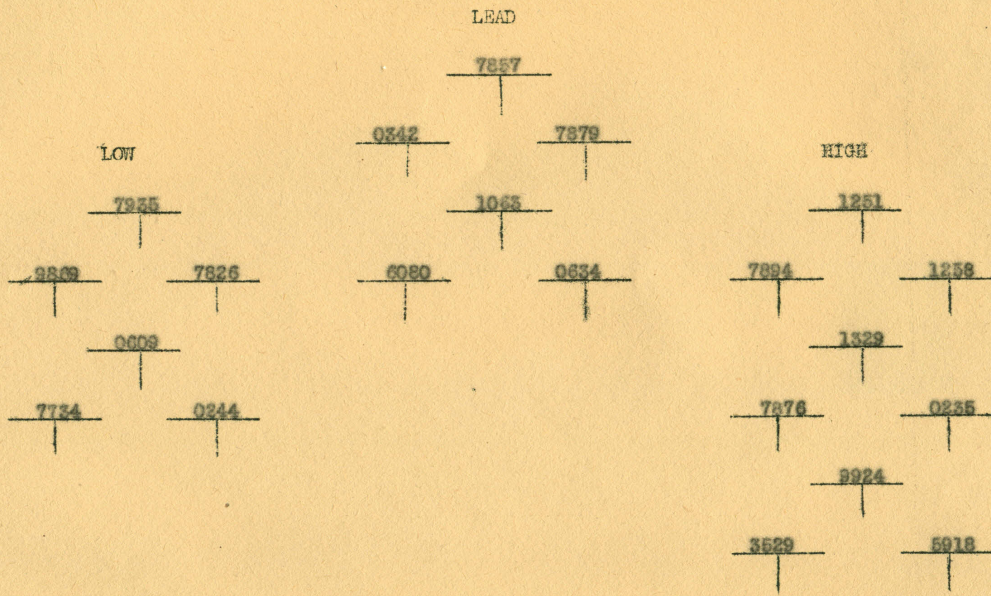
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95 "B"

DIAGRAM "B"

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 5 January 1944



BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 REMARKS _____

EXTRA SHIPS
 334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____