## HEADQUARTERS NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER APO 634

30 Jan. 1944

SUBJECT: Crews Comments and Suggestions on Mission of Jan. 30, 1944.

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

#### 95 A Group

1. "Need some food on long missions."

2. "Dry rags and clean spirits in armament shack."

- 3. "Malfunction of left tail gun due to flexible ammunition chute."
- 4. "Should have slide chutes on gund."
- 5. "Poor transport service to trucks."

6. "Rate of climb too high for bomb load."

7. "Bundle up "Chaff" to keep it from blowing throughout plane."

#### 95 B Group

- 8. "When #3 man was continually out of formation, is it necessary to continue chatter calling him back on VHF?"
  - 9. "Need something for tail and ball turret frosting up."

10. "Like chaff very much."

ll. "Waist guns in closed window have lost spring. All the weight is on your arms when aiming. Can't move it easily."

12. "Formation too fast. Wingmen couldn't keep up."

- 13. "Low group always has a hard time keeping up, suggest leaders slow down."
- 14. "Can't get in armament shop. Takes too long to get guns. Suggest another building of same size."

15. "Better transportation upon landing."

16. "Hardstand 24 has about 9 A/C and trucks wait out on perimeter and will not come into hardstand area to pick up crews."

17. "Rags to clean the guns."

18. "Windows dirty." (A/C 400)
19. "Group broke up because leaders went too fast."

20. "Group excellent on VHF."

21. "Suggest chin straps on all BTG oxygen masks to hold them on. Suggest relief tube in BT and tail."

22. "Want more toilets in "B" briefing room."

For MAJOR DONOHUE.

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

APO 634 31 January 1944.

SUBJECT: S-3 Narrative of Operational Mission - Brunswick - 30 Jan. 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. The 95A Group leading the 13th "A" Combat Wing took off at 0830-0844 hours. By 0850 the 95A Group had assembled over the base at 2000'. The 95A Group then started its climb to rendezvous altitude of 16,000'. The 390th Group joined as the high Group on the climb and the 13B Combat Wing called that they had the 13A Combat Wing in sight and were following in trail. Splasher #7 was crossed at 16,000' at 1028 with the 390th Group in the high position and the 13B Combat Wing in trail. Buncher #12 was crossed at 1037 and Splasher #6 at 1043. Coast out at Lowestoft was crossed at 1049 with the 95B Group filling in as low Group in the 13A Combat Wing. Climb to bombing altitude was started at this time.

Enemy coast was crossed at 52°33'N - 04°36'E at 1020 at bombing altitude of 21,000'. Route in was flown as briefed to 52°43'N - 06°30'E. At this point condensation trails were so persistant on course that route was corrected north of course and a climb to a higher altitude was started. Correction back to course was started at 52°50'N - 06°45'E. The I.P. was reached at 1210 at an altitude of 25,700'. Bombs were away at 1219 and turn to the left was made to stay out of the flak. The sky markers of the 4th Combat Wing were still visible at the point of bombs away. Flak in the target area was moderate but gave no trouble being slightly off to the right.

After bombs were away additional altitude was gained to pull the low Group up out of the condensation trails. The low Group pulled up and flew as a second high Group on the 95A Group to stay out of the condensation trails. Altitude of 26,000' was held until 1232 at 52°39'N - 09°55'E when it was possible to let down to briefed altitude of 21,000'. Course out was flown North of briefed course to again stay out of the condensation trails.

The coast out was crossed at  $52^{\circ}35^{\circ}N - 04^{\circ}36^{\circ}E$  at 1352 at 21,000°. Descent was started at this time and Lowestoft crossed at 1434 at 4000°. The 95A Group reached the base at 1444 and landed at 1446-1506 hours.

Fighter support was good throughout the mission and no fighter attacks were sustained by the 95A Group. Flak at various points indicated in the S-2 report was from meager to moderate and did not effect the 95A Group

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. Twenty (20) aircraft and one PFF left the base in the formation shown in Diagram "A".

Twenty (20) aircraft and one PFF were dispatched, bombed the primary target in the formation shown in Diagram "B" and are credited with sorties.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT. There were no aircraft lost from 95A Group

MARRY G. MUMFORD, Lt. Col., Air Corps, Operations Officer.

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