

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

APO 634,  
24 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer - Posen, Poland - 24 February 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. 21 a/c of 95B took off from base at 0805-0818. By 0830 the Group formation had assembled over base at 2000' and proceeded to Aldeburgh where the 95B Group tacked on in the high position of 100B Group to form the 13A Combat Wing.

Approaching Splasher #6 good Combat Wing formation was observed with over all length of Combat Wing being about half a mile. The climb to bombing altitude was begun at 1044 at 54°15' - 05°38'E. Visibility was excellent, and cloud cover nil.

The enemy coast was crossed at Romo Isle at 13,000' at 1131 hours. Enemy fighters made half hearted attacks from enemy coast to I.P. At the I.P. it was observed that the target would be obscured by cloud cover. A left turn was made from the I.P. and the Group was notified on VHF that the secondary target had been chosen. Additional altitude was gained enroute to the secondary. As the target was approached a yellow-yellow flare was seen from the lead Group. Bomb bay doors were opened and bombs were away at 1526 on magnetic heading of 315° from 18,300'. 95B Group moved down and escheloned to the left on the bomb run to insure dropping at the ordered time and place. Results were unobserved. Rally was effected without difficulty.

Descent was begun at 1531 to the briefed altitude enroute to the enemy coast. One a/c was hit by a fighter and left the formation. The enemy coast was recrossed at 1622 at 12,200'. Descent to Minimum altitude was begun at this time. The English coast was recrossed at 1811 and 95B landed at base from 1836-1851.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. 21 a/c left base in formation shown in attached Diagram "A". A/c #1251 left formation before being dispatched and is not credited with a sortie.

20 a/c went over the target and are credited with sorties. Formation over the target is shown in attached Diagram "B".

3. AIRCRAFT LOST. A/c #1561 was hit in the horizontal stabilizer by fighter. Last seen heading northward under control. No chutes seen. This occurred over the Danish peninsula.

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

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APO 634

E-I-15

24 February 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95A Group Formation

Mission of 24 February 1944

- A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... 21
- B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 21
- C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 21
- D. Number of A/C Dispatched..... 20
- E. Number of A/C Attacking..... 20
- F. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 1
- G. Number of Sorties..... 20
- H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:

- 1. A/C 42-31251 No Sortie Left formation before being dispatched because of: (a) Could not find formation.

For the Commanding Officer:

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1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 6 A/C took off at 0745 - 0748 with orders to join 100B as low squadron. Rendezvous was effected with 100B Group over Thorpe Abbott.

Reference is made to the report of the 100B Group for general narrative of the remainder of the mission which was flown in company with the 100B Group formation.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: All 6 A/C put up by 95A Group were dispatched. Formation shown in diagram "A". 6 A/C went over the target and are credited with sorties. Formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "B"

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

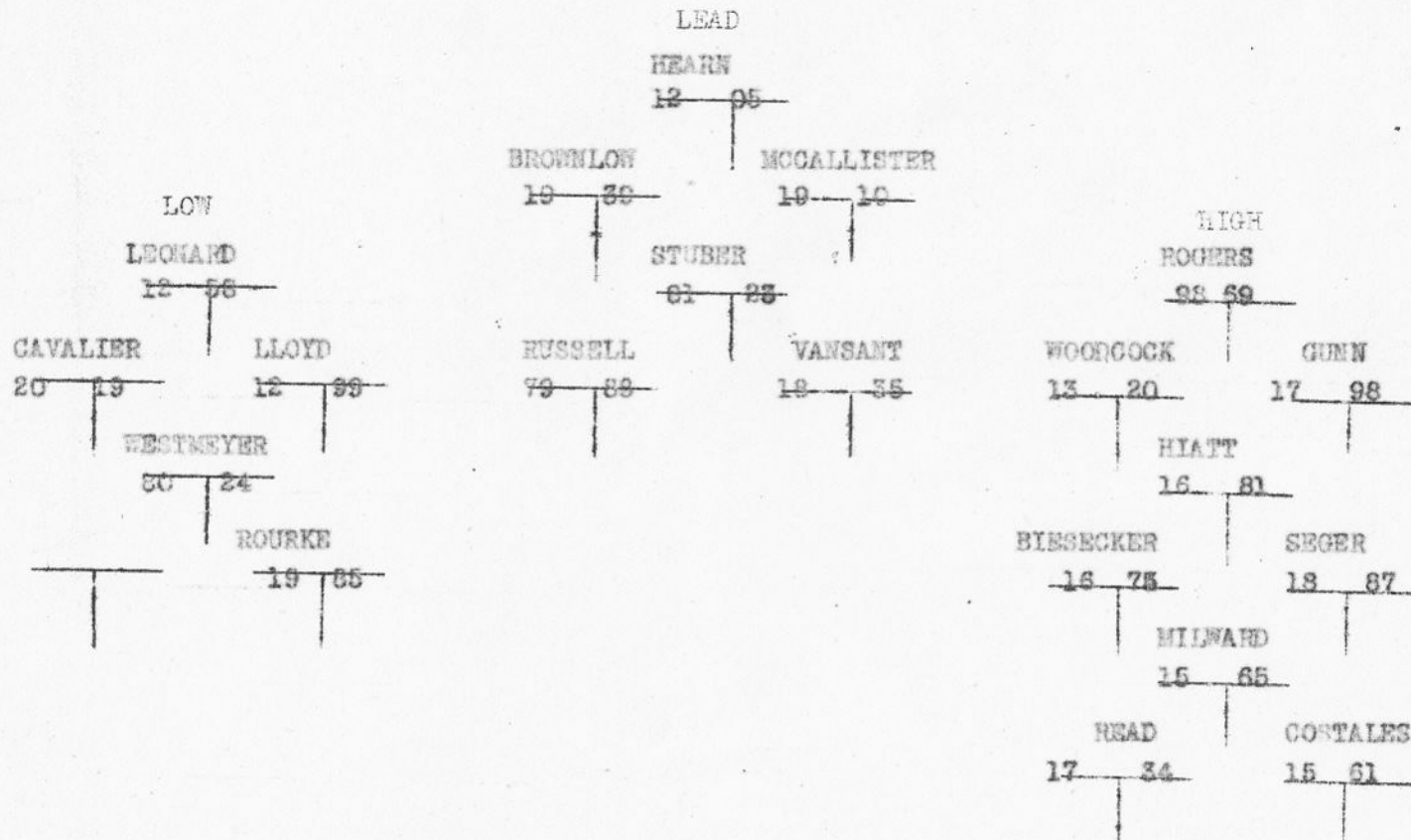
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DIAGRAM A  
95TH GROUP  
ASSEMBLY

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

DATE 24 February 1944

GROUP FORMATION FORM



BRIEFING \_\_\_\_\_  
 READINESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TAXI \_\_\_\_\_  
 TAKE-OFF \_\_\_\_\_  
 RENDEZVOUS \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA SHIPS  
 334 \_\_\_\_\_  
 336 \_\_\_\_\_  
 338 \_\_\_\_\_  
 412 \_\_\_\_\_

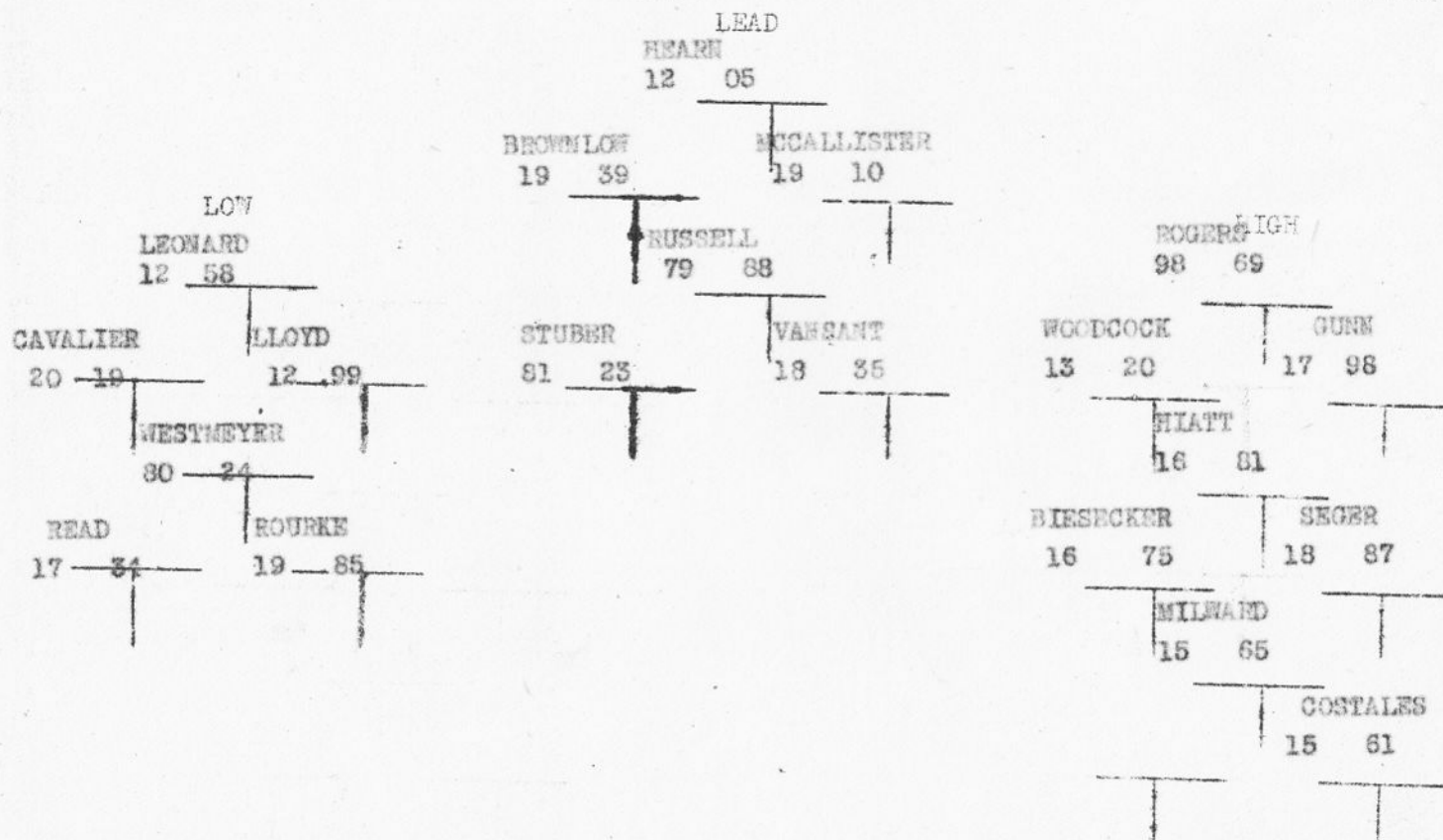
DIAGRAM B  
95TH GROUP  
OVER TARGET

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

24 February 1944

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



- BRIEFING \_\_\_\_\_
- READINESS \_\_\_\_\_
- STATIONS \_\_\_\_\_
- TAXI \_\_\_\_\_
- TAKE-OFF \_\_\_\_\_
- RENDEZVOUS \_\_\_\_\_

- EXTRA SHIPS
- 334 \_\_\_\_\_
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  - 412 \_\_\_\_\_

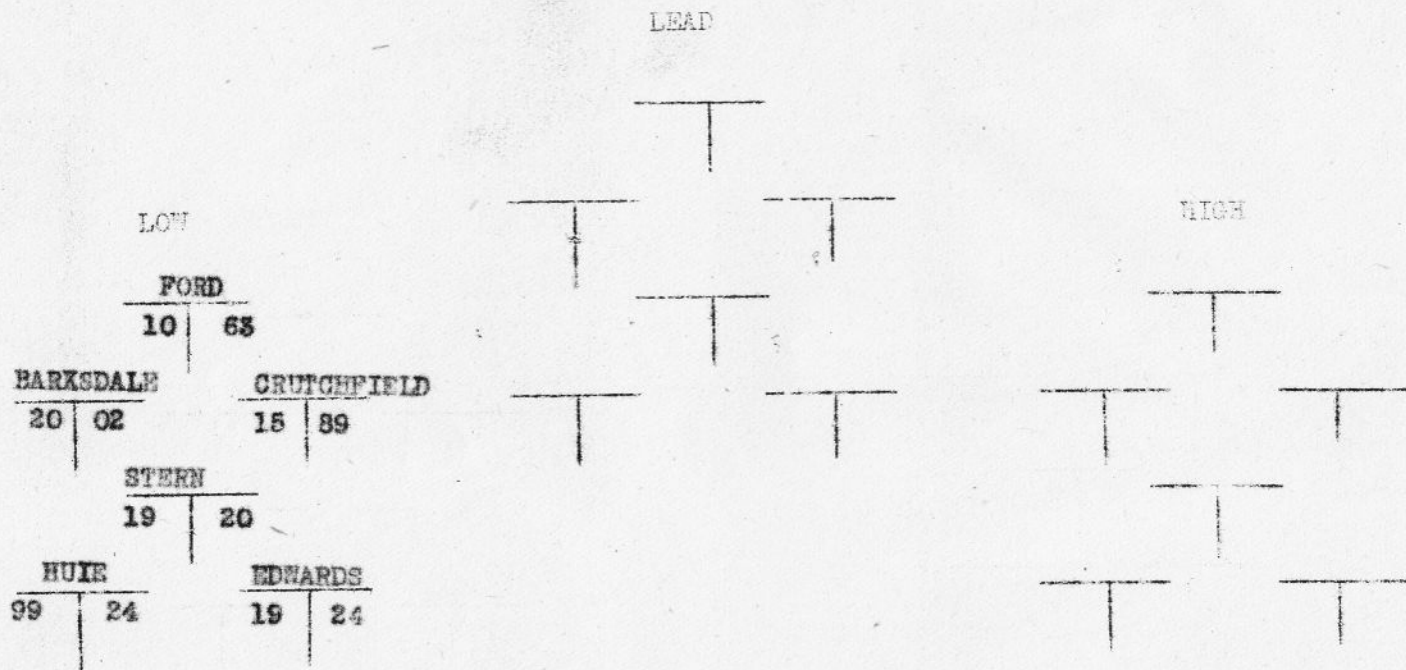
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**DIAGRAM A  
95TH COMPOSITE  
ASSEMBLY**

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

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 24 February 1944



BRIEFING \_\_\_\_\_  
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 TAKE-OFF \_\_\_\_\_  
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EXTRA SHIPS  
 334 \_\_\_\_\_  
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STATION

119

FORM 3

DATE

2-24-44

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
336	R	2019	CAVALIER			0817	1836	✓	
334	J	1258	LEONARD			0817	1837	✓	
334	M	1299	LLOYD			0818	1839	✓	
34	A	1835	VANSANT			0819	1846	✓	
<u>100 B - Low SQDN</u>									
335	T	1063	FORD			0745	1830	✓	
335	O	1589	CRITCHFIELD			0746	1831	✓	
335	X	2002	BARCKSDALE			0746	1832	✓	
334	G	1920	STERN			0747	1832	✓	
334	Q	1924	EDWARDS			0749	1834	✓	
34	N	9924	HUIE			0748	1829	✓	
<u>EXTRAS 95th GP</u>									
335	Z	1561	COSTALES			0820		✓	
335	N	1785	ROURKE			0825	1840	✓	
335	U	1565	MILWARD			0826	1847	✓	

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STATION 119

FORM 3

DATE 2-24-44

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
336	E	1205	HEARN		0805		1843	✓
336	P	1910	McCALLISTER		0805		1843	✓
336	J	1939	BROWNHOW		0807		1842	✓
336	G	1410	JEFFERS					# 1+4 ENGINE TROUBLE
334	E	8123	STUBER		0808		1844	✓
336	M	7988	RUSSELL		0818		1845	✓
412	R	9869	ROGERS		0810		1849	✓
412	J	1798	GUNN		0811		1850	✓
412	M	1320	WOODCOCK		0812		1848	✓
412	S	7876	BATCHA					FLAT TAIL WHEEL
412	K	1887	SEGER		0812		1853	✓
412	W	1675	BIESECKER		0813		1850	✓
412	G	1681	HIATT		0814		1851	✓
334	B	0342	REIS					FLAT TIRE
412	H	1734	READ		0815		1839	✓
334 336	P Q	1251 7495	CONKER		0900	1002	1002	COULD NOT FIND FORMATION
336	Q	8024	WESTMAYER		0816		1839	✓

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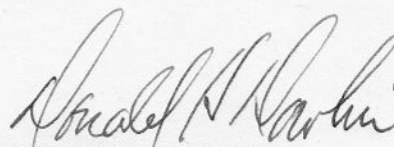
THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FOURTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
OFFICE OF THE SQUADRON ENGINEERING OFFICER  
A.P.O. 634

23 February 1944

SUBJECT: Abortion of Airplane No. 42-31251.

To: Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group.

1. This airplane aborted from the mission of 23 February 1944, returning at about 1015.
2. The pilot reported that because of a late takeoff it was impossible to catch the formation. The aircraft was a spare.
3. No engineering malfunction was reported.

  
DONALD H. DOWLIN  
Captain, AC,  
Engineering Officer.

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

U-B-2

APO 634,  
24 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission 24 February 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Gp (H). Attn: Lt Col MC KNIGHT.

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission of the 95th Bombardment Group (H) on 24 February 1944.

- a. Twenty-seven (27) B-17 airplanes took-off.
- b. Twenty-five (25) B-17 airplanes returned to base after completing mission.
- c. 42-31561 is missing in action.

2. There was one (1) abortive airplane.

- a. 42-31251 - Took-off late. Could not locate formation.

3. The following aircraft failed to take-off:

- a. 42-30342 - Landing gear tire went flat while taxiing.
- b. 42-97495 - #1 Magneto trouble. Replaced by 42-31251. (See paragraph 2. sub-paragraph a.)
- c. 42-31410 - Plugs fouled on #1 & #4 engines.
- d. 42-37876 - Tail wheel tire went flat while taxiing.

4. Battle damage is as follows:

- a. 42-31589 - Right Horizontal stabilizer damaged. (.50 cal. self-inflicted.)

GARFIELD R. BENSON  
Major, Air Corps  
Base Engr. Officer

95th Combat Formation  
Assembly

A.T.F. \_\_\_\_\_

C.W. \_\_\_\_\_

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP

DATE 24-2-4

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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LEAD  
Hearn  
1205

LOW

Leonard  
1258

Brownlow  
1939

McCallister  
1910

HIGH  
Rogers  
9869

Carlier  
2019

Westmyer  
8024

Stuber  
8123

Woodcock  
1320

Gunn  
1798

Conley  
1251

Russell  
7988

Rourke  
1786

Hiatt  
1681

Vansant  
1835

Lloyd  
1289

Biesecker  
1675

Seeger  
1887

Read  
1734

ABORTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA

EXTRA A \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

Costales  
1561

Milward  
~~1562~~  
1565

A Group

\_\_\_\_\_ A.T.F.

\_\_\_\_\_ C.W.

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LOW  
Ford  
1063

Barksdale  
2002

Crutchfield  
1589

Stern  
1920

Huie  
9924

Edwards  
1924

100th B

ABORTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA \_\_\_\_\_

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FORMATION DIAG

95TH BOMB. GRO

DATE 24-2

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