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

APO 634  
29 February 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 29 February 1944,  
BRUNSWICK.

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

95TH "B" GROUP FORMATION

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "B" Group took off at 0711 - 0727 hours to act as lead Group in 13th "B" Combat Wing. By 0735 the 95th "B" Group formation had assembled above the base at 2,000'. 95th "B" Group then started climb to Combat Wing rendezvous. 95th "A" Group tacked on to 95th "B" Group over the base and climbed with the 95th "B" Group. Gravesend was crossed at 0856 at 19,500' where contact was made with 13th "A" Combat Wing. Splasher # 7 was crossed at 0909 at 22,000' with the 13th "B" Combat Wing in good formation. Splasher # 6 was crossed at 0925 at 22,000'. The English Coast was crossed at Lowestoft at 0935 at 22,000'.

The briefed course was flown to the enemy coast where landfall was made at 52°36' - 04°37'E at 0935 at 22,000'. The briefed route was then flown to the I.P. The P.F.F. ship on the right wing of the 95th Group lead ship aborted at 1032 hours at 52°54' - 06°10'E. At the I.P., Y-Y flares were fired to indicate P.F.F. bombing and the 13th "B" Combat Wing flying in close trail with the 13th "A" Combat Wing dropped their bombs at 1121½ hours at 22,000' on the flares of the P.F.F. ship from the 13th "A" Combat Wing. Bombs were dropped through solid undercast in the midst of the flak.

The briefed route back was flown as briefed except for deviations from course to avoid flak. The enemy coast was recrossed on route back at 52°36' - 04°37'E at 1241 at 20,500'.

The English Coast was crossed at Lowestoft at 1317 at 4,500'. The 95th "B" and 95th "A" Groups proceeded direct to bases with 95th "B" Group landing at 1314 - 1412 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twenty one (21) aircraft including one P.F.F. left base in the formation shown in Diagram "A". Aircraft Nos. 42-32019 and 42-3400 left the formation before becoming dispatched, thus nineteen (19) aircraft were dispatched.

Of these nineteen (19) aircraft, 42-37745 and 42-37876 left the formation over enemy territory. Nineteen aircraft are credited with sorties.

Of the seventeen (17) aircraft which went over the target none failed to bomb. The formation over the target is shown in Diagram "B".

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost from 95th "B" Group.

#### 95TH "A" GROUP FORMATION

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "A" Group formation took off at 0631 - 0707. By 0715 the 95th "A" Group had assembled above the base at 2,000'. A climb was started to 4,000' at this time to wait for the 95th "B" Group. The 95th "A" Group tacked on to the 95th "B" Group as low Group and continued on the mission in this position.

Reference is made to the above report of the 95th "B" Group formation for a general narrative of the remainder of the mission which was flown in company with the 95th "B" Group formation.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twenty one (21) aircraft took off and assembled in the formation shown in Diagram "A". All twenty one (21) aircraft were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

Of the twenty one (21) aircraft dispatched all bombed the primary target in the formation shown in Diagram "B".

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost from 95th "A" Group.

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

SECRETHEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 634

B-I-5

29 February 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING95 "B" Group FormationMission of 29 February 1944

A. Number of A/C Scheduled.....	20 and 1 PFF
B. Number of A/C Taking Off.....	20 and 1 PFF
C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares.....	20 and 1 PFF
D. Number of A/C Dispatched.....	18 and 1 PFF
E. Number of A/C Attacking.....	17*
F. Number of A/C Not Attacking.....	3 and 1 PFF
G. Number of Sorties.....	18 and 1 PFF
H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:	

\* See A/C 42-37876

1. PFF A/C 42-37745 Sortie. Left formation after being dispatched because of: (a) Oxygen leak.
2. A/C 42-37876 Sortie. Left formation after being dispatched because of: (a) #2 Engine damaged by flak. (This aircraft did bomb target of opportunity at Furstenau, Germany).
3. A/C 42-3400 No Sortie. Left formation before being dispatched because of: (a) #2 Supercharger and #3 prop ran away.
4. A/C 42-32019 No Sortie. Left formation before being dispatched because of: (a) Top Turret gunner passed out from hysterical paralysis.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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A-Group

FORM 3

STATION

119

DATE

29 Feb 44

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
35	M	1600	Wallace	Lead		0631		1349	
	N	1785	Dunkan			0632		1337	
	O	1589	Crutchfield			0633		1339	
	Y	7929	Ford			0634		1338	
	P	6080	Hagenbaugh			0635		1340	
	X	2002	Parksdale			0636		1352	
34	H	1329	Brinke	Ki		0636		1343	
	G	1920	Gible			0637		1345	
	F	9989	Edwards			0638		1344	
	L	7844	Stern			0639		1346	
	A	1835	Munson			0659		1347	
	K	9943	Vansant			0700		1341	
	N	9924	Huie			0701		1348	
	Q	1924	Stuber			0702		1346	
	B	0742	Millman			0702		1351	



"B" Group

Telephoned to FIC  
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FORM 3

DATE 29 Feb #4

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
412	T	7887	Hearn	Lead		0711		1342	
30	K	7935	<sup>PEF</sup> Westmeyer			0717		1442	OXYGEN TROUBLE
	J	1939	Kroeger			0711		1314	
	M	7988	Jeffers			0712		1411	
336	K	<del>7935</del> <del>2014</del>	<del>Westmeyer</del> WESIMKEN			0713		1412	
	D	3400	Brownlow			0713		1000	18,000 ft. over FIELD Do we want Radio shaft. (Chaff)
412	M	1320	Casper	High		0715		1406	
	K	1887	Seeger			0715		1407	Returning to base
	X	0233	McLane			0715		1405	
	W	1675	Hubbs			0716		1409	
	R	9869	Bischoff			0718		1409	
	Y	9773	Read			0718		1408	
	S	7876	Gunn			0727		1207	#2 SUPERCHARGER #1 oil lamp broke during went wild. - crossed coast -
	H	1734	Reis			0719		1411	
	J	1798	Bannerman			0720		1400	

B Group

FORM 3

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DATE

29 Feb 61

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
412	G	1681	Hiatt	Low	0721		1356	
36	N	9884	Cavalier		0721		1357	
412	U	0435	Newton		0716		1410	
36	P	1910	McAllister		0723		1359	
↙	H	0167	Franty		<del>0724</del>	-	-	RAN OFF RUNWAY
↙	Q	8024	Holt		0725		1358	
	R	2019	ABBOTT		0724		0913	NEED GAS - TTG (AMBULANCE) Returning to base

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

U-B-2

APQ 634,  
29 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission 29 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 29 February 1944.

- a. Forty-one (41) B-17 airplanes took-off.
- b. Thirty-nine (39) B-17 airplanes returned to base after completing mission.
- c. 42-30167 did not take-off due to taxiing off run-way into mud.

2. There were two (2) abortive airplanes.

- a. 42-3400 - #3 prop and #2 supercharger ran away.
- b. 42-32019 - Upper turret gunner lost consciousness.

3. Battle damage is as follows:

- a. 42-37876 - Minor flak damage.

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



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

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 29 February 1944.

DIAGRAM "B"  
95TH A GROUP  
OVER TARGET

LEAD

WALLACE

16 | 00

CRUTCHFIELD

15 | 98

DUNHAM

17 | 85

HIGH

BRINK

13 | 29

LOW

POWERS

10 | 63

HARRIS

12 | 58

LLOYD

12 | 99

BARKSDALE

20 | 02

HAGENBAUGH

60 | 80

EDWARDS

99 | 89

GBIB

19 | 20

CAMPBELL

78 | 89

STERN

78 | 94

ROURKE

81 | 40

ROEHM

03 | 53

VANSANT

99 | 43

MUNSON

18 | 35

HUIE

99 | 24

MAILMAN

03 | 22

STUBER

19 | 24

EXTRA SHIPS

334

335

336

412

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

