

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

APO 634.  
3 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer - Mission of 2 March, 1944, Chartres.

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

1. General Narrative. The 95th Group formation took off at 1401 - 1418. By 1425 the Group has assembled over the base at 2,000 ft, and immediately started the climb to 17,000 ft. Climb was executed to the North and return and assembly altitude was reached by 1515 hours. We crossed over Buncher 11 at 1532 hours, and tacked on to the 100th Group as high Group formation in the 13th Combat Wing. Proceeding south to the English coast, we resumed the climb to bombing altitude. At the English coast we followed the lead group through a 360° turn to the right before crossing the coast at 1616 hours.

The French coast was crossed at 49° 53'N - 00° 50'E, at 1631 hours, 14 miles north of course. At this point we were met by the P 47 fighter escort, which provided excellent cover to the target and return. Our course to the target was well to the left of the briefed route, and the 95th Group leader made repeated attempts to contact the Wing leader by VHF on this point, but was unsuccessful until after leaving the target. The route of the Wing lead took us almost directly to the target, as only a slight turn was made to the right before turning onto an I.P., 20 miles southeast of the briefed I.P. The 95th formation dropped its bombs at 1655, on a magnetic heading of 180°. The 390th formation was unable to drop its bombs on the first run, so we followed the lead group in a 360° turn, while the low group made a second run.

Standard operating speeds were maintained throughout the mission. The group formation was somewhat loose during the climb to assembly altitude, but for the remainder of the mission it was well closed in. Straggling aircraft in the lead Group hampered both the high and low Groups from giving close support until the enemy coast was reached on the way in. From that time until we left wing formation upon return, we were able to maintain proper Wing position as High group.

On the way out the enemy coast was crossed at 50° 06'N 01° 27'E, 10 miles north of course at 1751, and descent to minimum altitude was begun. The English coast was reached over Dungeness at 1818, and the 95th proceeded to base in group formation, arriving over the field at 1900 hours.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking. Twenty four aircraft, including 3 spares, left base in group formation. The three spares, 42-31258, 42-32002, and 42-30322 returned to base as ordered. Thus, 21 A/C were dispatched.

All 21 A/C made sorties.

All 21 A/C bombed the primary target.

3. Lost Aircraft. No aircraft were lost.

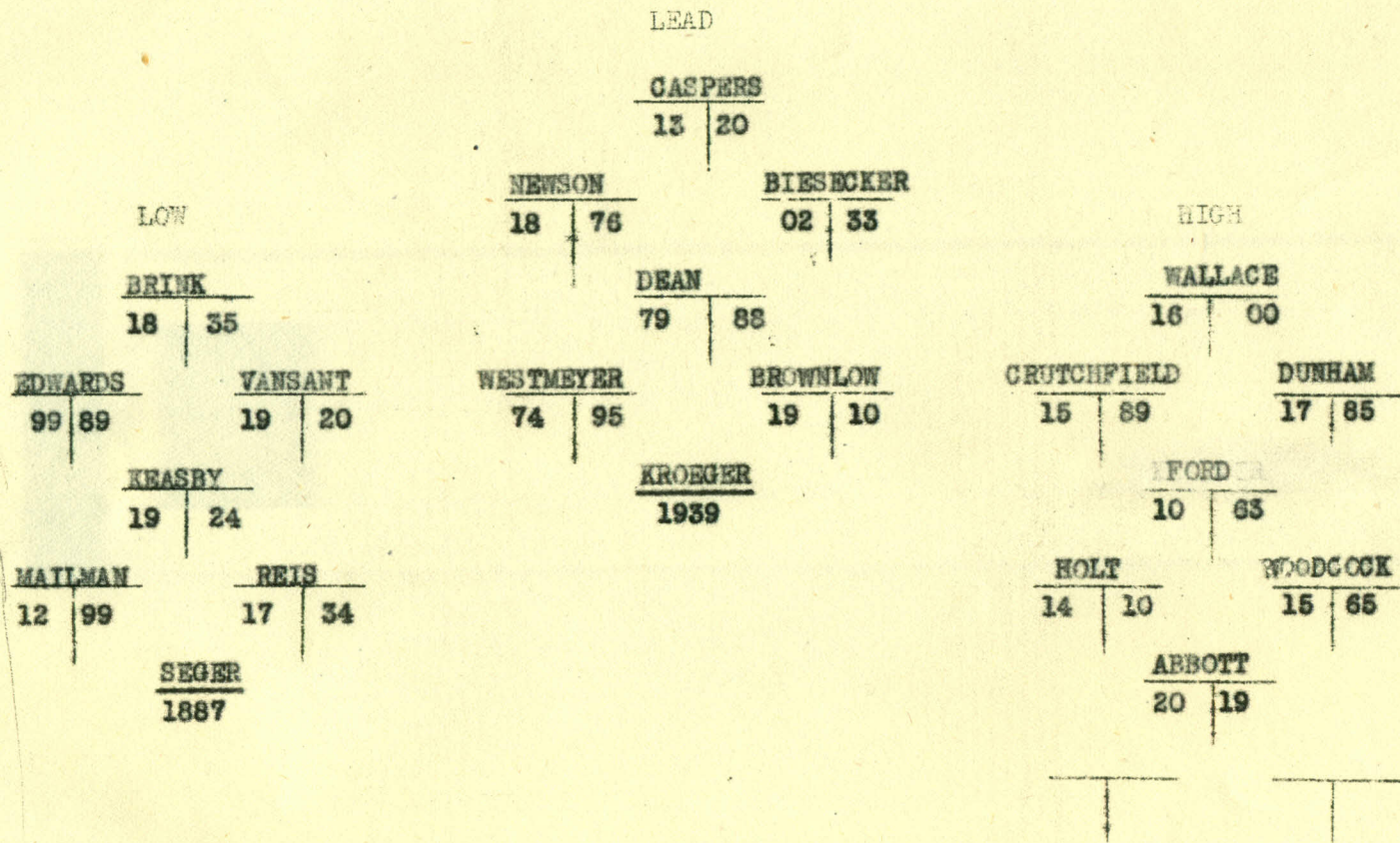
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DIAGRAM "B"  
95th GROUP  
OVER TARGET

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (E)  
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 3 March 1944.



EXTRA SHIPS

- 334 \_\_\_\_\_
- 335 \_\_\_\_\_
- 336 \_\_\_\_\_
- 412 \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFING \_\_\_\_\_

READINESS \_\_\_\_\_

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