

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

APO 634.
4 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer - Mission of 4 March
1944, BERLIN.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "B" Group took off at 0700 - 0718 hours to lead the 13th "A" Combat Wing. By 0730 the 95th "B" Group had assembled above the base at 3,000'. The 95th "A" Group flying as low Group tacked on over the base immediately after take off. The 100th "A" Group flying as high Group joined the two 95th Groups in the vicinity of the base and all three Groups climbed together.

The first control point (51°37' - 00°56'E) was crossed at 0905 at 15,000'. From here course was set for Splasher # 7 and it was crossed at 0917 at 15,000'. The 13th "B" Combat Wing fell into formation at this point. Splasher # 6 was crossed at 0932 at 15,000'. From Spalsher # 6 course was set for Cromer, crossing Cromer at 0946 at 15,000'. The climb to bombing altitude was started at this point with the Combat Wing in good formation.

Bombing altitude of 21,000' was reached at 1037 at 54°12' - 08°50'E. Eight to ten tenths undercast persisted over the North Sea on entire route.

The enemy coast was crossed at 54°15' - 08°50'E at 1118. Shortly after crossing the enemy coast a cirrus layer at flight altitude broke the formations up. Descent below the clouds would have taken the formations too low so a climb on course was started to top the clouds, however when breaking out on top at 25,000' the 95th "B" Group consisted of twelve aircraft.

The Combat Wing leader decided to abandon the mission at 53°40' - 10°30'E at 1145. The enemy coast was crossed on route back by the twelve aircraft of the 95th "B" Group at 1204 at 24,000'. For the main part the 95th "B" Group returned as individual ships.

The main body of the 95th "B" Group crossed the English Coast at Lowestoft at 1348. The 95th "B" Group landed at 1330 - 1438 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twenty one (21) aircraft left the base in the formation shown in Diagram "A". No aircraft returned or aborted, thus twenty one (21) aircraft were dispatched.

Twenty one (21) aircraft crossed the enemy coast shown in formation in Diagram "B", thus twenty one (21) aircraft are credited with sorties.

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

95TH "A" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th A Group took off at 0731 - 0747 hours. By 0755 the 95th "A" Group had assembled above the base at 2,000' and had tacked on to the 95th "B" Group as Low Group.

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. In addition however the following points are to be noted.

a. After crossing the enemy coast point in at $54^{\circ}15'$ - $08^{\circ}50'E$ at 1118 the 95th "A" Group was broken up completely by the clouds. Message was received to climb up through, however when on top the ships of 95th "A" Group were never able to reassemble. The ships of 95th "A" Group abonded the mission when Combat Wing leader announced same over radio.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twenty one (21) aircraft left the base in the formation shown in Diagram "A". Aircraft Nos. 42-3263, 42-31924 and 42-6080 returned early before becoming dispatched. Aircraft No. 42-3529 aborted from the formation after becoming dispatched and is not credited with a sortie, thus eighteen (18) aircraft were dispatched and seventeen (17) aircraft are credited with sorties.

The formation which crossed the enemy coast is shown in Diagram "B"

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

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95TH "A" GROUP
DIAGRAM "A"
ASSEMBLY

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 3 March 1944.

LEAD

REED
12 51

LOW

VANSANT
35 29

EDWARDS
99 89

HIGH

INFIELD
13 29

BRINK
13 35

POWERS
16 00

KEASBY
19 24

HUIE
12 99

HARRIS
01 20

MAILMAN
03 42

CRUTCHFIELD
15 98

ROURKE
81 40

STERN
78 94

DUNHAM
17 85

FAGAN
60 80

HERMAN
05 53

HAGENBAUGH
78 89

WOODCOCK
16 32

MIDWARD
15 65

HOEHM
32 63

HENDERSON
20 02

BRIEFING

BINESS _____
 TIONS _____
 I _____
 E-OFF _____
 DEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

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95TH "B" GROUP
DIAGRAM "A"
ASSEMBLY

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GROUP FORMATION FOR

LEAD

HEARN
12 05

KROGER
19 39

P.F.P.

DEAN
79 88

BROWNLOW
19 10

ABBOTT
20 19

HIGH

ROGERS
13 20

WORTHY
17 34

NESSON
02 35

HIATT
16 81

BIESCHKE
18 87

MCLANE
02 33

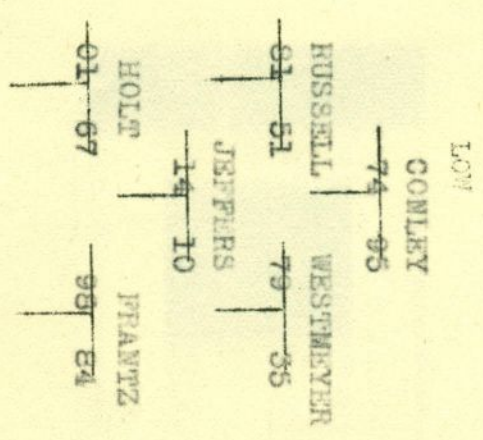
SEGER
16 75

BANNERMAN
17 98

REIS
19 76

EXTRA SHIPS

- 334
- 335
- 336
- 412



PIPING _____

LOADING _____

ATIONS _____

VI _____

AKE-OFF _____

INTEZVOCUS _____