

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

APO 634.  
10 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 9 March  
1944 - Berlin.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 15 A/C, including 2 P.F.F.'s took off at 0746 - 0757 hours. By 0830 the lead and high squadron had assembled at 5000' over Mendlesham buncher. (Not at 2000' because of clouds from 600' to 3000'). During the climb to rendezvous altitude the six A/C from the 100th were picked up forming the low squadron. Course was set for Colchester. The 390th tacked on as low Group four minutes prior to reaching Colchester. The 13th Combat Wing, two Groups as ordered, proceeded to Lowestoft in tight formation, less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in length.

As Lowestoft was approached the 4th and 45th Wings were sighted ahead and on course. The 13th being six minutes late. Thus the 13th left the coast in # 3 position instead of lead of the Division. Left English coast at 1024.

The 4th and 45th Combat Wings "S'ed" on course allowing the 13th to take over the lead of the 3rd Division. The enemy coast was crossed at 1109.

Due to unpredictable winds over the continent the formation drifted off course but with the help of the navigation aid, the P.F.F., the Wing returned to course. At the I.P., Y-Y flares signaled a pathfinder run which was accomplished in very tight wing formation. Bombs away at 1404 hours.

After the bombing the 4th and 45th closed up on the 13th in close Division formation. Let down was begun at the rally point; 170 IAS. The briefed route home was followed.

After recrossing the enemy coast at 12,500' at 1534 hours we let down 500' per minute 170 IAS terminating at 4000'. We crossed the English Coast four miles south of Lowestoft at 1611 hours at 4000'. Fighter support on trip was as briefed. Reaching home base at 1620 hours individual ship peel offs were used to let down through undercast with aid of Mendlesham



buncher. The Group landed from 1622 to 1645.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 15 A/C, put up by 95th Group left base in formation shown in the attached diagram "A". No A/C left formation before becoming dispatched thus 15 A/C were dispatched.

Of these 15 A/C, one (No. 42-31514) turned back before reaching enemy coast and without being attacked and is not credited with a sortie; the remaining 14 A/C did make sorties.

*A/C 1258 dropped at 53 12 N 15 10 E to stay in formation*  
The remaining 13 A/C from the 95th Group went over, and bombed target. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "B".

A detailed description of reasons for failure to attack is given in a separate report on Aircraft not Attacking.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost.

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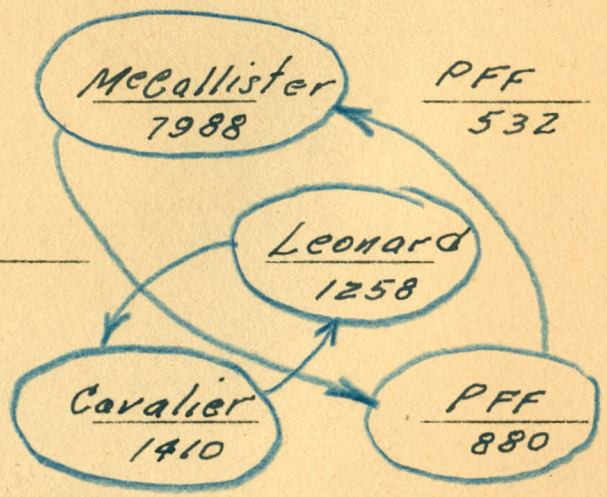
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FORMATION DIAGRAM  
95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)  
DATE March 9 1944  
TIME \_\_\_\_\_

LEAD  
Hearn  
1376

HIGH  
Rogers  
1320

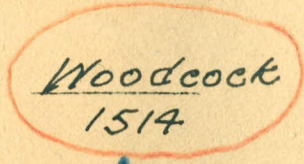


Reis  
7882

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1675

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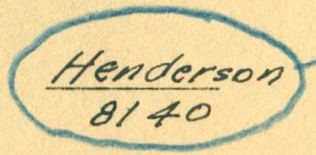
Crutchfield  
1889



Seeger  
1876

EXTRA A/C

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