

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

APO 634.
14 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 13 March, 1944,
Noball.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th Group formation took off at 0835 - 0852 hours, and assembled over the field at 2,000'. At 0855 climb to 10,000' was started, circling in the vicinity of the field. By 0927 the Group had climbed to 8,000', and proceeded on course to Beachyhead, continuing the climb to 20,000'. The formation crossed Beachyhead on time, at an altitude of 18,000', and the formation levelled off at 20,000' over the channel. At this point, the airspeed was increased to normal plus three, as the high squadron experienced difficulty in holding down to normal speed. The low squadron maintained good formation.

The enemy coast was crossed over a 9/10 undercast, the fix obtained with the "Gee" navigation equipment. Cloud coverage over the continent was 8 - 9/10, and squadrons peeled off at the IP as planned, in the event the target should be open. As the target itself was covered, squadrons resumed Group formation and continued on the route out. 2,000' was lost immediately after crossing the target, and descent to 10,000' began upon recrossing the enemy coast at 1055 hours, at 50°08'N - 01°25'E. Cloud tops prevented further descent of the formation until nearing the base upon return. The Group reached home base at 1220, and landed at 1229 - 1253.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 22 A/C, including 1 spare left Base in formation shown in diagram "A". A/C # 0322 left formation over the field, its place being taken by spare A/C # 1063.

All of these 21 A/C were dispatched and are credited with sorties, however the target was not attacked due to cloud cover.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: None.

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Operations Officer.

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FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 13-3-44

TIME

DECLASSIFIED
Authority
By
NARA Date

LEAD

Campbell
1600

LOW

Jeffers
1681

Woodcock
7889

Crutchfield
1589

HIGH

Rogers
1320

Westmyer
1939

Abbott
2019

Edwards
1514

Newson
0235

McLane
1887

McCallister
7988

Rourke
8140

Vansant
1924

Gunn
1675

Holt
3400

Harris
9989

Leaser
0322

Munson
8123

Biescker
1876

Did not take off
Herman
0353

EXTRA

Hagenbaugh
1063

McCall
3263

Reis
7876

EXTRA A/C

Stern
7889
Did not fly