

HEADQUARTERS
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
APO 634

18 March 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 Report - (95 A - Lead Squadron of Composite Group).

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

1. Six aircraft took off between 0915 and 0919 hours to attack target at Augsburg, Germany and all landed at this base between 1803 and 1841 hours. The six aircraft comprised the Lead Squadron of the Composite Group which was the low Group of the 13th Combat Wing. All six aircraft attacked an airdrome at Letchfield, Germany.

2. Approximately 25 - 30 enemy aircraft, mostly FW 190's and Me 109's were encountered between 1445 and 1520 hours on the route back which made sporadic attacks during that period. The attacks occurred between 48°10'N - 09°40'E and the vicinity north of Thaon, France.

3. Meagre inaccurate A.A. fire was reported coming from Dieppe, Epernay area, Amiens and Poix. In the target area, accurate moderate to intense predicted type A.A. fire was encountered.

4. The assigned primary target was obscured by complete undercast and the airdrome near Letchfeld, Germany was attacked. Strike photos show a good pattern in the S.W. portion of the airdrome where the hangars and other installations are located.

5. This Group had no PFF's. The fighter escort was reported as superior through France on route in and back. Along balance of route and through target area there were intervals when no escort aircraft were seen.

FRANK C. EICKEMEYER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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SUBJECT: A.A. Letter, Augsburg Mission.

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

1. Flak this day was reported as coming from Dieppe, Augsburg, Vicinity of Epernay, Amiens, and Poix. All was reported as meagre and inaccurate except that from Augsburg which was moderate to intense of predicted type and accurate. Two of our aircraft received minor damage by flak. One had its #1 engine damaged while the other one had its right aileron damaged.

For the Intelligence Officer:

CLYDE H. BINGHAM,
Captain, Air Corps,
A.A. Officer.

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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations OfficerAPO 634.
19 March 1944.SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 18 March 1944,
Augsburgh.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 22 A/C including 2 P.F.F.'s and 1 spare took off from base at 0935 - 0952 hours to form the main 95th Group formation. Due to a very thick haze layer the Group assembly was effected at 10,000' over base (not at 2000' as planned.) 95 Composite Group had assembled with the squadron from 390 and 100 Groups over this base and tacked on as low Group at 13,000'. Throughout the remainder of the climb the Composite Group up and in trail to the 95th main formation. Proceeding to the Combat Wing rendezvous it was observed that cloud formations would interfere with the assembly. At 14,000' approximately 10 miles east of Buncher # 11 the 390 Group tacked on as high Group to complete 13 Combat Wing formation.

The 13 Combat Wing, leading the 3rd Bomb Division, then proceeded to Buncher # 7. Enroute verbal R/T instructions were received pertaining to height of cloud base, thus additional altitude was not gained at the briefed place and time. Leaving English coast from Dungeness at 1142 hours, at 14,000' the 13 Combat Wing began climbing. The enemy coast was crossed at 1201 at 17,000'. Upon reaching 18,000' cloud formations prevented the gaining of additional altitude at that time. By 1353 hours at 48°05'N 09°38'E an altitude of 22,000' had been reached. (Not 23,000' as briefed due to clouds.) Fighter support was reported very good enroute to the target as was the Combat Wing formation.

At the I.P. VHF and flare signals were given to open bomb bay doors. The primary target was covered with clouds, thus another target was chosen. Trouble was experienced with AFCE on bombing run, thus PDI was flown. Bombs were away at 1412 on magnetic heading of 123° from 22,000'.

After bombing the 95th main Group lost 1,000' and rally was effected without incidence. After the rally let down to 15,000' was begun. The return route was flown as briefed with slight deviations to the north of course to avoid prop wash from Groups ahead.

The enemy coast was recrossed at 14,000' at 1716. Land-fall was made on the English coast at 50°55'N 00°55'E at 1738 at 5,000'. Base was reached at 1810 hours and landing was from 1819 - 1838 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 22 A/C including 2 P.F.F. and 1 spare left base in formation shown in Diagram "A". A/C # 8140 returned early before being dispatched, his place being taken by spare A/C. No sortie. A/C # 0322 returned before being dispatched. His place being taken by A/C from another Group. No sortie. A/C # 0342 left formation before being dispatched. No sortie. A/C # 3400 returned early before being dispatched. No sortie. A/C # 1632 left formation after being dispatched.

Thus 16 A/C plus 2 P.F.F. were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

All of these 16 A/C that went over the target, bombed same. Formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "B".

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: None.

COMPOSITE GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 95 - 390 - 100 Composite.

6 A/C took off from base at 0915 - 0919 to form the lead squadron of the Composite Group. The high squadron, composed of 9 A/C from 390 Group, and low squadron, 6 A/C from 100 Group, made rendezvous with 95 lead squadron over the Mendelsham Buncher. Thick haze layer prevented assembly at briefed altitude.

Proceeding to Buncher # 11 the Composite Group joined as low Group to 95 main Group at 13,000' and continued to climb in trail with the main group.

Reference is made to the report of the 95 main Group formation for a general narrative of the remainder of the mission, which was flown in company with main 95 Group. In addition, however, the following points are to be noted.

(a) The low squadron contributed by 100 Group did not stay closed up as tightly as it should have.

no
(Low sqd of 95 B)

The position of A/C contributed by 95 Group shown in Diagram "A" - assembly, Diagram "B" - over target.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: All six A/C put up by 95 Group were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

Six A/C bombed the target.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: None.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634

E-I-15



18 March 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th Group Formation

Mission of 18 March 1944

- A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... 20 and 2 PFF
- B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 20 and 2 PFF
- C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 18 and 2 PFF
- D. Number of A/C Dispatched..... 16 and 2 PFF
- E. Number of A/C Attacking..... 15 and 2 PFF
- F. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 3
- G. Number of Sorties..... 16 and 2 PFF
- H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:

(A/C 42-38140 and 42-30322 No Sortie. Not Dispatched.
Formation filled by aircraft from other groups so
returned as unused spares)

- 1. A/C 42-31632 Sortie. Left formation after being dispatched
because of: (a) # 4 engine throwing oil.
- 2. A/C 42-30342 No Sortie. Left formation before being dispatched
because of: (a) Oil pressure dropped.
- 3. A/C 42-3400 No Sortie. Left formation before being dispatched
because of: (a) # 3 run away prop.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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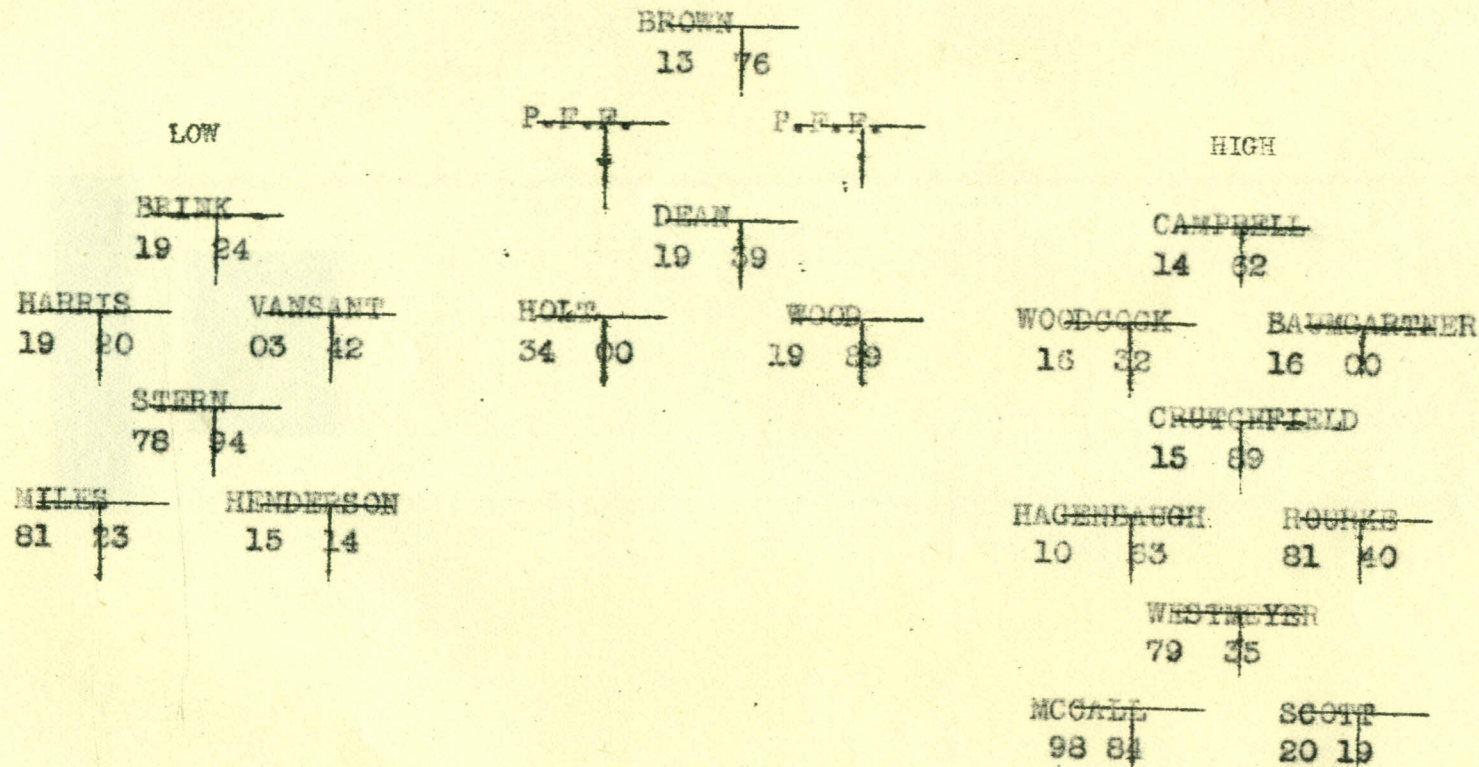
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95th MAIN GROUP
DIAGRAM "A"
ASSEMBLY

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 18 March 1944.

LEAD



EXTRA SHIPS

- 334 _____
- 335 _____
- 336 _____
- 412 _____

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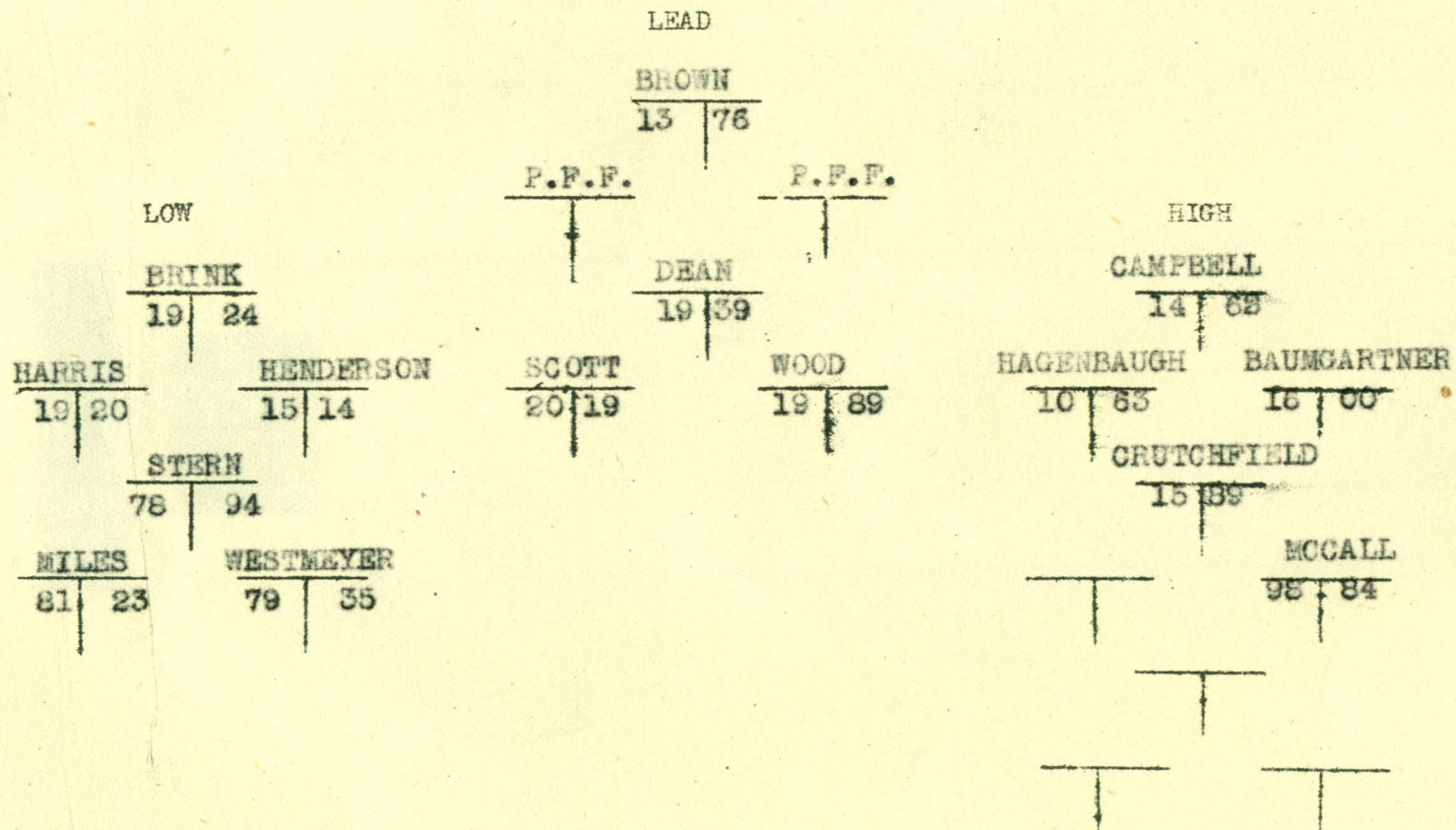
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 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 ENDEZVOUS _____

95th MAIN GROUP
 DIAGRAM "B"
 OVER TARGET

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 18 March 1944.



EXTRA SHIPS

- 334 _____
- 335 _____
- 336 _____
- 412 _____

BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 OPERATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 ENDEZVOJS _____

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95th COMPOSITE GROUP
DIAGRAM "A"
ASSEMBLY

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 18 March 1944.

LEAD

HIATT

13 20

SEGER

18 67

MCLANE

98 69

HUBBS

16 75

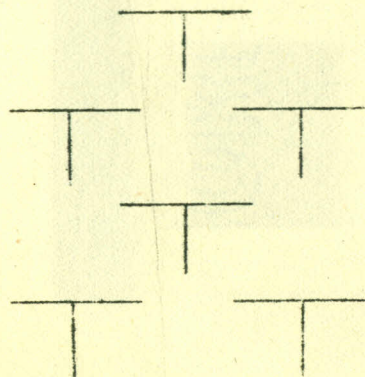
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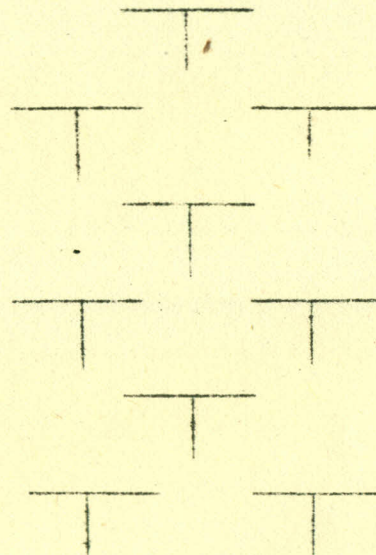
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LOW



HIGH



EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

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LEADING _____
READINESS _____
POSITIONS _____
EXI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
INDEVELOPS _____

95TH COMPOSITE GROUP
 DIAGRAM "B"
 OVER TARGET

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 18 March 1944.

LEAD

HIATT

13 20

SEGER

18 37

MCLANE

98 69

HUBBS

18 75

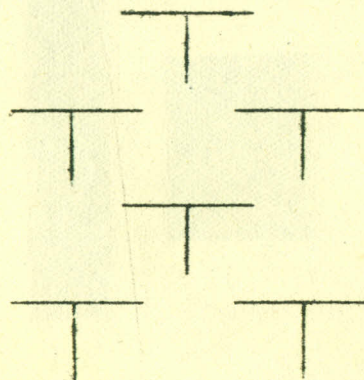
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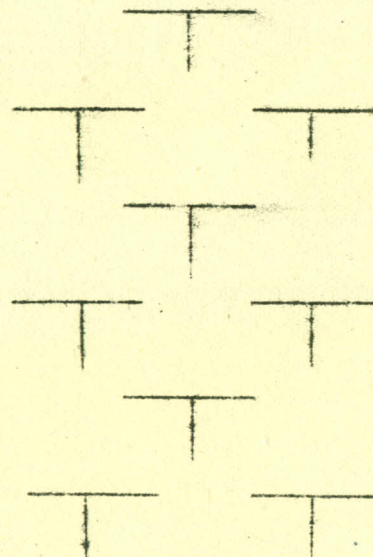
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LOW



HIGH



EXTRA SHIPS

334

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336

412

BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 ENDEZVOJS _____

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95th Composite Group

A.T.F.

C.W.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 18-3-44

TIME

LEAD
Hiatt
1320

Newson
~~Sgt~~ 1887
~~0178~~

McLone
9869

390th Group

Hubbs
1675

Ries
~~Ries~~
1681

Seeger
~~1887~~
0178

EXTRA

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ABORTIVE

MISSING

CHANGES

EX

"B" Group

A.T.F.

C.W.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 18-3-44

TIME _____

LEAD
Brown
1376

LOW
Brink
1924

HIGH
Campbell
1462

PFF

PFF

Harris
1920

Vansant
0342

Dean
1939

Woodcock
1632

Baumgartner
1600

stern
7894

Holt
3400

Wood
1989

Crutchfield
1589

Miles
8123

Henderson
1514

Hagenbaugh
1063

Rourke
8140

Westmyer
1935

McCall
9884

Scott
2019

Bannerman
0322 *Sparr*

EXTRA

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ABORTIVE ○
MISSING _____
CHANGES ○

