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The briefed course was followed to the I.P. Flak was sighted at Hamburg, but did not affect our formation. The Wing reached the I.P., 13 minutes early, due to difference in briefed and actual winds, arriving there at 1316. Fighters were notified at each control point, of the changed times, and were able to rendezvous with the bombers as planned. The 13th Wing turned at the I.P. and the signal was given by the Wing Leader to bomb visually on the secondary target. The 390th Group peeled off first, followed by the 100th and 95th Groups; the three Groups having approximately a 1000 yard interval between them. Bombs were away at 1319 and a sharp right turn was made. The target was covered by B/10 clouds with a few breaks over the city itself. As the right turn was made, several groups of B-17's coming in from the left, disturbed our Wing's turn and delayed its rally. Rally was finally effected in about 10 minutes.

Wing formation remained good on the way out. At 1329, letdown to 18,000 feet at 200 feet per minute was begun. The formation flew at little north of course on the return, bringing them within range of the Bremen flak. The enemy coast was re-crossed at 1515, altitude 10000' and descent begun at 170 miles per hour, 500 feet per minute. Two-thirds of the way across the English Channel, a hole was sighted in the clouds below, and the 13th Wing made a 360° turn descending through this break. Top of the cloud layer was 4,500 feet and bottoms at 2,000 feet. During the descent the 95th Group became separated from the Wing, and so continued to the coast alone. It reached the English Coast at 1615 and base at 1626, landing at 1630-1650.

2. Aircraft Not Attacking: Twenty-three aircraft, including two spares, left base in the formation shown in attached Diagram "A". Spare a/c # 42-31989 and #42-31992 were not needed and turned back at a point 05°10'N-03°00'E as ordered. Thus twenty one aircraft were dispatched.

All twenty-one aircraft went over the target and returned to base.

3. Lost Aircraft: None.

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

FORM 3

STATION

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DATE

22 MAR 1944

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
336	J	1939	KROEGER			815		1637	
"	H	7068	WESTMYER			835 ⁺		1638	
	F	8127	CAVALIER			817		1636	
	#	9884							
"	G	1410	DEAN			817 ⁺		1640	
412	J	1798	BIESECKER			818 ⁺		1641	
336	C	7168	WOOD			819		1639	
334	A	1835	LEONARD	HIGH		820		1645	
"	E	8123	CUMMINGHAM			823		1647	
"	Q	1924	MILES			821		1644	
412	X	1999	LEASER			822 ⁺		1650	
334	J	1258	ENGLE			823 ⁺		1651	
412	R	9869	NEWSON			824		1648	
	S	7870							
"	T	7882	GUNN			825 ⁺		1651	
"	W	1675	BANNERMAN			826 ⁺		1647	
"	K	1887	SEGER			827		1631	
335	M	1600	EDWARDS	LOW		829		1633	
								1630	

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

V-A-2

APO 559,
22 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission 23 March 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 95th Bomb Gp (H). Attn: Lt Col MC KNIGHT.

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission of the 95th Bombardment Group (H) on 23 March 1944.

- a. Twenty-three (23) B-17 airplanes took-off. 42-31992 and 42-31989 returned as per schedule.
- b. Twenty-one (21) B-17 airplanes returned to base after completion of mission.
- c. All aircraft took-off as per schedule.

2. There were no abortive airplanes.

3. Battle damage is as follows:

- a. 42-38123 - #2 tokyo tank damaged by flak.
- b. 42-31924 - Sheet metal damage. (FLAK)
- c. 42-31835 - #2 engine damaged by flak.
- d. 42-31063 - #2 induction system damaged by flak.
- e. 42-31589 - #3 feeder tank damaged by flak.
- f. 42-31600 - Vickers unit damaged by flak.
- g. 42-31652 - Tokyo tank in right wing damaged by flak.
- h. 42-38127 - Pushrod and ignition harness on #3 engine damaged by flak.

GARFIELD R. BENSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Base Engr. Officer.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 22-3-44

TIME _____

A.T.F.

C.W.

LEAD

Kroger *
1939

LOW

Edwards
1600

Cavalier
8127

Westmyer
7068

HIGH

Leonard *
1835

Hagenbaugh *
1063

Henderson
1632

Dean
1410

Miles *
1924

Cunningham
8123

Geib
1589

Wood
7168

Biesecker *
1798

Leaser
1999

Martin
7879

McFee *
8140

Newson
7876

Engle *
1258

ABORTIVE ○

MISSING _____

CHANGES _____

Extra

Rivenbark
1989

EXTRA

Extra

Ford
1992

Gunn
7882

EXTRA

Seger
1887

Bannerman *
1675