

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

APC 559
27 March 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 26 March
1944, Noball.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Group, APC 559.

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th Group took off at 1225 - 1242 hours and assembled over base by 1245 at 2000'. Beginning the climb from base, it reached Splasher 7 at 1356, altitude 16000', and proceeded on to Splasher 8, assembling with the 390th Group at that point. The 390th, flying low Group, completed the Combat Wing, so course was set for Brighton.

Brighton was reached at 1419, on course and on time, at 21000'. The 95th Group and 13th Wing were in good formation. No clouds were in sight, although a ground haze persisted.

The briefed course across English Channel was followed; enemy coast crossed at 21000' at 1448 hours. The 390th took their interval for bombing, and the high squadron of the 95th echeloned down. At the I.P. (1453 hours) the 95th squadrons peeled off in order: lead, high, and low. The Lead Squadron dropped their bombs on first run although the seventh ship in formation failed to drop due to mechanical failure. Its bombs were jettisoned in channel on return. The lead squadrons bombs were away at 1500. The high squadron made three runs on target, the third run being successful with bombs away at 1523. The low squadron made two runs on target with bombs away at 1510.

Due to extra runs, no attempt was made to reassemble the Group, each squadron returning to base individually. All 21 ships of the formation returned, landing being effected at 1622 - 1704 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twenty one aircraft left base and went over target as shown on attached diagrams "A" and "B".

One aircraft, 42-37290, failed to bomb target due to rack failure. Bombs were jettisoned in channel on return.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: None.

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 559

E-I-15

26 March 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th Group Formation

Mission of 26 March 1944

- A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... 21
- B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 21
- C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 21
- D. Number of A/C Dispatched..... 21
- E. Number of A/C Attacking..... 20
- F. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 1
- G. Number of Sorties..... 21
- H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:

- 1. A/C 42-97290 Sortie. Failed to attack after being dispatched because of: (a) Motor burned out in electrical bomb control release.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
✓ 336	U	1376	BROWN		1225			1628	
412	U	0235	NEWSON		1235			1629	
"	K	1887	BANNERMAN		1226			1627	
"	M	1320	GUNN		1227			1630	
"	T	7882	SEGER		1227			1622	
336	C	7168	RIVENBARK		1228			1629	
334	H	7290	BECKELMAN		1229			1631	
✓ 412	X	1999	MILWARD		1230			1700	
335	M	1600	BAUMGARTNER		1230			1701	
"	H	7264	HENDERSON		1231			1659	
"	K	1514	GEIB		1232			1703	
336	G	1410	JACOBSON		1242			1704	
335	T	1063	HAGENBAUGH		1236			1702	
"	W	8140	ROURKE		1235			1657	
✓ 334	G	1920	STERN		1237			1643	
"	L	7894	FORD		1238			1643	

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 26-3-44

TIME _____

_____ A.T.F.

_____ C.W.

LEAD

Brown
1376

LOW

HIGH

Stern
1920

Bannerman
1887

Newson
0235

Milward
1999

Miles
1993

Ford
7894

Gunn
1320

Henderson
7264

Baumgartner
1600

Huie
1992

Rivenbark
7168

Seeger
7882

Geib
1514

Eagle
1924

Kirby
1258

over target but failed to bomb
Beckelman
7290

Hagenbaugh
1063

Jacobson
1410

Scott
1798

Rourke
8140

ABORTIVE _____

EXTRA _____

EXTR _____

MISSING _____

CHANGES _____