

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

APO 559  
28 March 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 27 March 1944,  
Cazaux, France.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Group (H), APO 559.

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The main 95th Group formation took off at 1000 - 1024 hours to form the lead Group in the 13th Combat Wing formation. Assembly was made at 7500' at Mendlesham buncher above the overcast. By 1045 the main 95th Group had formed and started it's climb to Combat Wing assembly altitude. The 390th "A" and "B" Groups were in sight during the climb and rendezvous made with them as schueled at Splasher # 6. A point six (6) miles southeast of Splasher # 6 was crossed at 1125 at 12000' with the 390th "B" and "A" in high and low Group position respectively. Splasher # 7 was cut short about seven (7) miles at 1138 to enable the 4th Combat Wing to fall into echelon right formation. Splasher # 8 was crossed at 1154 with the 13th and 4th Combat Wings in good formation. Shoreham was crossed on route out at 1207½ at 12000'.

Landfall was made at the enemy coast at 49°24' - 01°07'W at 1237. A solid undercast which had persisted up to this time broke off into a very light haze. The briefed route was flown from this point to the target. Fighter rendezvous were made as briefed.

A red flare was fired at the I.P. at 1431 and a good bombing run was had by the 95th main Group with bombs away at 1436½. Rally was a little slow as not a sharp enough turn was planned at the Rally Point.

The briefed course was flown back with enemy coast crossed at 49°23' - 00°56'W at 1640 at 12000'. The English coast was crossed at Selsey Bill at 1715 at 10000'. Both 390th Groups were broken off at this point to descend in an area west of London as ordered by 3rd Bomb Division.

The main 95th Group formation returned to base beneath the overcast at 1819 and landed at 1820 - 1849.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twenty three (23) aircraft including two spares assembled in the formation shown in diagram "A". Aircraft # 42-31258 returned as an unused spare. Aircraft # 42-37876 filled in with the 390th "B" Group as # 8 ship in the high squadron.

Of the twenty two (22) aircraft dispatched, all are credited with sorties and all attacked the primary target.

The position of aircraft of the main 95th Group over the target is shown in diagram "B".

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost from the main 95th Group.

95th - 390th "B" Composite Formation

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: Six (6) aircraft took off at 0920 - 0924 to form the low squadron for the 390th "B" Group formation. Assembly and rendezvous of these six ships with the 390th "B" Group was made over Buncher # 11 at 12000' at 1045. The remainder of the mission was flown in company with the 390th "B" Group and reference is made to the report of the 390th "B" Group for a summary of the remainder of the mission.

There are no additional comments to offer as no difficulty was experienced by the 95th Composite Squadron in formation.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Six (6) aircraft of the 95th Group assembled in the formation shown in diagram "A".

All six aircraft were dispatched and are credited with sorties. All six aircraft bombed the primary target in the formation shown in diagram "B".

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost from the 95th Composite Squadron.

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

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APO 559

E-I-15

27 March 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th Group Formation

Mission of 27 March 1944

- A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... 21 and 2 Spares
- B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 21 and 2 Spares
- C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 22
- D. Number of A/C Dispatched..... 22
- E. Number of A/C Attacking..... 22
- F. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 0
- G. Number of Sorties..... 22
- H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:

None

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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

V-A-2

APO 559,  
27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report for Combat Mission 27 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 27 March 1944.

- a. Twenty-nine (29) B-17 airplanes took off. 42-51258 returned as extra 'ship.
- b. Twenty-eight (28) B-17 airplanes returned to base after completing mission.
- c. All aircraft took-off as per schedule.

2. There were no abortive airplanes.

3. There was no battle damage.

GARFIELD R. BENSEN  
Major, Air Corps  
Base Engr Officer

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 27-3-44

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

A.T.F.

C.W.

LEAD

Brown  
1376

LOW

Stern  
1924

Wood  
1675

Gunn  
7232

HIGH

Milward  
1320

Engle  
7894

Miles  
8123

Leaser  
9869

Martin  
1600

Henderson  
7264

Harris  
1993

Newson  
1681

Bannerman  
1876

Geib  
1514

Ford  
9924

Bachuzewski  
1992

Wright  
7879

Baber  
8140

Crutchfield  
1589

ABORTIVE ○

MISSING \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA

Extra

EXTRA A

Buckland  
7876

Thompson  
1258

Schappacasse

Jacobson  
1410

Filled in with 390th  
Comp. Gp

390th Composite Group

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By MS NARA Date 1-3-09

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ A.T.F.

\_\_\_\_\_ C.W.

390th B

LOW

Abbott  
2019

McColl  
7168

Holt  
7068

Scott  
8127

Rivenbark  
1989

Kirby  
7120

ABORTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA \_\_\_\_\_

EXTR \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

Buckland.  
Extra from 95th Grp