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

APO 559
28 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer - Mission of 28 March
1944 - Cheataudun France.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. The 95th Group formation took-off at 1030-1055 to fly as low Group in the 13th Combat Wing formation. Due to an overcast, assembly was made at 7000' over Mendlesham Buncher. By 1120 the 95th Group had assembled and started its climb to Combat Wing rendezvous altitude. During the climb the lead Group (390th) was spotted and climb to altitude was made in company with them. Splasher #7 was crossed at 1219 at 16,500'. The 95th Group was about two miles behind the 390th Group at this point so Luton was cut short and the 95th fell into good Combat Wing formation at this point.

The 4th and 45th Combat Wings were late at Division rendezvous point and this caused considerable "S"ing while over England to drop back behind them. The English Coast was crossed on route out at $50^{\circ}47' - 00^{\circ}41'W$ at 1306 at 17,000'. The 13th Combat Wing was in good defensive formation at this point. The enemy coast was then crossed at $49^{\circ}18' - 00^{\circ}08'W$ at 1335 at 17,000'.

The route to the I.P. was flown as briefed with the Groups peeling off in good interval for their target runs. Visibility was good and no interference was experienced on the bombing run. Bombs were away on the primary target at 1415½ at 17,000'. Evasive action after bombs away, was taken to the right, thereby avoiding all the flak.

The Rally Point was cut short to rendezvous with the 390th Group, however their speed on return was above normal and good defensive formation was not obtained. The route back was flown as briefed and the enemy coast crossed on route back at $49^{\circ}18' - 00^{\circ}08'W$ at 1454 at 16,400'. Descent to minimum altitude was started at mid-channel.

The English Coast was crossed at $50^{\circ}51' - 00^{\circ}28'E$ at 1631. When northeast of the London area the 95th Group was dispatched to return to the base alone. Considerable difficulty was encountered locating the base due to a dense haze layer. The 95th Group landed at 1641-1702 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. Twenty four (24) aircraft including three (3) spares assembled in the formation shown in Diagram "A".

All twenty four (24) aircraft were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

Twenty three (23) aircraft bombed the primary target in the formation shown in Diagram "B". One aircraft, #42-31989, failed to bomb due to rack failure.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT. There were no aircraft lost from 95th Group.

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

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APO 559

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28 March 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING95th Group FormationMission of 28 March 1944

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|---|-----------------|
| A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... | 21 and 3 Spares |
| B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... | 21 and 3 Spares |
| C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... | 24 |
| D. Number of A/C Dispatched..... | 24 |
| E. Number of A/C Attacking..... | 23 |
| F. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... | 1 |
| G. Number of Sorties..... | 24 |
| H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack: | |

1. 42-31989 Sortie. Failed to attack after being dispatched because of: (a) Rack failure.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

Combat Mission

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	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
412	X	1999	Mumford	(Lead)		1030		1650	
35	Z	1632	Mumford			1031		1651	
	T	1063	Baughnough			1032		1650	
	O	1589	Crutchfield			1033		1653	
34	C	0353	Ford			1034		1653	
35	X	7879	Oeluea			1035		1652	
36	J	1929	Kroeger	(Lead)		1036		1658	
	F	8127	Scott			1037		1658	
	B	1989	Rivenbark			1038		1657	
	R	2019	abbott			1039		1700	
	G	1410	Jacobson			1040		1702	
34	P	1992	Bachuszewski			1041		1700	
	Q	1924	Stern			1043		1617	
	J	1258	Thompson			1046		1618	
	E	8123	Engle			1050		1619	

MUMFORD
BCID 1999

<u>LINDLEY</u> 10235	<u>HAGENBAUGH</u> 1063	<u>BAUMGARTNER</u> 1632	<u>KROEGER</u> BCID 1939
<u>BANNERMAN</u> 7882	<u>NEWSOM</u> 1876	<u>CRUTCHFIELD</u> C1 1589	<u>RIVENBARK</u> B 1589
<u>LEASER</u> 9839	<u>DELUCA</u> 7879	<u>FORD</u> 0353	<u>ABBOTT</u> C2 2019
<u>BUCKLAND</u> D 7876	<u>ROTTSTEDT</u> 0342	<u>PACHUZEWSKI</u> 1992	<u>JACOBSON</u> 1410
	EXTRA	<u>STERN</u> 1924	
C1 -AM. FTR.	<u>haber</u> 8140	<u>ENGLE</u> 8123	<u>THOMPSON</u> D 1258
C2 -Dr. FTR.	<u>MADDOX</u> 1897	<u>BECKELMAN</u> 7194	

READINESS 0630
 STATIONS 0730
 TAXI 0745
 TAKE-OFF 0800
 RENDEZVOUS 0820 @ 2000 ft

EXTRA SHIPS
 834 9924
 335 1514
 838 7120
 412 1320

RENDEZVOUS ALTITUDES:

BOEMING ALTITUDES:

OPERATING PROCEDURES

100th
19000
390th
18000
95th
17000
 MF/DF N

390th
 18,000
95th
 17,000
 BOMBER-BOMBER A

100th
 19,000
95th
 17,000
 FIGHTER-BOMBER C

CLIMB 150 mph @ 250 fpm
 CRUISE 155 mph
 DESCENT 170 mph @ 500 fpm

VHF CALL SIGNS: AM. BR.

VHF/DF STATIONS:

BOMBERS GOLDSMITH 3-3
 FIGHTERS _____
 GROUND TACKLINE

CHANNEL A.
 FRAMMINGHAM: SERUM D/F
 CHANNEL B.

BOPY ST. EDWARDS: CHAIRLEG D/F
 DEOPHAM GREEN: CHANNEL B (by request)

R/T COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS:

GROUP R/T CALL SIGNS: A B
 LEAD SQUADRON FIREBALL RED
 HIGH SQUADRON RED HIGH
 LOW SQUADRON RED LOW

15TH B.G. FIREBALL ABLE
 95TH B.G. " RED
 100TH B.G. " YELLOW
 390TH B.G. " GREEN

FLARES:

15TH B.G. CG
 95TH B.G. RG
 100TH B.G. RY
 390TH B.G. GC

COLORS OF THE DAY:

0700-1300 R-V w-Willie P-Peter
1300-1900 R-R V-Yoke B-Baker

PERIOD CARTRIDGE CHALLENGE REPLY

15TH B.G. COLLECTIVE ALDIS

95TH B.G. COLLECTIVE ALDIS FOR NIGHT RENDEZVOUS

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

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APO 634.
28 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission 28 March 1944.

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

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission of the 95th Bombardment Group (H) on 28 March 1944.

- a. Twenty-four (24) B-17 airplanes took-off.
- b. Twenty-four (24) B-17 airplanes returned to base after completing mission.
- c. All aircraft took-off as scheduled.

2. There were no abortive airplanes.

3. Battle damage is as follows:

- a. 42-38123 - Minor sheet metal damage.
- b. 42-32992 - Tokio tank punctured.
- c. 42-37879 - Minor skin damage.
- d. 42-30235 - Minor skin damage.
- e. 42-31876 - Right outer wing panel damaged.

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

A.T.F.

C.W.

By HP NARA Date 1-20

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 28-3-44

TIME _____

LEAD

Mumford
1999

LOW

HIGH

Lindley
0235

Hagenbaugh
1063

Baumgartner
1632

Kroeger
1939

Bannerman
7882

Newson
1876

Crutchfield
1589

Rivenbark
1989

Scott
8127

Leaser
9869

Deluca
7879

Ford
0353

Abbott
2019

Buckland
7876

Rottstedt
0342

X ←

Bachuzewski
1992

Jacobson
1410

Bober
8140
EXTRA

Stern
1924

EXTRA A

ABORTIVE _____

MISSING _____

CHANGES _____

Maddox
1887

Beckelman
7194

Engle
8123

Thompson
1258

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