

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

2 April 1944

SUBJECT: S-3 Report, Combat Mission, April 1, 1944, 95B Group.  
TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Gp., APO 559,

1. 95B GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95B Group formation took off from base at 0620-0640. By 0645 group assembly had been effected over base at 2000'. Climb to assembly altitude was begun at that time and the group proceeded to Lowestoft. Approaching Lowestoft from Southeast at 19,000 ft., the Group sighted the 100th Group, leading 13 Comb t Wing, coming in from a Northerly direction. The C.W. leader directed 95B Group to proceed generally North, and form as low group on the 100th Group. In C.W. formation, 95B proceeded to Spl. #6, passing approximately 10 miles to the left of it. To make good the control time at Clacton course was altered 10 miles to the left.

Leaving the English coast at 0829 at 19,000, course was set for the enemy coast. Visibility was very restricted due to cloud cover above and below the briefed altitude. Several turns were made en route to enemy coast.

The lead group, to avoid cloud formations began to lose altitude, infrequently. At this time it was noted that one wing ahead was going into the clouds, and visibility was reduced still further.

The enemy coast was crossed at 0853 at 18,000 on course. Additional altitude was lost while proceeding inland.

At 5055 0320E at 0908 Hours the C.W. leader elected to abandon the mission. A wide turn was made and French coast was recrossed at 5108N 0240E at 16,000'. The lead group at approximately Mid channel jettisoned bombs, some of which fell very close to 95B low squadron.

Let down was begun at this time, English coast crossed at 0950 at Lowestoft at 7,000'. Landings were from 1014-1036 hrs.

2. A/C NOT ATTACKING: 23 A/C, including two spares, left base in formation in attached diagram "A". A/C #7194 and #1798 turned back before being dispatched as unused spares. Thus 21 A/C were dispatched.

21 A/C abandoned the mission before reaching target due to adverse weather conditions. A/C # 1989 jettisoned his bombs in the channel as ordered by Flying Control.

21 A/C are credited with sorties. Formation crossing enemy coast is same as diagram "A".

3. A/C LOST: None.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 659

E-I-15

1 April 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th (Composite) Group Formation

Mission of 1 April 1944

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| A. Number of A/C Scheduled.....   | 6 |
| B. Number of A/C Taking Off.....  | 6 |
| C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares.....   | 6 |
| D. Number of A/C Dispatched.....  | 6 |
| E. Number of A/C Attacking.....   | 0 |
| F. Number of A/C Not Attacking.....   | 6 |
| G. Number of Sorties.....   | 6 |
| H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:   |   |
| 1. A/C 42-31462, 42-97264, 42-31514, 42-31589, 42-36140, 42-57879.<br>Sorties. Failed to attack after being dispatched because<br>of: (a) Mission abandoned by Combat Wing, due to weather. |   |

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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## FORM 3

STATION

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DATE

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LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
336	<del>1234</del>	KROEGER			0600		1021	
336	F 8127	SCOTT			0601 <sup>+</sup>			
336	B 1989	RIVENBARK			0602 <sup>+</sup>		1021	
336	K 7935	CAVALIER			0623		1023	
336	H 7068	MCCALL			0623 <sup>+</sup>		1024	
336	E 7120	KIRBY			0624 <sup>+</sup>		1020	
334	K 8178	LEONARD			0625		1028	
334	H 7290	ROTTSTEDT			0626		1030	
334	L 7894	FORD			0627		1027	
334	Q 1924	VANSANT			0627		1032	
334	C 1258	THOMPSON			0628		1033	
<del>334</del>	<del>B</del> <del>8123</del>	BACHUREWSKI			0629		1034	
334	G 1920	HARRIS			0629 <sup>+</sup>		1030	
336	L 7205	MAIER			0630		1036	
335	Z 1632	MARTIN			0631		1034	
412	X 1999	HIATT			0631		1015	
412	R 9869	BIESFCKER			0633		1016	



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FORM 3

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	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
412	O	7232	McLANE			0634	1014		
412	M	1320	LEASER			0634 <sup>+</sup>	1014		
412	T	7882	SCHIAFFACASSE			0635 <sup>+</sup>	1018		
412	S	7876	BUCKLAND			0636 <sup>+</sup>	1017		
336	O	7194	JACOBSON	SPARE		0638 <sup>+</sup>	924		
412	J	1798	MADDOX	"		0640	914		
COMPOSITE GROUP									
335	R	1462	MILWARD			0606	1100		
335	H	7264	HENDERSON			0607	1101		
335	K	1514	HAGENBAUGH			0608	1100		
335	O	1589	CRITCHFIELD			0609	1103		
335	W	8140	BABER			0610	1104		
335	U	7879	McFEE			0611	1102		
335	T	1063	EDWARDS			0517	0731	WEATHER SHIP	

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

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APO 559,  
3 April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission of 1 April, 1944.

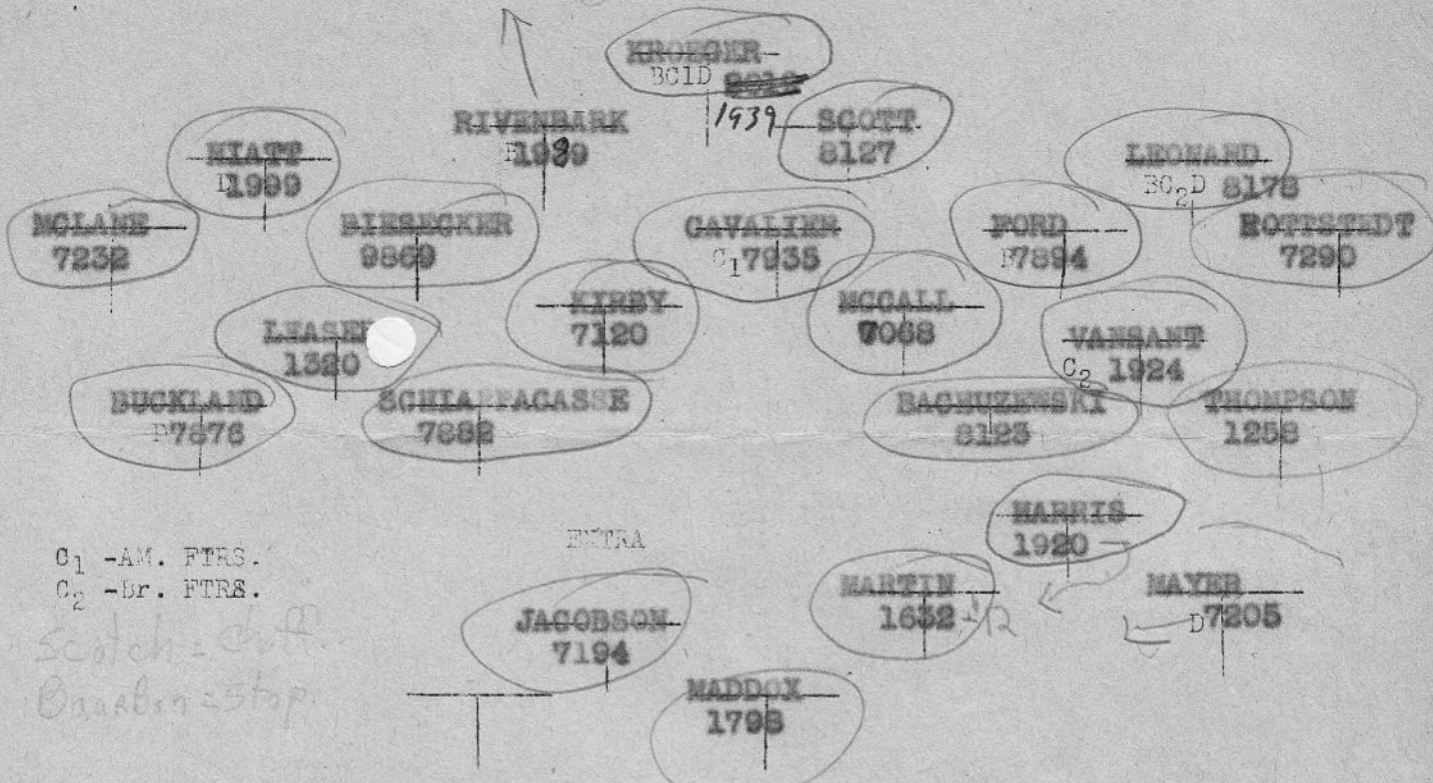
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 95th Bombardment Group (H). Attn: Lt Col MC KNIGHT.

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

- a. Twenty-nine (29) B-17 airplanes took-off. Two (2) returned to base as per schedule.
  - b. Twenty-seven (27) B-17 airplanes returned to base.
  - c. All aircraft took-off as scheduled.
2. There were no abortive airplanes.
  3. There was no battle damage.

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

*Creek lands at Hinington  
 Couldn't get wheel down  
 Dropping bombs in  
 Channel*



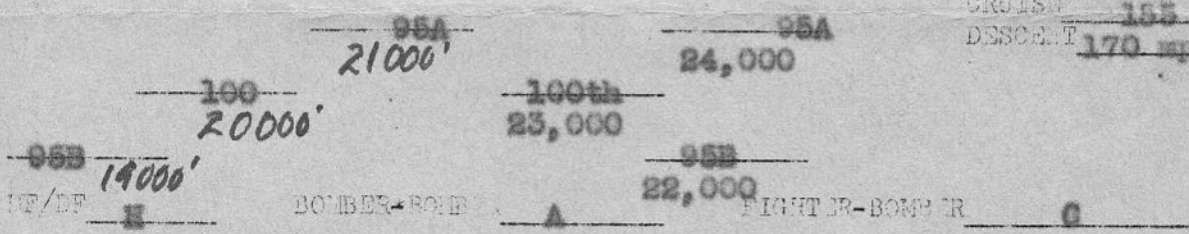
READINESS 0450  
 STATIONS 0550  
 TAXI 0605  
 TAKE-OFF 0620  
 RENDEZVOUS 0640

EXTRA SHIPS  
 334 0342  
 335 3263  
 336 3302 3400  
 412 0233, 1675(Lea)

RENDEZVOUS ALTITUDES:

BOMBING ALTITUDES:

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



VHF CALL SIGNS: AM. BR.

BOMBERS GOLDSMITH 1-2  
 FIGHTERS \_\_\_\_\_  
 GROUND TACKLINE

VHF/DF STATIONS:  
 CHANNEL A.  
 FRAMLINGHAM: SERUM D/F  
 CHANNEL B.  
 BURY ST. EDMUNDS: CHAIRLEG D/F  
 DEOPHAM GREEN: Channel B (by request)  
 GROUP R/T CALL SIGNS: A B

R/T COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS:  
 15TH C.W. FIREBALL ABLE  
 95TH B.G. " RED PINK  
 100TH B.G. " YELLOW  
 390TH B.G. " GREEN

LEAD SQUADRON FIREBALL RED  
 HIGH SQUADRON Red HIGH  
 LOW SQUADRON RED LOW  
 BGROUND FIREBALL PINK  
PINK HIGH  
PINK LOW

FLARES:  
 15TH C.W. GG  
 95TH B.G. RG Y  
 100TH B.G. GG  
 390TH B.G. GY

COLORS OF THE DAY:  
 0100-0700 R-Y J-Jig C-Charlie  
 0700-1300 R-RR X-Xray M-Mike  
 1300-1900 G-G O-Obeck P-Peter

PERIOD CARTRIDGE CHALLENGE REPLY

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 Authority MWO 745005  
 By MS NARA Date 1-3-09