

A.T.F.

C.W.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 10 April 1945

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

Huatt  
1376

McLane  
7232

Biesecker  
1887

Hubbs  
1320

Cavalier  
7884

Holt  
7068

Scott  
7935

McCall  
7168

Kirby  
7120

Beckelman  
7205

Jacobson  
6993

Johnson  
7194

Leaser  
7876

ABORTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING \_\_\_\_\_

Schiappacasse  
1876

Wood  
3400

Maddox  
1675

Powell  
1681

CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

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1462

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1992

Henderson  
7064

Baumgartner  
1680

Edwards  
1514

Thompson  
1258

Engle  
9924

Cunningham  
1993

Martin

Whitcomb  
1632

Miles  
1925

Neale  
7047

Mayer  
1924

Geib  
1589

Bachuzewski  
8123

Ford  
1920

Deluca  
1063

McFee  
7879

Rourke  
8140

EXTRA

EXTRA A/C

FIVE

ING

GES

Pinas  
7988

Buckland  
7223

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"A" - Group

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Milward

Huie  
8178

Henderson  
7264

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1600

Edwards  
1514

Thompson  
1258

Engle  
9924

Cunningham  
1993

Martin  
7215

Whitcomb  
1063

After  
Target Miles  
1992

Neale  
7047

Mayer  
7290

Geib  
7889

Rattstedt

Ford  
1835

McFee  
7879

Wright  
3263

Baber  
1589

EXTRA

EXTRA A/C

Piñas  
1924

Buckland  
7223

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Beckelman  
7194

Jacobson  
1410

Leaser  
1798

EXTRA

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Johnson  
7988

Maddox  
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1681

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

APO 559  
12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 10 April 1944.  
TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Group (H), APO 559.

95B GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 16 A/C, including 2 spares of 95B Group took off from base at 0610 - 0622 hours. By 0630 Group assembly had been effected over base at 2000'. The 95A Group joined as high Group over base. The low squadron of 6 A/C from 100 Group tacked on over base and both 95A and 95B Groups left base proceeding to Combat Wing assembly line. Leader exchanged flares and the 100 Group joined as low Group to complete Combat Wing assembly. Proceeding to splasher # 6 the wing leader instructed the deputy leader to take the wing lead. Engine trouble forced the wing leader to abort. Arriving at splasher # 6 at 18,000' the climb to 21,000' was begun at 0748 hours. Splasher # 7 was passed five miles left of course and splasher # 8 reached at 0817.

13A Combat Wing left English coast left of Beachy Head and proceeded across channel. Enemy coast was crossed slightly north of course at 0837 at 21,000'. Approaching the target it was observed that an undercast covered the target area. 95B Group leader asked 95A Group to assume the Wing lead - and the new leader made a 180° turn to the right and proceeded back along course until at 0935 hours, a target of opportunity, Beaumont - Sur - Oise, was sighted and bombing run made. 95A Group bombed this target at 0947 from an altitude of 22,000'. All 21 aircraft dropped their incendiary bombs on this target. The 95B Group lead bombardier, due to the short run, was unable to synchronize on target in time and so withheld his bombs, rather than bomb indiscriminately. 14 aircraft were in 95B Group over the target. After rallying - a course was set homeward and the enemy coast recrossed at 1015 hours. Eight minutes later, due to a nose fire in the 95A Leadship 95B Group reassumed the Wing Lead. The English coast was crossed at Dungeness at 1037 hours at 10,000'. Base was reached at 1115 hours. Landing for both Groups was effected between 1125 - 1156 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Sixteen aircraft, including two spares, left base in the formation shown in attached diagram "A". A/C No. 42-31376 and A/C No. 42-37894 turned back before being dispatched, and neither is credited with a sortie. No. 42-31376, the Group lead ship, was replaced by the deputy leader and the two spares filled in the vacancies.

All fourteen aircraft over the target jettisoned their bombs in the English channel on return. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "B".

A detailed description of reasons for failure to attack is given in a separate report on Aircraft Not Attacking.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

#### 95A GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 21 Aircraft took off at 0540 - 0557 hours and assembled over the base. This Group flew high Group for 95B Group - and a narrative of the mission is listed above under the 95B narrative. All 21 aircraft in "A" Group dropped their bombs on the target of opportunity.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: All 21 aircraft attacked the target and are credited with sorties. A/C No. 42-31258 was lost on the way home.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: No. 42-31258 was hit by a FW - 190 - caught on fire and blew up. 4 to 8 chutes.

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

Authority WFO 745005  
By CS NARA Date 12-9-09

HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 559

3-1-15

10 April 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th B Group Formation

Mission of 10 April 1944

- A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... 15 and 1 Spare
- B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 15 and 1 Spare
- C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 15
- D. Number of A/C Dispatched..... 14
- E. Number of A/C Attacking..... 0
- F. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 15
- G. Number of Sorties..... 14
- H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:

1. A/C 42-31876 No Sortie. Left formation before being dispatched because of: (a) # 1 cylinder of # 2 engine blew out.

A/C 42-31887, 42-97232, 42-39884, 42-97120, 42-106998, 42-31320, 42-38127, 42-97068, 42-37935, 42-97194, 42-31798, 42-31875, 42-31876, 42-37988 Sorties. All aircraft dispatched. Due to mechanical failure, lead aircraft (42-31876) was forced to abort. Deputy leader upon finding the primary target obscured called the leader of 95 A Group, the high group, to take over the lead. The secondary target attacked by the 95 A Group was not picked up in time to make adequate bombing run.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

Authority 10000745005  
By CP NARA Date 12-9-09

HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 559

B-1-15

10 April 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th A Group Formation

Mission of 10 April 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..... 21
- F. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 0
- G. Number of Sorties..... 21
- H. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:

None

For the Commanding Officer:

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



HEADQUARTERS  
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

10 April 1944

SUBJECT: Crew Comments & Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb. Gp., APO 559

1. The following is a list of the crew suggestions and comments given at the interrogation following the mission of 10 April 1944.

- \*1. Entirely too much chatter on VHF.
2. The A/C lost today indicates the need of impressing gunners to be equally alert for E/A on French as well as German missions.
3. More experience for formation leader.
4. Request better briefing on fighter escort.
5. Suggest leaving frequency meters with head-sets and antenna wire so they can be used.
6. A/C 1920 - bomb bay doors had to be cranked open.
7. A/C 1920 - one oil bomb leaked "thru the rear".
8. Faster airspeed.
9. Equipment is being constantly stolen from lockers.
10. No hot water in showers in 334th Area.
11. Suggest letting down faster when we get back to enemy coast.
12. A/C 3263 - interphone trouble.
13. Suggest newer A/C towards rear of formation so they can keep up.
14. Third element B Group should have been lower.
- \*15. Improve procedure when leader aborts.
- \*16. Lets bomb something when we go over there. Suggest invasion coast.
17. Get weather on the ball.
18. Why not have secondary target assigned.
19. Damn good high squadron lead in B Group.
20. Two eggs not enough to eat in morning.
21. There should be some system so wing A/C navigator could help lead navigator when off course or missing rendezvous.
22. Manual charging handles on chin turret on A/C 7332 inoperative at 20,000 feet. Have to take cover off and use wires and pulleys to charge.
23. Gunners talking about abandoned mission target in 412th Armament shop.  
(\*Reported by more than one crew)

*Stanley R. Wheaton*  
STANLEY R. WHEATON,  
Capt. Air Corps,  
Ass't. S-2 Officer.

# "A" GROUP COMBAT

FORM 3

STATION 119

DATE 4-10-44

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
335	R	1462	MILWARD			0540		1133	
"	M	1600	BAUMGARTNER			0540		1134	
"	H	7264	HENDERSON			0552		1132	
334	F	1993	CUNNINGHAM			0541		1131 <sup>+</sup>	
"	H	7290	MAYER			0542		1135 <sup>+</sup>	
"	M	7047	NEALE			0551		1130	
335	K	1514	EDWARDS			0543		1138	
"	T	1063	WHITCOMB			0556		1139	
"	J	7215	MARTIN			0553		1137	
"	L	7889	GEIB			0554		1150	
"	V	3263 M'FEE	WRIGHT			0544		1142	
"	U	7879	M'FEE BABER			0545		1140	
"	O	1589	BABER			0555		1145	
412	H	7223	BUCKLAND			0549		1145 <sup>+</sup>	
334	G	1924	PINAS			0546		1143	
"	K	8178	HUIE			0547		1126	
"	N	9924	ENGLE			0547		1127	

"A"

COMBAT

FORM 3

STATION

119

DATE

4-10-44

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
334	J	1258	THOMPSON			0548			MISSING
"	P	1442	MILES			0550		1124	
"	A	1835	FORD			0557		1128	
"	G	1920	ROTTSTEDT			0556		1125	
			"B" GROUP						
336	U	1376	HIATT			0610		0758	
412	K	1887	MOLLER			0611		1155	
"	O	7232	MCLANE			0612		1154	
336	N	9884	CAVALIER			0613		1154	
"	E	7120	WOOD			0614		1158	
"	P	6993	RIVENBARK			0614		1501	
412	M	1320	HUBBS			0615		1146	
336	F	8127	SCOTT			0616		1146	
"	H	7068	HOLT			0618		1151	
"	K	7935	WESTMYER			0618		1148	
"	G	1410	JACOBSON			0643		0843	Returning to Base Eng feathered

