

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

APO 559,  
19 April 1944,

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 19 April 1944.

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

MAIN 95TH GROUP FORMATION

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. 23 aircraft including two spares of the Main 95 Group took off from base at 0645-0704 hours. Group assembly was effected over base at 2,000' as planned, climb to rendezvous altitude began at 0710. During the climb the 390A Group was identified and 95 Group tacked on as low Group in 13th Combat Wing. Saffron Waldron, Combat Wing assembly line, was reached at 0808 hours at 13,500'. The briefed control points to Division assembly was flown as ordered. Buncher #12 was crossed at 0818 at 13,500'. The formation during the climb remained closed up with no stragglers.

English coast was crossed at 0832 at 13,600', with bombing altitude being at 0855. Landfall on enemy coast was made at 53°40' - 04°37'E at 0913. The briefed course was flown to the target without incident. Fighter support was reported good the entire route in and out.

At the I.P. flares were fired indicating a visual run. Ground haze caused slight trouble with immediate target identification. Bombs were dropped on primary target at 1029 from 17,000' with good results.

Rally was made as briefed and course from the target was followed as directed. Good Combat Wing formation was reported as well as Group formations within the Wing.

The enemy coast was recrossed at 1156 at 17,000' and let down to minimum altitude began at that time. Orfordness was reached at 1222 at 5,000' and 95 Group returned to base at 1230. Landings were from 1231-1250 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. 23 aircraft including 2 spares left base in formation shown in attached Diagram "A". Spare a/c #42-7882 and 7988 turned back before becoming dispatched. 21 a/c were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

21 a/c went over the target in the formation shown in attached Diagram "B". All a/c over the target bombed without mechanical failure.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST. None.

95TH-390th-100th GROUP COMPOSITE FORMATION

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. 7 a/c took off from base from 0621-0626 with instructions to join the 390B Group as High Squadron. The Composite was the high Group in the 13 Combat Wing. The Composite Squadron joined the 390B Group over Buncher #11 at 4000' as briefed.

Reference is made to the report of 390B Group for a general narrative of the remainder of the mission, which was flown in company with 390B Group.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. All 7 a/c put by 95 Group were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

7 a/c bombed primary target without mechanical failure.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST. None.

HARRY G. MUMFORD,  
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Operations Officer.

95TH "B" GROUP  
OVER TARGET  
DIAGRAM "B"

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LEAD

LEASER

19 | 99

LOW

BUCKLAND

74 | 07

NEWSON

18 | 76

HIGH

HUIE

81 | 78

GUNN

18 | 87

EDWARDS

15 | 14

BACHUZEWSKI

19 | 20

ROTTSTEDT

19 | 92

GIELEN

72 | 32

HATHEWAY

72 | 57

MARTIN

72 | 15

McPHER

78 | 79

ENGLE

19 | 93

CRUTCHFIELD

14 | 62

PINAS

78 | 94

FORD

72 | 90

WRIGHT

72 | 64

DELUCA

16 | 00

BABER

78 | 89

WILSON

16 | 32

JOHNSON

16 | 75

EXTRA SHIPS

334 \_\_\_\_\_  
335 \_\_\_\_\_  
336 \_\_\_\_\_  
412 \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFING \_\_\_\_\_  
READINESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
TAXI \_\_\_\_\_  
TAKE-OFF \_\_\_\_\_  
RENDEZVOUS \_\_\_\_\_

Authority NND 74805

By FJ NARA Date 12/10/09

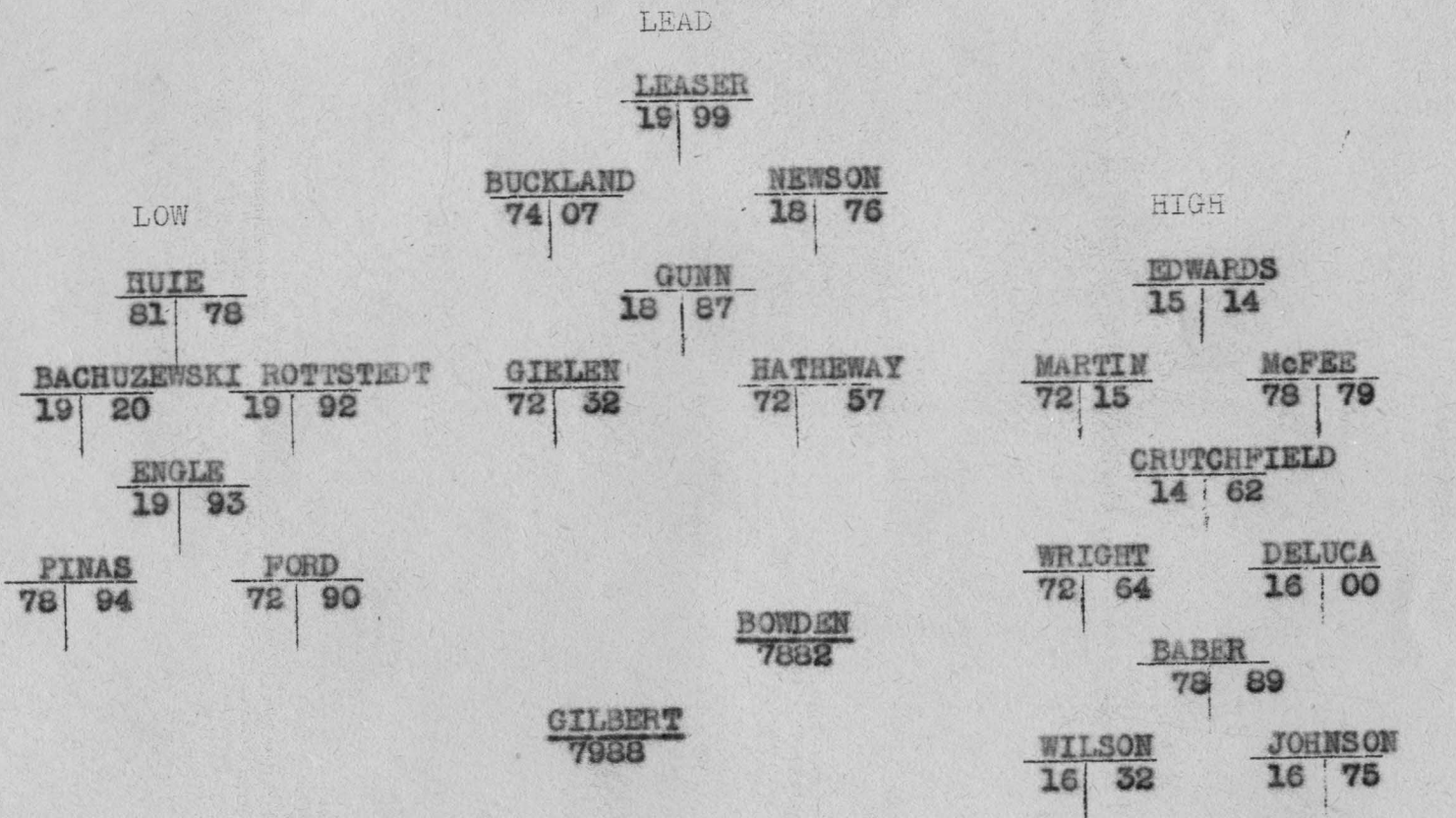
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95TH "B" GROUP  
ASSEMBLY  
DIAGRAM "A"

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BRIEFING \_\_\_\_\_  
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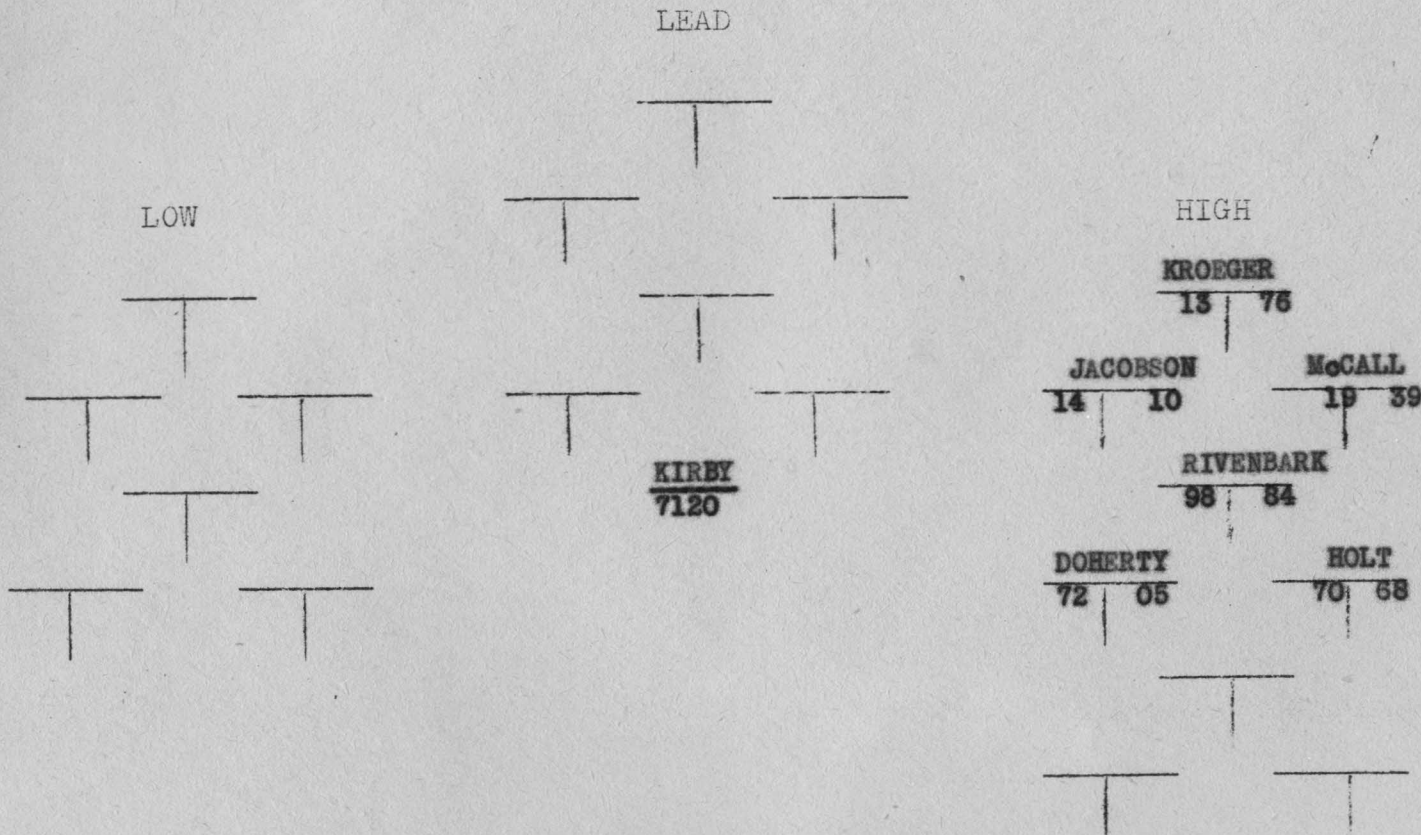
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95TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON  
OVER TARGET  
DIAGRAM "B"

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BRIEFING \_\_\_\_\_  
READINESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
TAXI \_\_\_\_\_  
TAKE-OFF \_\_\_\_\_  
RENDEZVOUS \_\_\_\_\_

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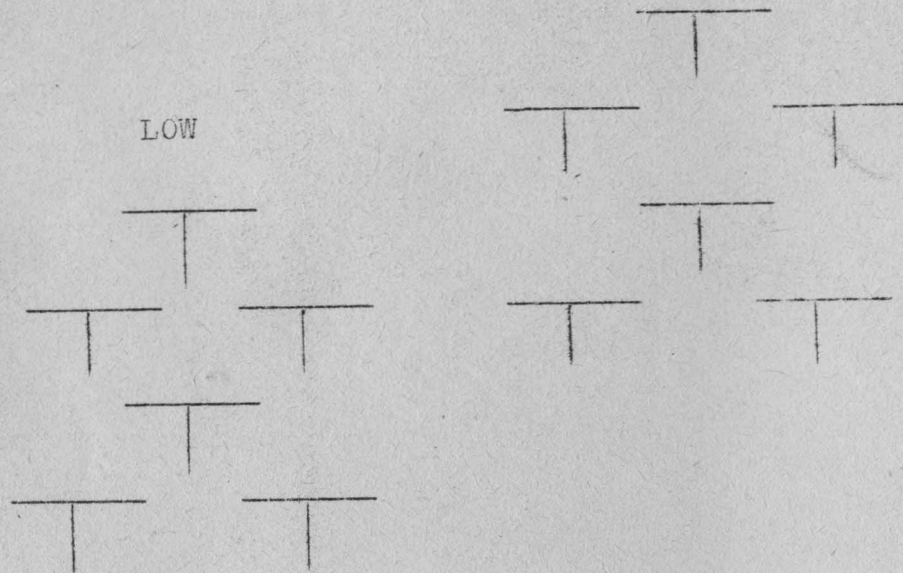
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LEAD



HIGH

KROEGER

13 | 76

JACOBSON

14 | 10

McCALL

19 | 39

RIVENBARK

98 | 84

DOHERTY

72 | 05

HOLT

70 | 68

KIRBY

71 | 20

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