

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

APO 559.
22 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 20 April 1944,
Noball # 10A, Noball # 32.

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

95th Main Group

1. **GENERAL NARRATIVE:** The 95th Main Group took off at 1545 - 1600 hours. By 1605 the main 95th Group had assembled over the base at 2000', and climb to bombing altitude was started at this time. Some difficulty was encountered climbing up through the broken clouds at 3000 - 5000', however the 95th Main Group crossed over London as ordered at 1638 at 12000' and made good the control point at Portland Bill at 1823.

The course across the channel to the I.P. was flown as briefed with the high squadron gaining 500' and the low squadron loosing 500'. The order of peel off at the I.P. was lead, high and low squadrons. The lead and low squadrons dropped on their first run. The high squadron dropped on its second run. There was no interference with other squadrons or other Groups on the bombing run.

The three squadrons returned to the base individually landing at 2019 - 2050 hours.

2. **AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING:** Twenty one (21) aircraft left the base in the formation shown in Diagram "A". All twenty one (21) aircraft were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

Of the twenty one (21) aircraft over the target, aircraft # 42-97257 failed to bomb. Formation over the target is shown in Diagram "B".

3. **LOST AIRCRAFT:** No aircraft were lost from 95th Main Group.

95th-390th Composite Group

1. **GENERAL NARRATIVE:** Fourteen (14) aircraft took off at 1620 - 1630 hours to form the lead and low squadrons of a composite Group. The high squadron to be furnished by the 390th Group. This Composite Group to fly second Group in the 45th

Combat Wing. By 1640 the Composite Group had assembled over the base and started their climb to rendezvous altitude. Wing rendezvous was made at 52°24' - 00°16'E at 1820 at 19,500'. The English coast out was crossed left of briefed course at 51°04' - 01°05'E at 1855 at 23,000'.

Landfall was made at the enemy coast at 50°24' - 01°33'E at 1910 at 23,000'. The briefed route flown to the target with the squadrons having peeled off at the I.P. in the order of lead, high and low squadrons. The lead squadron encountering haze and a cloud on their initial target run turned for a second run. An I.P. was picked on the coast south of original I.P. and a second target run started. Clouds again prevented a target run so run was made on group of buildings, northeast of target, which were not near a built up area.

The low squadron was able to sight on the target through a break in the clouds on their initial target run. Bombs were away at 1920 at 23,000'.

The three squadrons of the 95th-390th Composite Formation returned individually with the squadrons furnished by the 95th Group landing at 2027 - 2102.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Fourteen (14) aircraft left the base in the formation shown in Diagram "A". All fourteen aircraft were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

Of the fourteen (14) aircraft over the target none failed to bomb. Formations over the target are shown in Diagram "B".

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost from 95th-390th Composite Group.

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95th "A" GROUP
ASSEMBLY
DIAGRAM "A"

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 20 April 19 44

LEAD

MILWARD

14 | 62

LOW

McPHEE

78 | 79

HAGENBAUGH

16 | 00

HIGH

LEASER

19 | 99

BABER

15 | 14

KROEGER

13 | 76

HATHERWAY

72 | 57

BUCKLAND

78 | 82

WILSON

16 | 32

MARTIN

74 | 07

HOLT

70 | 68

KIRBY

71 | 20

GUNN

18 | 87

HENDERSON

~~358~~
7284

CAVALIER

98 | 84

GIELEN

72 | 32

BECKELMAN

71 | 94

McCALL

73 | 34

JACOBSON

14 | 10

RIVENBARK

6993

SCOTT

81 | 27

BRIEFING _____
READINESS _____
STATIONS _____
TAXI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

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95th-390th COMPOSITE
ASSEMBLY
DIAGRAM "A"

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 20 April 1944

LEAD

LEONARD

81 | 78

LOW

JOHNSON

70 | 47

ROTTESTEDT

78 | 94

HIGH

HUIE

19 | 92

CUNNINGHAM

19 | 93

FORD

99 | 24

BACHUZEWSKI

18 | 76

MORREYNOLDS

73 | 76

MAYER

72 | 90

GEIB

16 | 75

HARRIS

1920

GILBERT

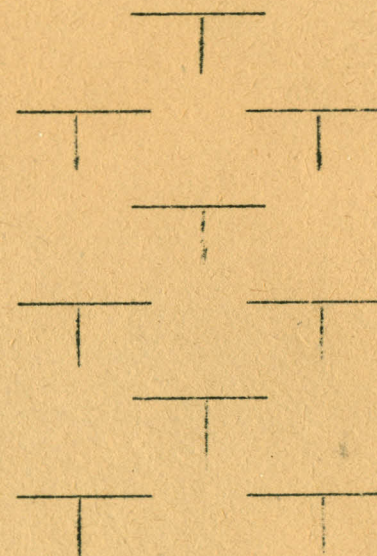
72 | 05

DELUCA

01 | 78

ROURKE

7938



BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

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 By FJ NARA Date 12/10/09

95th-390th COMPOSITE
OVER TARGET
DIAGRAM "B"

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 20 April 19 44

LEAD

LEONARD

81 | 78

JOHNSON

70 | 47

ROTTESTEDT

78 | 94

LOW

HIGH

HUIE

19 | 92

CUNNINGHAM

19 | 93

PORD

99 | 24

BACHUZEWSKI

18 | 76

McREYNOLDS

73 | 76

MAYER

72 | 90

GEIB

16 | 75

HARRIS

1920

GILBERT

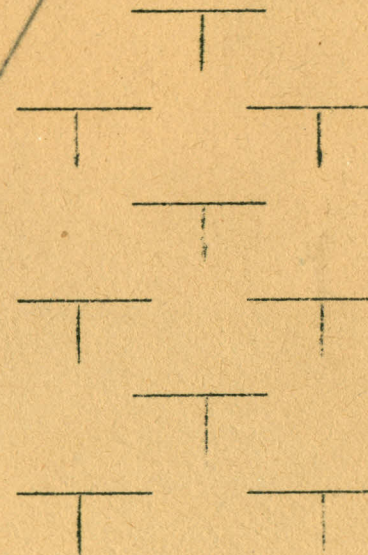
72 | 05

DELUCA

01 | 78

ROURKE

7998



EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

BRIEFING _____
READINESS _____
STATIONS _____
TAXI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
RENDEZVOUS _____

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