

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

APO 559.
24 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 22 April 1944,
Hamm.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H).

95TH "A" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "A" Group took off at 1530-1547, to form the lead Group of the 13th "A" Combat Wing. By 1550 the 95th "A" Group had assembled over the base at 2000 feet and started a climb to assembly altitude. The Combat Wing assembly control point at Colchester was crossed at 1727 at 21,000 feet. The 390th "A" Group flying high and the 95th "B" Composite Group flying low pulled into Combat Wing assembly at this point. All Groups were a little strung out at this point, however by time of Buncher #12 the Groups within themselves and the Combat Wing was in excellent formation.

The Combat Wing departed Lowestoft on time at 1750 at an altitude of 23,000 feet. The enemy coast was crossed on course at 1818 at $52^{\circ}37'$ - $04^{\circ}37'$ East 23,000 feet. Patchy cirrus existed at the altitude of the high Group, however no descent was made as it was not enough to bother formation flying.

On route to the target the turns at $52^{\circ}05'$ - $07^{\circ}E$ and $51^{\circ}59'E$ - $07^{\circ}17'E$ were not made as sharply as briefed due to an excessively high ground speed. A flare was fired at the I.P. and high and low Groups told to "S" to the left and right respectively if not enough interval for bombing had been attained.

The bombing run was uneventful for 95th "A" Group and bombs were observed to drop with excellent results. Bombs were away at 1850 at 23,000 feet. The route to the R.P. was flown as briefed, however course was continued beyond the R.P. and announcement made to the high and low Groups that it would be extended in order to enable them to cut the lead Group off a little more.

Descent to 18,000 feet was started at the R.P. and the leg behind the Rhur flown east of briefed route with the 390th "A" and 95th "B" Groups falling back into Combat Wing Formation.

Control point #4 was made good at 1923 at 18,000 feet. Due to time lost on leg behind the Rhur the 13th "A" Combat Wing was no longer in the lead. The 13th "A" Combat Wing returned as third Combat Wing in the Division formation. Briefed route b

back was flown with landfall at enemy coast being made at 51°07' - 02°40'E at 2040 at 18,000 feet.

Descent to base altitude was started at this point. the 390th "A" and 95th "B" Groups were dispatched to return to their bases upon making landfall on the English Coast at 52°00' - 01°24'E at 2109 at 4,000 feet. The 95th "A" Group returned to the base at 2116 and landed at 2129 - 2205.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twenty three (23) aircraft including two spares left the base in the formation shown in Diagram "A". Spare aircraft returned as order, thus twenty one (21) aircraft were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

Of the twenty one (21) aircraft dispatched, all bombed the primary target.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost from 95th "A" Group.

95th "B" Composite Group

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: Six (6) aircraft took off at 1515 - 1519 to form the lead Squadron of the 95th "B" Composite Group which was to fly as low Group in the 13th "A" Combat Wing. Assembly was made over the base at 3,000 feet with the 100th high Squadron and 390th low Squadron. By 1600 the 95th "B" Composite Group had formed and started climb to assembly altitude of 22,000 feet.

Rendezvous was made with the 95th "A" Group at Colchester at 1727. The 95th "B" Composite Group was slightly strung out at this point, however in good formation at Buncher #12.

Reference is made to the above report of the 95th "A" Group formation for a general narrative for the remainder of the mission, which was flown in company with the 95th "A" Group. However the following points are to be noted.

a. Due to excessive ground speed the 95th "B" Composite Group was unable to drop far enough behind for a bombing run on the primary target. Rather than disrupt the bombing run of the high Group by crossing under them near the primary target, a bombing run was made on the Marshalling yards at Soest.

b. The 95th "B" Composite Group fell back into Combat Wing formation shortly after the R.P. and flew home in Combat Wing formation.

The position of the aircraft furnished by the 95th "B" Group to the Composite formation are shown in attached diagram "A".

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: All six (6) of the aircraft put up by the 95th "B" Group were dispatched and are credited with sorties.

All six aircraft put up by the 95th "B" Group bombed the target at Soest.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: No aircraft were lost from the aircraft furnished by the 95th "B" Group.

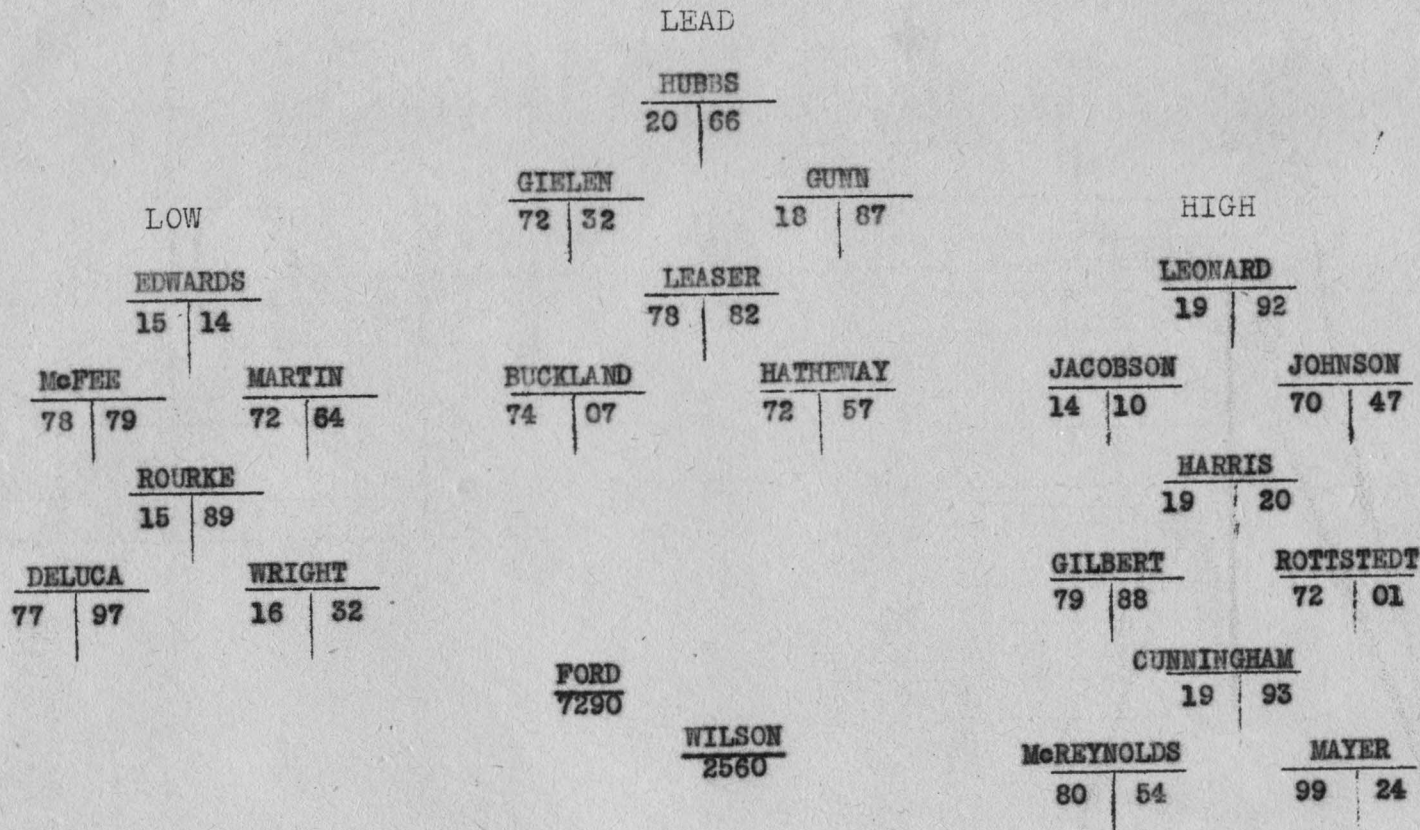
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95th A GROUP
ASSEMBLY
DIAGRAM "A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 22 April 19 44



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

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

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95 B GROUP
ASSEMBLY
DIAGRAM "A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 22 April 19 44

LEAD

KROEGER
13 | 76

RIVENBARK
69 | 93

SCOTT
71 | 20

LOW

HIGH

390th

100th

CAVALIER
98 | 84

McCALL
73 | 34

HOLT
70 | 68

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95th A GROUP
OVER TARGET
DIAGRAM "B"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 22 April 1944

LEAD

HUBBS
20 66

LOW

GIELEN
72 32

GUNN
18 87

HIGH

EDWARDS
15 14

LEASER
78 82

LEONARD
19 92

MOFFEE
78 79

MARTIN
72 64

BUCKLAND
74 07

HATHWAY
72 57

JACOBSON
14 10

JOHNSON
70 47

ROURKE
15 89

HARRIS
19 20

DELUCA
77 97

WRIGHT
18 32

GILBERT
79 88

ROTTSTEDT
72 01

FORD

CUMMINGHAM
19 93

McREYNOLDS
80 54

MAYER
99 24

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OVER TARGET
DIAGRAM "B"

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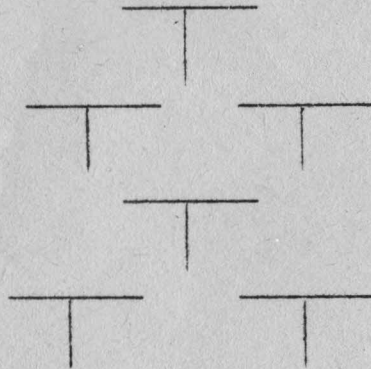
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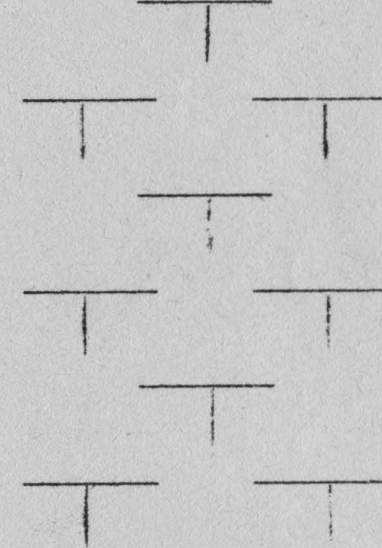
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