

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

APO 559.  
13 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 11 May 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 21 A/C plus one spare took off from base at 1455 - 1511 hours to form 95 B Group flying as high Group in 13 "A" Combat Wing. Group assembly was effected at 15,000' over base as planned. 95 "B" joined with the lead Group of 13 "A" Combat Wing at 1628 just prior to Wing assembly at Manningtree. Following the lead Group over the assembly route 95 "B" left the English coast at 1726 at 21,000'.

Landfall at the enemy coast was made at 5149N - 0358E at 1755 hours. Course to the I.P. was slightly left. The briefed I.P. was missed and after several turns a short bomb run resulted. Flares were fired at the I.P. and bombs were dropped at 1832 hours on magnetic heading of 170°. The rally was made as planned.

The briefed course out was followed without incident and enemy coast recrossed at 5145N - 0355E at 1916 hours. Let down to minimum altitude was begun after leaving the enemy coast. Oxfordness was reached at 1945 at 12,000'. Landings were from 2011 - 2038 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 22 A/C left base as shown in attached diagram "A". 22 A/C were dispatched and are credited with sorties. A/C # 2450 and A/C # 1920 had rack malfunction and dropped partial load.

Formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "B".

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

95 "A" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 15 A/C took off from base at 1512 - 1523 hours to form lead and high squadron of 95 "A" Group flying as low Group in 13 "A" Combat Wing. Group assembly was effected at 12,000' over base as planned. 100th Group furnished the low squadron which made rendezvous with 95 "A" at 12,000' over this base. Flare signals identified the lead Group and 95 "A" tacked on in Combat Wing formation prior to reaching Manningtree. In Combat Wing formation 95 "A" followed the rendezvous route and left the English coast at 5212N - 0137E at 1720.

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Landfall was made at enemy coast at 5148N - 0358E at 1758 at 19,000'. Group formation was fairly good, but could have been tighter and closer. Course to the I.P. was flown slightly left of course, and flares were fired at the I.P. The briefed I.P. was missed and the designated one was very close to the target. Bombs were dropped at 1833 on magnetic heading of 1840.

The briefed course was flown as briefed on route out without incident. Lagging within the Groups was observed at times. Enemy coast was recrossed at 1916 and let down began at that time. Oxfordness reached at 1946 and landings were from 1957 - 2006 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 15 A/C left base as shown in attached diagram "A". All 15 A/C were dispatched and are credited with sorties. A/C 0342 had rack failure over the target and jettisoned 3 x 1000# AN in channel.

Formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "B".

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

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DIAGRAM "A"  
 95th "A" GROUP  
 ASSEMBLY

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 11 May

44

LEAD

BABER  
 20 | 85

McFEE  
 78 | 79

WRIGHT  
 25 | 60

HIGH

LOW

HENDERSON  
 72 | 15

ENGLE  
 72 | 90

100 Gp.

BESSIER  
 15 | 89

DELUCA  
 78 | 89

HERCHENHAHN  
 13 | 76

HARVEY  
 25 | 05

ROURKE  
 81 | 40

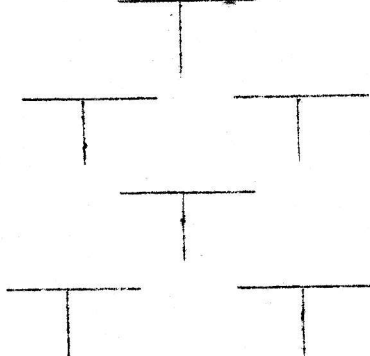
MILLER  
 10 | 83

JABLONSKI  
 73 | 83

FORD  
 70 | 47

MADIGAN  
 81 | 23

McREYNOLDS  
 71 | 54



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

EXTRA SHIPS

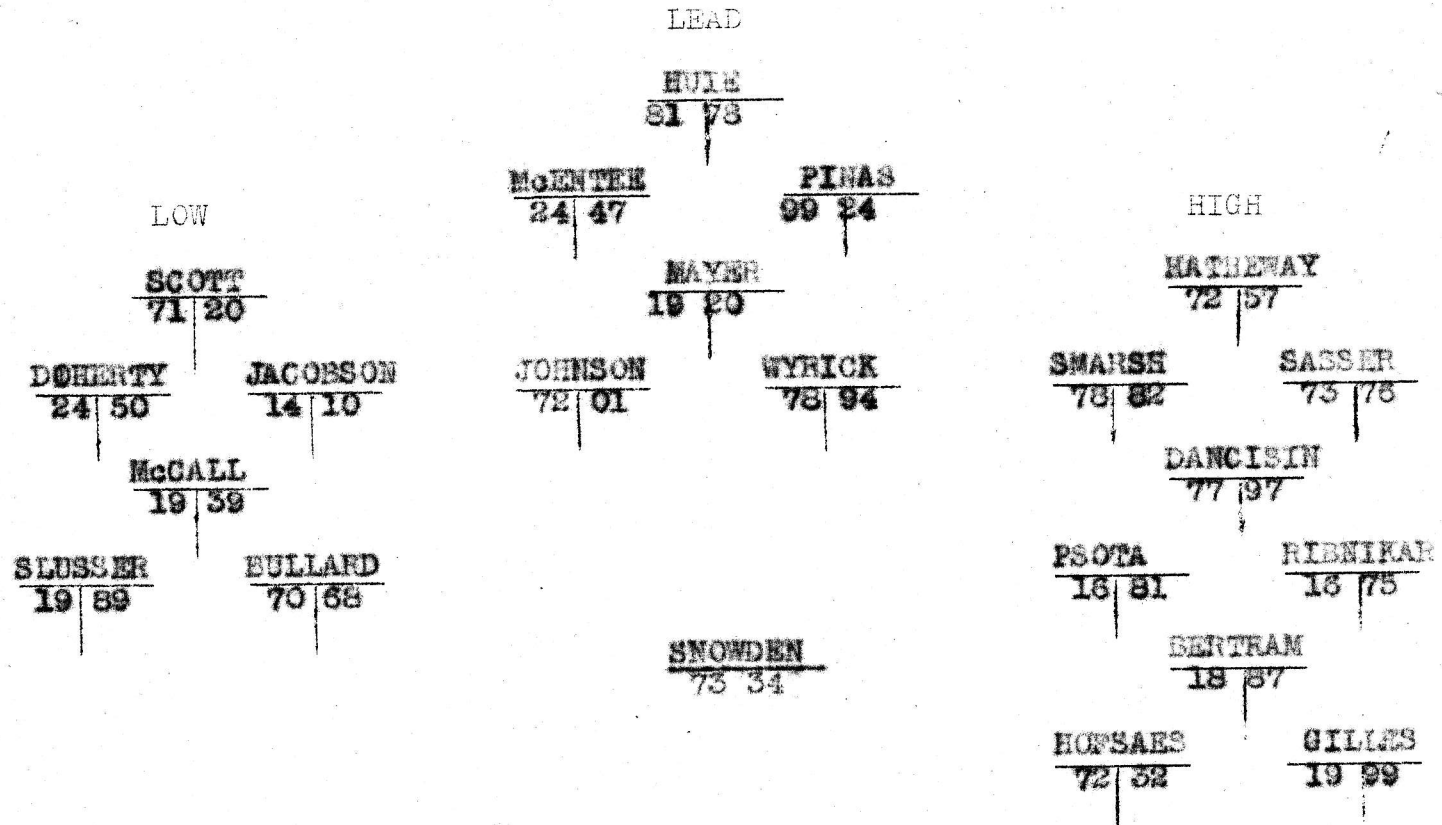
334 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 336 \_\_\_\_\_  
 412 \_\_\_\_\_

DIAGRAM "A"  
95th "B" GROUP ASSEMBLY

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

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 11 May 44



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

EXTRA SHIPS

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

**DIAGRAM "B"  
95th "A" GROUP  
OVER TARGET**

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 11 May 44

LEAD

BARBER  
20 | 68

McFEE  
78 | 79

BRIGHT  
25 | 60

HIGH

LOW

100 Gp.

HENDERSON  
72 | 15

ENGLE  
72 | 90

BESSER  
15 | 89

DELUCA  
78 | 89

BERGHEIMANN  
13 | 76

HARVEY  
25 | 05

ROURKE  
81 | 40

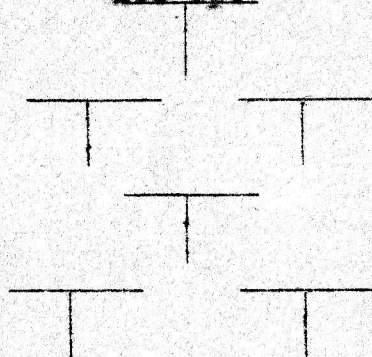
MILLER  
10 | 63

JABLONSKI  
73 | 83

FORD  
70 | 47

MADIGAN  
81 | 23

McREYNOLDS  
71 | 54



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

EXTRA SHIPS

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

DIAGRAM "B"  
95th "B" GROUP  
OVER TARGET

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 11 May 44

LEAD

HICE  
81 | 78

LOW

McENTEE  
24 | 47

PIVAS  
99 | 24

HIGH

SCOTT  
71 | 20

MAYER  
19 | 20

HATHENAY  
72 | 57

DOHERTY  
24 | 50

JACOBSON  
14 | 10

JOHNSON  
72 | 01

WYRICK  
78 | 94

SMARSH  
78 | 82

SASSER  
73 | 78

McCALL  
19 | 39

DANCISIN  
77 | 97

SLUSSER  
19 | 89

EULLARD  
70 | 68

PSOTA  
18 | 81

HIBNIKAR  
18 | 75

SNOWDEN  
73 | 34

BERTRAM  
18 | 87

HOESAES  
72 | 32

GILLES  
19 | 99

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

EXTRA SHIPS

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

"4"

FORM 3

STATION

119

DATE

11-3-44

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
335	Q 2066	BABER			1512		1957	
"	X 2560	WRIGHT			1513		1958	
"	V 7879	McFEE			1514		<del>1957</del> 2000	
"	J 7215	Henderson			1515		2000	
"	L 7889	Delusa			1515		2001	
"	O 1589	Besser			1516		1959	
334	H 7290	Engle			1517		2003	
336	Q 2505	Harvey			1518		2004	
<del>334</del>	<del>B 0342</del>				<del>1625</del>		<del>2002</del>	
334	F 7154	M Reynolds			1518		1539	
335	W 8140	Rourke			1519		2005	
"	F 7383	Vahlenski			1520		2006	
335	T 1063	Miller			1520		2005	
334	M 7047	FORD			1521		2006	
336	V 1376	Herbstman			1522		2002	
334	E 8123	Madigan			1523		1956	

"B"

FORM 3

STATION 119

DATE 11-5-44

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
334	K 8178	Huie			1455		2021	
"	N 9924	Pinas			1456		2022	
"	A 2447	McFtee			1457		2025	
"	G 1920	Mayer			1457		2024	
"	L 7894	Wyrick			1458		2024	
"	J 7201	Johnson			1459		2023	
412	L 7257	Hatheway			1500		2031	
"	J 7376	Sasser			1501		2032	
"	T 7252	Smarch			1502		2030	
"	H 7797	Dunstan			1503		2034	
"	W 1675	Rubin Kar			1503		2036	
"	G 1081	Psota			1504		2035	
"	K 1887	Bertram			1505		2037	
"	X 1999	Gilles			1505		2039	
"	O 7232	Hofsaes			1506		2036	



