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

25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Report Of Operations Officer, Mission of 25 May 1944.

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

95TH "A" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. The 95A Group formation - flying as low Group in the 13th Combat Wing - took off from base at 0501-0516 hours and assembled over Splasher 6 at 14,000 feet. After assembly, the "A" Group continued climb to 20,000 feet, rendezvous altitude, and made the first Wing control point, Splasher 6, at 0710, one minute late. At this time, the 100th Group and 95 "B" Group could be seen to the rear and they continued to trail until Splasher 9 was reached, at which time the two Groups moved up and Wing formation was completed.

Between Splasher 9 and Beachy Head, the Wing leader climbed an additional 2,000 feet in order to clear high cirrus clouds lying directly on route. Wing leader made no attempt to let down again to briefed altitude after clouds were passed. Bombing run was made at this higher altitude.

Formation left English coast on time at 0755 hours and followed briefed course to target. Enemy coast was crossed at 0811 hours at 22,000 feet and fighter support picked up at this point. 95 "A" Group turned on I.P. at 0858 hours and bombed target on first run at 0914 hours. A/C 7215 was unable to release bombs over target and returned them to base. Target was visual and could be seen from 10 to 12 miles away.

After bombing, the 95 "A" Group made a 360° turn to the left in order to enable the 100th and 95 "B" Groups, which had made second runs, to rally formation. Wing formation was reformed, course resumed, and enemy coast recrossed at 0947 hours. Here, the letdown to minimum altitude was begun.

English coast crossed at 1023 hours at 3500 feet - at base reached at 1035 hours and landing effected at 1049-1117.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. Nineteen aircraft, including one spare, took off from base and assembled in formation shown in attached Diagram 1A. Spare a/c #1462 found no spot in formation and returned before becoming dispatched.

The remaining 18 ships crossed target and 17 of them bombed. A/c 7215 returned its bombs to base.

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These 18 ships receive credit for sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST. None.

95TH "B" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. The 95B Group, scheduled as high Group in the 13th Wing formation, took off from base at 0440-0459 hours and assembled over Splasher 6 at 16,000 feet. This Group joined the 100th Group at Splasher 6, altitude 22,000 feet, at 0712, but did not complete Wing assembly with 95 "A" Group until Splasher 9 was reached.

For the remainder of this narrative, reference is made to the 95 "A" General Narrative, which covers the general route, except for the following instance:

At the I.P., 95 "B" took bombing interval behind the 100th Group and followed it on bomb run. On nearing the target, the 100th Group perceived that they were far right of target and immediately made a 360° turn to the left. 95 "B" swung to the right in an effort to line target up and found that the distance was too short and they, too, were forced to make a 360° turn to the left and use a second bombing run. After bombs were away, this Group rallied with the wing formation.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. Nineteen aircraft, including one spare, left base in formation. Spare a/c # 7232 returned before becoming dispatched.

The remaining 18 aircraft went over target and 17 of these bombed. A/c # 2700 was unable to release bombs over target, but jettisoned them in channel on return.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST. None.

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

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E-I-15

25 May 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th A Group Formation

Mission of 25 May 1944

- A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... 18
- B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 18 and 1 Spare
- C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 18
- D. Number of A/C Attacking..... 17
- E. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 1
- F. Number of Sorties..... 18
- G. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:
  - 1. A/C 42-97215 Sortie. Failed to bomb after crossing the target because of: (a) Did'nt have overhead switches on.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
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E-I-15

25 May 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

95th B Group Formation

Mission of 25 May 1944

- A. Number of A/C Scheduled..... 18
- B. Number of A/C Taking Off..... 18 and 1 Spare
- C. A/C Taking Off less unused spares..... 18
- D. Number of A/C Attacking..... 17
- E. Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 1
- F. Number of Sorties..... 18
- G. Detailed description of reasons why aircraft did not attack:
  - 1. A/C 42-102700 Sortie. Failed to bomb after crossing target because of: (a) Failed to have switches on.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

95TH "A" GROUP  
ASSEMBLY  
DIAGRAM "A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE MAY 25 44

LEAD

HAGENBAUGH  
2455

LOW

BESSER  
7856

ROSSETTI  
7889

HIGH

DELUCA  
7215

ROUBKE  
8140

MAYER  
2678

GROSSHEIM  
1600

LEMPERT  
7858

SNOWDEN  
3400

HOUSER  
1514

McENTEE  
2447

MYRICK  
8178

WRIGHT  
2560

McREYNOLDS  
7050

HERCHENHANN  
3253

PINAS  
1992

JOHNSON  
7201

ULRICH  
0342

SPARE

ROMANCHEK  
1462

EXTRA SHIPS

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

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

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

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 Office of the Operations Officer

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE MAY 25 44

LEAD

HAGENBAUGH  
 2455

LOW

BESSER  
 7866

ROSSETTI  
 7889

HIGH

DELUCA  
 7215

ROURKE  
 8110

MAYER  
 2678

GROSSHEIM    LEMPERT  
 1600            7858

SNOWDEN    HOUSER  
 3400            1514

McENTEE    WYRICK  
 2447            8178

WRIGHT  
 2560

McREYHOLDS  
 7050

HERCHENHANN    PIVAS  
 3263            1992

JOHNSON    ULRICH  
 7201            0342

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

EXTRA SHIPS

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

DIAGRAM "A"  
95TH "B" GROUP  
ASSEMBLY

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Office of the Operations Officer

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE MAY 25 44

LEAD

HATHWAY  
7204

LAJESKIE  
7882

SMARCH  
7257

LOW

HIGH

DANGLISIN  
7797

SASSER  
7376

KIRBY  
2505

AUSTIN  
8054

KINNEY  
1999

WYATT  
1876

SALVIA  
2700

WOOD  
7194

JACOBSON  
1410

MCCALL  
1939

HOLT  
7844

BAUMGARDN JR  
1887

BULLARD  
7088

SLUSSER  
8993

GILBERT  
7170

SPARIS

HOFSAES  
7232

EXTRA SHIPS

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

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

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

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE MAY 25 44

LEAD

HATHERWAY

7204

LAJESKIE

7862

SMARSH

7257

HIGH

KIRBY

2505

LOW

HANGISIN

7797

SASSER

7376

JACOBSON

1410

AUSTIN

8054

KINNEY

1999

WYATT

1876

SALVIA

2700

WOOD

7194

HOLT

7844

McGALL

1939

SLUSSER

6993

GILBERT

7120

BAUMGARDNER

1887

BULLARD

7069

EXTRA SHIPS

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

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

STATION

119

DATE

5/25/44

BSP

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
412	B	7204	Wattaway	Ltd		440		1046	
✓	L	7257	Smarch			440		1051	
	T	7882	Tajskie			456		1045	
✓	J	7376	Gassan			441		1050	
✓	Z	2700	Galvica			443		1049	
✓	Q	1876	Wyatt			444		1041	
✓36	Q	2505	Kirby	Ltd		445		1053	
✓	G	1410	Jacobson			519		1055	
✓	O	7194	Wood			450		1052	
✓	R	7844	Dolt			451		1056	
✓	E	7120	Gilbert			453		1057	
	P	6993	Shasen			454		1055	
✓42	H	7797	Dancisin	Ltd		457		1037	
✓	X	1999	Kinney			519		1039	
✓	V	8054	Austin			452		1030	
✓	J	1939	McCall			455		1040	



FORM 3

STATION 119DATE 2/25/44

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
✓36	H	7068	Bullard		455		1048		
✓412	K	1887	Baumgardner		458		1039		
✓	O	7232	Hofsaer	Exp	459		0850		
	G	1681	Wells	Exp					
		95A							
✓35	Z	2455	Hagenbaugh	Zel	501		1108		
✓	L	7889	Rosetti		502		1109		
✓	S	7856	Besser		518		1107		
✓	W	8140	Rourke		503		1110 <sup>+</sup>		
✓	K	1514	Hansen		501		1111 <sup>+</sup>		
	Q	<del>1589</del> 2066	Prata						
✓34	R	2678	Mayer	Zel	504		1035		
✓	K	8178	Wyrick		505		1115 <sup>+</sup>		
✓	A	2447	McEntee		506		1116		
✓	O	7050	McReynolds		507		1117 <sup>+</sup>		

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FORM 3

STATION 117

DATE 9/25/44

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
✓ 34	B 0342	Uloich			507		1047 <sup>+</sup>	
✓	J 7201	Johnson			508		1114 <sup>+</sup>	
✓ 35	J 7215	Deluca	Self		509		1100	
✓ 412	Y 7858	Tempest			510		1101	
✓ 35	M 1600	Koosheim			510		1059	
✓	X 2560	Wright			512		1102	
✓ 34	P 1992	Pinas			513		1103	
✓ 35	V 3263	Herchenbaku			514		1201 <sup>+</sup>	
✓	R 1462	Romanchek	EX		517		0917	Extra
✓ 36	D 3900	Snowden	EX		510		1100	

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

V-A-2

APO 559,  
25 May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission 25 May, 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 95th Bomb Gp (H). Attn: Lt Col MC KNIGHT.

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission of the 95th Bombardment Group (H) on 25 May, 1944.
  - a. Thirty-eight (38) B-17 airplanes took-off as scheduled. 42-31462 and 42-97232 were extras and returned as per schedule.
  - b. Thirty-six (36) B-17 airplanes returned to base after completion of mission.
2. There were no abortive airplanes.
3. Battle damage is as follows:
  - a. 42-107050 - Stabilizer damaged by flak.
  - b. 42-102678 - Plexiglas nose and #2 Ignition harness hit by flak.

CLARENCE D. FIELDS,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Base Engr. Officer.

HEADQUARTERS  
NINETY-FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
APO 559

D-11  
May 25, 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

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

1. The following comments and suggestions were made by the combat personnel at the interrogation of the Brussels mission 5/25/44:

1. Maintenance of MG's by armorers is very unsatisfactory.
2. A/C #3263 is war-weary and too old for combat missions-it needs electronic turbo-units.
3. Formation of this group was extremely poor.
4. Some crew men retain heated suits in their A-3 bags, causing a shortage of these whenever they are not flying.
5. The gunners would like to attend a briefing before going up on a mission. They feel better about knowing where and what they are to do-or don't they fly!
6. Lead navigator did a very good job.
7. A/S was much too slow.
8. Men would like to have the letter as well as the number of their ships posted on the board before missions.
9. Vote of thanks to the mess hall for having fresh eggs four days in a row for breakfast.
10. On each exchange of heated clothing, one piece is always unservicable. Gunners are tired of freezing.
11. Transportation in very poor shape when empty trucks pass up crews walking in from hardstands.
12. Holster stolen from locker #119 in "B" Briefing Room.
13. More candy on missions.

For the Intelligence Officer:

STANLEY R. WHEATON,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't. S-2 Officer.

"A." ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME 25-5-44

A.T.F.

C.W.

HAGENBAUGH  
24/55

DeLuca  
72/15

BESSER  
78/56

ROSSETTI  
78/89

MAYER  
26/78

Grossheim  
16/00

Lempert  
78/58

ROURKE  
81/40

McEntee  
24/47

WYRICK  
81/78

WRIGHT  
25/60

PSOTA  
20/66

HOUSER  
15/14

McReynolds  
70/56

Herchenhan  
32/63

PINAS  
19/92

Johnson  
72/01

ULRICH  
03/42

EXTRA

EXTRA A/C

Romanchek  
14/62

SNOWDEN  
34/00

ORTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

SSING \_\_\_\_\_

ANGES \_\_\_\_\_

Unused spare  
d Not get off