

HEADQUARTERS NINETY FIFTH BOMEARDMENT CROUP (H) Office of the Operations Officer

APO 559. 8 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer. Mission / 3 of 6 June

1944.

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

95th "A" Group

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. 95 "A" Group designated to fly lead group position of the 13 "A" Combat Wing took off from base at 1715 to 1726 hours. Group assembly was made over the field at 11,500' at 1830 hours.

Dus to weather in the vicinity of the Splasher # ϵ , Wing assembly was made over Puncher # 11, causing the Wing to be a little early at the control points. At 1931 hours the climb to 15,000 our bombing alvitude was begun with the Wing "S"ing to loose time, in order to leave the English Coast on time.

Departure of the English Coast was on time and the Inemy coast was reached at 2012 hours. Bombs were away at 2019 hours and enemy coast was crossed on the way out at 20.0 hours on course. No enemy opposition was encountered.

The English coast was crossed on return at 2158 hours. and home base was reached at 2300 hours. 95 "A" Group landed at 2305 to 2317 hours.

PFF bombing technique was employed.

- 2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. 13 aircraft including 2 PPF took off, and all bombed in formation as shown in attached diagrams. All 13 aircraft are credited with sorties.
 - 3. AIRCHAFT LOST. None.

95th "B" Group

1. General Natharive. 95 "B" Group scheduled to fly low Group of 13 "B" Combat Wing, took off from base at 1730 to 1743 hours. Group assembly was made ove the field at 11,000 feet.

Wing assembly was made with 390 "A" Group at 1852 hours over Buncher # 8 at 11,000 feet. The first control point was made on time, eight miles past of course. Control point number two was made on line where the climb to 14,000 feet, the assigned bombing altitude was begun. All other control points were made on time. Departed the anglish coast at 1950 hours at 14,000 feet.

The French coast was crossed at 2019 hours, due to overcast conditions in the target area. Visual bombing methods could not be used. The 95 MBM Group having no PFF aircraft, dropped their bombs at 2027 hours at 14,000 feet, on the smoke flares from the PFF Wing leader. There was no interference on the bomb run.

The French coast was crossed on the way out at 2100 hours, where a descent to minimum altitude in order to get under the clouds was begun. The English coast was crossed at 2215 hours at 2000 feet and home base was reached at 2322 hours. The 95 "B" Group landed at 2322 to 2343 hours.

- 2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING. Thirteen aircraft took off and bombed in formation as shown in attached diagrams. All are credited with sorties.
 - 3. AIRCRAFT LOST. None.

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 559

6 June 1944

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

Afternoon Mission of 6 June 1944

Å.	Number of A/C Scheduled	10. 2 PFF and 1 Spar
B.	Number of A/C Taking Off	10. 2 PFF and 1 Spar
	A/C Taking Off less unused spares	
	Number of A/C Attacking	
Ex	Number of A/C Not Attacking	0
	Number of Sorties	
	Detailed description of reasons why aircraft die	

None

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HEADQUARTERS 95TH BOMBARDWENT GROUP (H)
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AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

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For the Commanding Officer:

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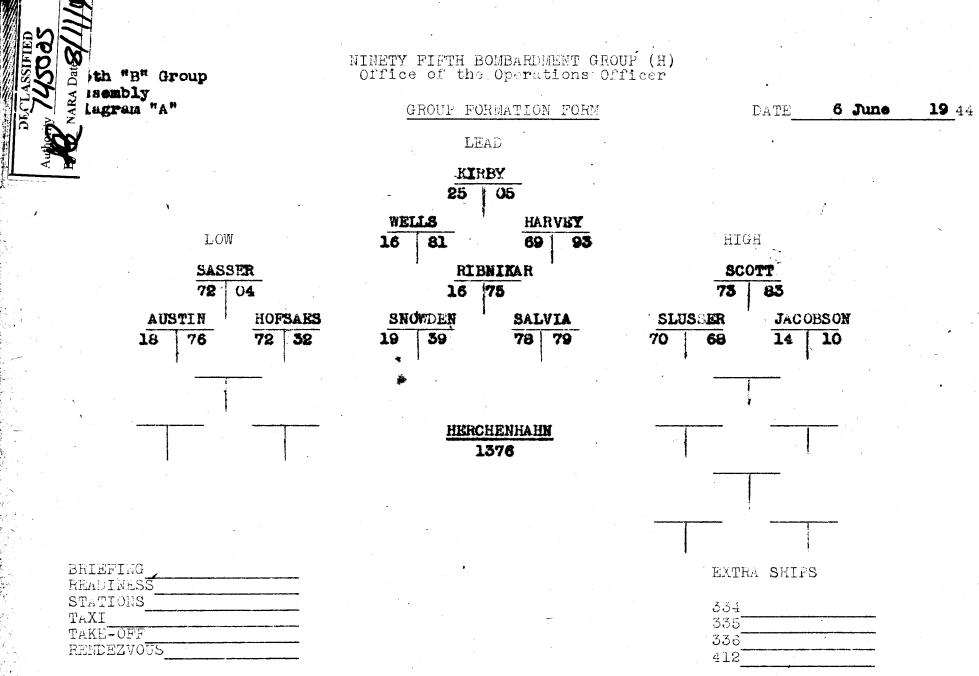
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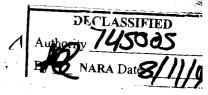
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PERIOD: 0001 hours 6th June 1944 to 2400 hours 6th June 1944.

A. STATISTICS

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⁺ Not Available.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

Supporting landing operations between Le Havre and Cherbourg, heavy bombers of the Eighth Air Force flew 2362 sorties in four attacks on targets near the beach-head area. At the same time, 1813 sorties were flown by VIII Fighter Command groups in patrols over northern France and fighter-bomber missions against tactical targets. In the early morning a force of 1077 heavy bombers attacked targets in the area of the landing beaches. Two missions flown later in the morning and in the early afternoon were hindered by heavy undercast over targets, and some groups were forced to return with their bombs while others bombed on navigational equipment. In the early evening a heavy force from all three bombardment divisions attacked tactical targets in the coastal area. Bombers met no air opposition during the day, while fighters reported no large engagments, attributing the largest percentage of the 26 fighters lost to flak. Five B-24s were lost and one crashed in England. One bomber crew was rescued from the Channel. Bombers make no claims while fighters claim 26-0-8 for combats and 4-0-9 for strafing attacks.

<u>lst Mission</u> - <u>Assualt Beaches</u>

In the first mission of the day, 822 B-17s and 543 B-24s - a total of 1365 heavy bombers from three bomb divisions, were dispatched between 0155 and 0529 hours to attack coastal targets in the area of the invasion beaches between Le Havre and Cherbourg. Target areas were reached without incident, and there were no opposing enemy fighters. All bombing was done on navigational instruments,

⁺⁺ Breakdown not available.

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through heavy undercast. 659 B-17s and 418 B-24s dropped 2851 to NARA Data 245 tons of fragmentation bombs - a total of 3096 tons - on targets in the beauthead area, including the the town of Caen, between 0600 and 0820 hours from 13,300 to 20,000 feet. No results were observed. One B-24 was lost to flak over the enemy coast and one to accident. One of these a/c ditched in the Channeland nine crew members were rescued. In addition, one B-24 crashed in England and was classified as salvage. Fighter support for this operation was furnished by groups flying patrols over northern France.

2nd Mission - (T/O Attacked)

On the second mission, 396 B-24s and 84 B-17s were dispatched between 0440 and 0753 hours to attack targets inland from the beach-head area. 10/10 under-cast prevailed over this region and it was impossible to attack assigned targets. 37 B-24s attacked Argentan, an opportunity target, dropping 109 tons of G.P. with unobserved results. All other aircraft returned with their bombs. Two B-24s were lost in this mission to collision.

3rd Mission - Caen

73 B-24s were dispatched against Caen. Bombing on navigational instruments 58 B-24s dropped 157 tons of 500 G;P. on two targets in Caen, with unobserved results, at 1328-1329 hours from 19,000 to 20,000 feet. There was no air opposition and flak was not serious. There were no losses of casualties.

4th Mission - Tactical Targets, Beach-Mead Area

In the fourth mission of the day 300 B-24s and 409 B-17s were dispatched against twenty tactical targets. Visual bombing was possible in many cases and 19 targets were attacked, 325 B-17s and 125 B-24s dropping 1479 tons of G.P. atta 1951-2033 hours from 14,000 to 20,000 feet. In addition to assigned primaries three targets of opportunity were attacked. Results were good on seven targets, fair to good on one, fair on one, fair to poor on one, poor on five, and unobserved on the reaminder, which were bombed with the aid of instruments. There was no air opposition to bombers on this mission and flak was not a serious deterrent. One B-24 was lost to unknown causes.

2. Fighter Escort

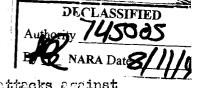
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3. Fighter Sweeps

Bombers were supported on all missions by fighters flying area patrols and sweeps over a wide region of northern France. A total of 287 P-47s, 505 P-51s and 555 P-38s participated in patrols and sweeps between dawn and dusk. Hissions were for the most part uneventful, with isolated sightings of enemy reconnaissance a/c or no sightings at all the rule. Fighter groups on morning missions reported no engagements. In the late afternoon, one flight of VIII Fighter Command fighters was bounced by 15 s/e e/a, which destroyed four of our a/c. In the only other sighting of importance, about 20 JU 38s were sighted near near the beach-head area, and in the ensuing attack 15 were destroyed and six damaged. Total fighter claims are 26-0-8 for air combats and 4-0-9 for ground strafing. In addition, fighters claim about 30 military vehicles, numerous railway cars, about 40 locomotives and numerous other ground targets destroyed or damaged. Total losses are 22 P-51s and 4 P-47s.

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4. Fighter-Bombers



182 P-47s and 213 P-51s participated in fighter-bomber attacks against targets in northern France. They were escorted on these missions by 49 P-47s and 17 P-51s. Among targets bombed were marshalling yards, notor convoys, rail-car concentrations, and bridges. Seven bridges behind the beach-head are claimed damaged. Detailed reports on tonnages and results have not been received.

5. Weather Reconnaissance

2 B-17s completed routine weather flights.

2 Mosquitoes completed special weather flights over northern France.

6. Photo Reconnaissance

38 a/c - 30 F-5s, 6 Spitfires and 2 Mosquitoes were dispatched. Nine a/c got no photographs - 4 due to cloud, one a/c dropped tanks which would not feed, three cancelled due to weather, one radio W/s, one pilot not get returned.

2 Mosquitoes took photographs and moving pictures of landings on beach head area.

Other a/c photographed railway activities in Belgium, northern and central France and the beach-head area.

One F-5 was lost due to Flak at Chateaudum.

7. Special Operations

6 B-17s dropped leaflets over France on the morning of June 6. 12 B-17s carried out special operations.

C. INTELLÍGENCE

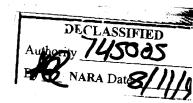
1. Enemy Air Opposition

Bomber crews reported no enemy air opposition, and reported only one sighting of e/a - 12 Me-109s. Fighters had no engagements on morning missions. In the late afternoon, one flight of VIII Fighter Command fighters was attacked by 15 s/e e/a, which destroyed four of our a/c. About 20 JU 38s were sighted near the beachhead area, 15 of which were destroyed and 6 damaged. Fighters claims totalled 26-0-8 for air combats and 4-0-9 for ground strafing.

2. Flak

Flak was generally meager to moderate, although intense, light, accurate fire was encountered by fighters over Caen, and bomber crews reported a heavy concentration of AA guns in the same area. One B-24 was lost to flak, and a large percentage of fighters losses were probably attributable to flak.

. 3. OBSERVATIONS



Oil tank east of Bernay - VQ 8078 - 1305 hours.

Tanks seen on road 10 miles east of Rouen at 1635 hours.

Eight t/e 6/2 seen on A/F ten miles southwest of Paris at 1530 hours. RR tracks and Dunkirk harbor crowned with goods trains at H-2485 at 1345 hours.

Twelve barges in canal at DelaBasse at H-4526 seen heading cast at 1225 hours.

A/Fs, at St. Leger and Granellieres, were empty.
No activity at Rosierres-En-Santerre A/F, Roye-Amy and Montdidier A/Fs.

25 to 50 armored vehicles seen heading from Q-7843 to U-2718 at 1302 hours. Bight JU-88s on A/F at R-8935 and ten 8-wheel trucks on highway just

Bight JU-88s on A/F at R-8935 and ten 8-wheel trucks on highway just out of Rouen at M-0100.

Five naval vessels observed with narrow beam off Vale (Guernsey). Same vicinity-barracks building. Five ships in harbor West of Aldernay-may be same ships.

Two Destroyers zig-zagging headed 110 deg. at 4929-0320E at 1448 hours heading for Guernsey.

A poorly camouflaged, RR siding, 35 to 50 miles in length, under construction at edge of forest 20 miles SW of Dreux.

Heavy traffic going in both directions on road running NW from R-9458 at approximately 1645 hours.

Underground truck depot at 4900N-0130N observed at 1407 hours.

15 plus vehicles parked at R-3075 -- looked like American Ducks.

A lot of barges were tied up on the river at R-4273. Could not tell if these were lodded.

Comouflaged car park at R-3391.

A/F at Dirghigny had craters on pyramided track, but runways were in good shape.

6 to 8 barrage ballons at Fecamp at 100 feet at 1745 hours.

2 flooded areas - one 15 miles east of Caen is 8 miles in diameter. The second at St. Nere Eglisse is of the same size. 1800-1930 hours. Two truck convoys sighted between 1225 and 1230, one, two to three in length on road a few miles southwest of Bernay, headed southwest. One truck convoy of approximately 50 vehicles headed west at 10 to 15 miles west of Lisiuer.

Convoy of 12 to 15 vehicles at Y 8222 headed south at 1145 going into Mayerme.

Convoy of 20 trucks and vehicles headed southwest sighted at VII7276 which when they sighted planes ran off roads into woods.

Three passenger trains stationary at 1220 hours at UR373.

A 15 car military train stationary 20 miles northeast of Rouen.
Cluster of harrage balloons 15-20 miles southwest of Green at 20,000

Cluster of barrage balloons 15-20 miles southwest of Caen at 20,000 feet at 0645 hours.

Large spread out truck convoy at 0800 travelling north between 42818 and 14039.

Many barges standing still in canal between M6543 and M7553 at 0930 hours. Large concentration of R.R. rolling stock from Paristto Orleans.

In wooded area, L9019, a large encampment of tents, trucks, tanks, etc., observed from 2,000 feet at 2045 hours.

Balloon barrage area, Q4045, running north and south along coast, with balloons at 600 feet. Observed from 4,000 feet at 2100 hours.

Six medium tanks seen at 2115 hours from 3,000 feet, north of road between L4153 and L4141.

Two troop trains of about 20 cars each observed at 5312N-0548E, Leuwarden at 2115 hours from 1500 feet. Trains stationary.

Approximately 200 goods wagons on sidings at W7175 - at 2030-2055 nours

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OBSERVATIONS (contd.)

At 2055 hours 15 JU-87s seen at VW 3390. 30 plus box and tank cars at M/Y V 7848 - 2030 hours. Small army camp at 5566 from 10,000 feet at 2020. 4. Damage to Enemy Installations

large number of them destroyed or damaged by fighters.

Bombing on first three missions of June 6th was done through 10/10 undercast

and results were unobserved.

of the ORNE RIVER.

Due to late landing hours no detailed assessment of results on last mission is yet available.

5. Ground and Naval Information: Ground Operations: Allied airborne troops landed on northern coast of France in the early hours of this morning according to plan.

Allied forces astride the estuary of the VIRE RIVER and as far as the mouth

Their operations were followed by seaborne landings by

Naval Operations (Up to 1400 hours): Landings were generally satisfactory with opposition from coastal batteries less than expected. Follow-up and build-up convoys moving according to plan. Enemy naval light forces from Le Havre attempted to oppose our landing but

were driven off with the loss of one trawler sunk, and one damaged. Seven lines of mines are so far reported in the assualt area. Casualties of our own forces-1 destroyer to gun fire, 1 destroyer, probably to a torpedo (this destroyer is believed to be in tow back to England) -- 1 destroyer, mined but afloat, 1 LST, mined off HASTINGS, and a few LCT which returned to England due to the weather, Two minesveepers are also believed to be either sunk or damaged. No further details.

6. G.A.F. Activity over Great Britain - Night 6/7 June 1944. None