

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

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 22 June 1944.

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

95TH "A" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE. 13 ships of the 95th "A" Group took off from base at 1452-1535 hours to form the lead Group in the 13th "B" wing, with 95 "B" Group flying low position. 95 "A" assembled over the base (Buncher 23) at 8,000 feet, by 1535 hours and before leaving the field, was joined by 95 "B" Group, which had assembled below. With formation complete, the 13th "B" Wing proceeded to Buncher 27, arriving there at 1631, on time, and at an altitude of 16,000 feet. From there, a course was set to Buncher 22, and on the way, the "B" Wing moved into formation with the 13th "A" Wing. Buncher 22 was made at 1639 hours, about 30 seconds early, and as Splasher 7 was approached, the 4th "C" Wing was seen to be coming in from the right, level with our position. Therefore the 13th "B" Wing "S"ed to the left and dropped behind 4 "C".

The English Coast at Selsey Bill was crossed at 1712 hours, at an altitude of 16,000 feet, and climb to bombing altitude was begun. The enemy coast was crossed at 1741, approximately one minute late, and briefed course to I.P. followed, although the two preceding wings appeared to be several miles to our right. There were no low clouds along the route, but upon nearing the I.P., rolls of thick cirrus were encountered at bombing altitude. The wing leader let down to 23,000 but horizontal visibility was still restricted.

However, turn onto I.P. was made at 1900 hours and bombs run made through several rolls of clouds, the formation finally breaking into a clear spot about two minutes before target. Bombs were away at 1912 hours, at an altitude of 22,500 feet. Sharp left turn was made in order to avoid flak, and course away from target followed. However, due to the cloud formations, and a collision course with two other groups, 95 "B" lost sight of the wing leader and never regained formation.

Course out was followed by 95 "A", enemy coast crossed at 2013 hours, and let down begun. English coast was crossed at 2032, base reached at 2118 and landing effected at 2121 - 2129 hour.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 13 A/C including 1 PFF and 1 spare took off from base in formation as shown in attached diagram "A". Unused spare A/C No. 42-38054, was not needed and turned back at coast, as ordered.

Of the 12 A/C that left the English coast, A/C 42-31600 turned back after crossing the enemy coast, due to mechanical failure of one engine, and returned to base, This A/C is credited with a sortie.

11 A/C including 1 PFF attack the target in formation as shown in attached diagram "B" and are credited with sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

95TH "B" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 95 "B" Group took off from base at 1505 - 1518 hours to fly as low group in the 13th "B" Combat Wing. Group assembly was made over the base at 5,000 feet by 1535 hours. At this time a climb to Wing assembly altitude (15,500 feet) was begun and 95 "B" Group tacked on to the wing leader 95 "A" group prior to departure from the base, thus completing the 13th "B" Combat Wing formation.

For further detail, reference is made to 95 "A" General Narrative, with the exceptions noted below.

95 "B" groups bombs were away at 1914 hours at 21,900 feet and due to evasive action taken after bombs away, 95 "B" was unable to rejoin combat wing formation. From the target a course to ETAMPS was taken up and this point reached at 1925 hours, thus to RAMBOUILLET at 1932 hours, to EVREAU at 1942 hours crossing the French coast at 49°17'N - 00°02'W at 20,400 feet, where a descent was started reaching the English coast West of BRIGHTON at 8,000 feet at 2037 hours. Back to base at 2131 hours landing at 2141 - 2151 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 12 A/C left base in formation as shown in attached diagram "A".

A/C No. 42-38140 left the formation before becoming dispatched, returned to base, and is not credited with a sortie.

Of the 11 A/C over the target in formation shown in attached diagram "B". A/C No. 42-31376 did not bomb due to

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bombardier error. All 11 A/C are credited with sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: A/C No. 42-106993 was forced down on R.C.A.F. landing strip, B-4, on the beachhead in France. Crew returned to England, leaving A/C in France.

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95 "A" Group
Assembly
Diagram "A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 22 June 19⁴⁴

LEAD

RIVENBARK
75 | 86

LOW

SALVIA
72 | 57

CRAIG
19 | 92

HIGH

WRIGHT
25 | 60

McENTEE
70 | 47

MAYER
26 | 78

OLNEY BERTRAM
60 | 98 72 | 04

GRIFFIN GROSSHEIM
73 | 64 16 | 00

MANGAN ROMANCHEK
78 | 56 81 | 76

WYRICK
8054

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

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LEAD

BECKELMAN
 24 | 50

HERCHENBAHN JACOBSON
 13 | 76 14 | 10

HIGH

LOW

DANCISLN
 77 | 97

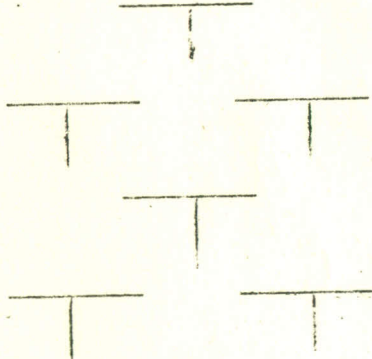
HOLT
 78 | 44

BABER
 20 | 66

AUSTIN BUCKLAND
 78 | 82 29 | 37

LAIRD BASTION
 78 | 89 69 | 93

PSOTA WYATT
 81 | 40 18 | 76



EXTRA SHIPS

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

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

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95 "A" Group
Over Target
Diagram "B"

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 22 June 19 44

LEAD

RIVENBARK
75 | 86

LOW

SALVIA
72 | 57

CRAIG
19 | 92

HIGH

WRIGHT
25 | 60

McENTEE
70 | 47

MAYER
26 | 78

OLNEY
60 | 98

BERTRAM
72 | 04

GRIFFIN
72 | 64

MANGAN
78 | 56

ROMANCHEK
81 | 78

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READINESS _____
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EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
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95 "B" Group
Over Target
Diagram "B"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 22 June 19 44

LEAD

BECKELMAN

24 | 50

HERCHENHAHN

13 | 76

JACOBSON

14 | 10

LOW

HIGH

DANCISIN

77 | 97

HOLT

78 | 44

BABER

20 | 66

AUSTIN

78 | 82

BUCKLAND

29 | 37

LAIRD

78 | 89

BASTION

69 | 93

WYATT

18 | 76

BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
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 RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
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 Office of the Operations Officer

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22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Mission of
 22 June 1944, Gennevilliers, France.

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

1. Bombing Approach and Run - Before hitting the I.P., our group ran into a cloud bank and was forced to descend to 22,000'. The I.P. and the target was covered by a ground haze. I was able to pick up the general target area, but could not see the M.P.I. because of the smoke from previous groups bombs. I synchronized on the base of the smoke and flames and salvoed bombs when indices met. Flak was intense and accurate, but did not hinder the bombing run. Bombs were away at 1914 hours. No enemy fighters were seen.

2. Disposition of Bombs - 12 A/C were dispatched from the 95th "B" Group and 12 A/C were over the primary target and dropped 200 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs. Two ships failed to drop over target and returned 40 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs to base. All bombs released were salvoed armed. All bombs were fused 1/10 nose and 1/100 tail.

3. Types of Release - Of the 200 bombs dropped, all were dropped on the primary target and were salvoed armed. Two A/C failed to drop bombs and returned 40 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs to base.

4. Tabular Summary - Aircraft

Main Bombfall	Over Target	Bombing	Bombs		Fuzing		
			No.	Size	Type	Nose	Tail
Gennevilliers, Fr.	12	10	200	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100
Total bombs on Target.			200	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures.			None.				
Bombs Returned.			40	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			240	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100

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SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of 22 June 1944, Gennevilliers, France.

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

1. Bombing Approach and Run - Before hitting the I.P. we had to let down 2500' to get under an overcast. On the run it was impossible to see the target until about ten miles away because of the undercast we were going through. As soon as we broke out of the undercast and leveled out I could see the target and we were coming in on course. I quickly estimated the sight settings and set synchronization on the M.P.I. and dropped the bombs. Flak was intense and accurate but did not interfere with the bombing run. Bombs were away at 1912 hours.

2. Disposition of Bombs - 13 A/C were dispatched from the 95th "A" Group and 11 A/C were over the primary target and dropped 187 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs. The P.F.F. A/C dropped 6 x 500# G.P. AN-M64 bombs and two smoke bombs. Two A/C returned 40 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs due to mechanical failure and one A/C returned 10 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs. Total bombs on primary target was 187 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs and 6 x 500# G.P. AN-M64 bombs. All bombs were fused 1/10 nose and 1/100 tail.

3. Types of Release - All 193 bombs were dropped on the primary target were salvoed armed.

4. Tabular Summary - Aircraft

Main Bombfall Gennevilliers, Fr.	Over Target	Bombing	No.	Bombs Size	Type	Fuzing	
						Nose	Tail
11	11	11	187	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100
Total dropped by P.F.F. A/C---			6	500#	M-64	1/10	1/100
Total bombs on Target.			193	Same as above.		1/10	1/100
Bombs Returned.			50	250#	M-64	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures.			None.				
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			237	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100
			6	500#	M-64	1/10	1/100

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

1. Narrative.

- a. Bombing aids used were E-6-B, C-2 and A.B.C. computer.
- b. The maneuver at the I.P. was a turn of 70° to the left.
- c. Bomb bay doors were opened at the I.P. at 1907 hours.
- d. After making our turn at the I.P., we ran into a cloud bank which hindered pilotage and visibility. Enemy resistance consisted of intense, accurate flak. No unusual hostile tactics interfered with the bombing run.
- e. Bombs were observed to land in smoke of previous groups bombs.
- f. No suggested tactical changes in bombing technique on this target or any other particular target.

2. Bombardier's form 12-E modified is attached.

3. Disposition of Bombs - A/C				Bombs		Fuzing	
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Total bombs on Target.			200	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures.			None.				
Bombs Returned.			40	250#	M-57	1/10	1/100
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4. Types of Release - Of the 200 bombs dropped, all were dropped on the primary target and were salvoed armed. Two A/C failed to drop bombs and returned 40 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs to the base.

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22 June 1944, Gennevilliers, France.

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

1. Narrative.

- a. Bombing aids used were E-6-B, C-2 and A.B.C. computer.
- b. The maneuver at the I.P. was a turn of 70° to the left.
- c. Bomb bay doors were opened as we turned at the I.P.
- d. As we turned on the bombing run we had to drop 2500' because of cloud covering. Falk was intense and accurate but did not hinder the bombing run. No unusual hostile tactics interfered with the bombing run.
- e. Results of bombing was seen to be on M.P.I. of assigned target.
- f. No suggested tactical changes in bombing technique on this target or on any other particular target.

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3. Disposition of Bombs - A/C

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