

8/7/44

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TACTICAL TARGETS ONLY

~~MISSION REPORT~~

1005 telephoned
7-3 3rd DIV.
Lt. M? (Lally)

final report

(To be phoned to A-2, 3rd Division within three hours after A/C have landed). Secret phones 29,30,35.

A. ~~Additional~~ information on bombing results for each attacked target _____

Good - visual

B. Additional observations _____

none

C. E/A opposition: time _____, place _____, number, by types _____, _____, _____

none

D. Enemy ground opposition when it acted as a deterrent to the carrying out of the mission _____

E. Number of A/C lost _____

0

F. Number of A/C returning early with brief statement as to reasons. (Secure from group operations). _____

0

G. Filled in by A-3, 3rd Bomb Division. 1 airborne

H. Estimated claims--air or ground _____

none

I. Number ~~6~~² size ~~500~~^{smoke} type CP of bombs.

J. Estimated battle damage: minor, major, salvage.

none

K. Weather if it interfered with the carrying out of mission.

L. Any other information that may be deemed important, such as crashes on take off or landing (during assembly).

From
Bain

0659
19000
fusing
1/10 x 1/40

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This report to be phoned in to A-3 of Divrsion (13th Combat Wing to listen on their phone) if the teletype is busy.

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE, PFF SECTION 95TH BOMB GP (H) 8/7/44
(Date)

A/C # 564 flew Lead for the 100 A Group.
(position) 13 A WING

A/C # _____ flew _____ for the _____ Group.
(position)

A/C # _____ flew _____ for the _____ Group.
(position)

A/C # _____ flew _____ for the _____ Group.
(position)

A/C # _____ flew _____ for the _____ Group.
(position)

A/C # _____ flew _____ for the _____ Group.
(position)

A. none leaflets dropped.

B. Bombing Results Good

C. E/A None

D. Flak None

E. Weather Good

F. Other Observations None

G. Performance of H2X equipment OK

H. There are _____ H2X A/C assigned to 95. Gp. today.

I. A/C # 42-97564 took off from the 95th Group at 1100 7/7/44

A/C # _____ took off from the 95th Group at _____

A/C # _____ took off from the 95th group at _____

A/C # _____ took off from the 95th group at _____

A/C # _____ took off from the 95th group at _____

Reporting Officer.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: PFF Bombing Report

TGT. of OPPORTUNITY

(Target) 7-8-44
(Date)

TO : Commanding General, 3d Bombardment Division, APO 559.

1. The following report is submitted for a PFF A/C which made a bombing sighting and includes, in the diagram attached, the position and serial number of each PFF A/C in the bombing formation.

Formation led: ^{100th} (LEAD) Squadron 13 A Combat Wing. Date July 8 1944
Group

Mickey Operator JOHNSON No. of PFF missions 13

Pilot VALESH D.R. Navigator FRANKLIN Bomb. DEHN

LEAD Squadron 100 Group 3rd Division

Airplane B-17 G 42-97564 Briefed Position
(Type) (Serial No.) (Lead) ~~in lead~~

If Deputy Lead assumed the lead, state when and why _____

Where was the decision made to bomb by PFF? VISUAL

Initial Point used _____ Was this the briefed I.P.? _____

Distance at which mickey operator first identified the target: _____ Length of the bombing run _____ Visual _____ PFF _____

Was there crowding or interference by other formations on the bombing run? NO If so, explain _____

In the opinion of the mickey operator, was drift killed? ? If not, explain why _____

Were bombs released early, on time, or late according to the mickey equipment _____

Was the mickey equipment operating so that a satisfactory sighting could be made on the target: Yes X No _____ Explain _____

What was the bombing formation? ~~(Squadron)~~ (Group) ~~(Squadron)~~

Target attacked 48° 47' N - 00° 42' E

Where did the sighting team try to center the bombfall? _____

Where do you think the bombs hit? _____

Bombs away: Altitude 10000 Track 176 G.S. 157K Time 0650

Type of sighting made: (check one) PFF Visual X PFF (Visual assist)

Visual (PFF Assist) _____ Dropped on smoke bombs of _____

Group _____ PFF sighting for range only _____ Visual sighting for range _____

PFF BOMBING REPORT (CONT'D)

In making the sighting did the mickey operator: Set up course, yes

Sight for range? yes Supply data to bombardier for presetting bombsight? no

Do anything else? _____ If so, what? _____

followed through

In making the sighting did the bombardier: Sight for deflection? yes

Sight for range? yes Preset bombsight with data from mickey operator? yes

Do anything else? _____ If so, what? _____

What assistance did the navigator give the bombardier and mickey operator? _____

helped locate target

If the weather interfered with the success of this mission, state how: _____

No

What was the nature and extent of the cloud coverage on the bombing run and at the target? Visual

Remarks and recommendations:

Draw below the bombing formation (i.e., Combat wing, group or squadron) and give, in the appropriate space, the serial No. of each PFF A/C at the target.

Bomb load	<u>6-500</u>
Leaflets	<u>none</u>
Enemy aircraft	<u>none</u>
Take off time	<u>0325</u>
Flak	<u>none</u>

Report prepared by:

Charles Cowing

(Name)

1st Lt.

(Rank)

95th B Sq. PFF
(Organization and section)

13A 100 ^{2x12}

4249/115/910813

4731-0333

13B 95 ^{2x12}

9A9B 5000 (air) 96 SE

474740N-033503E

13C 100C lead
447B low

GSGS 5000 (air) 96 NE

475738N-033007E

13D 390 ^{2x12}

35/B/37 1LL 57/A

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

APO 559.
10 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 8 July 1944.

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

95 "A" Group

1. **GENERAL NARRATIVE:** The 95th "A" Group - flying as lead group in the 13th "B" combat wing - took off from base at 0320 - 0416 hours and assembled over field (Bun 23) at 9,000 feet at 0420 hours. Before leaving the base, 95 "A" Group was joined in wing formation by 95 "B" Group which had assembled at a lower altitude. Thus, with wing formation complete, the "A" Group began climb to division rendezvous altitude.

At 0514, the wing was over Ipswich at 15,000 feet and proceeded onto Bun 22 and Spl. 7 where division rendezvous was effected. At Beachy Head - control point # 1, the 13th "B" wing was three minutes early, but the 13th "A" wing, leading, was also early, and so elected to do a 360° turn over the channel. The 13th "B" wing followed suit in order to maintain division formation.

95 "A" crossed the enemy coast at 0635 hours at 19,000 feet. Upon departing from the English Coast, a message had been received from the Division Ground Station, informing the "B" Wing that their primary target was overcast and to pick a target of opportunity. The "A" Group leader elected to bomb a railroad bridge - bombs were away at 0713 hours from an altitude of 19000 feet. After bombing, the wing proceeded to Bernay, where the 95 "A" Group made two 360° turns while 95 "B" Group bombed another bridge.

Then both groups proceeded out and crossed enemy coast on briefed route out at 0810. Let down to minimum altitude was begun, English coast crossed at 0827 and base reached at 0902 hours. Landing was effected at 0912-0924 hours.

2. **AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING:** Fourteen A/C, including two spares left base in formation shown in Diagram "1A". Spare A/C #42-99856 and 42-97232 returned before becoming dispatched. The remaining twelve A/C attacked the target of opportunity and receive credit for sorties.

3. **AIRCRAFT LOST:** None.

95 "B" GROUP

1. **GENERAL NARRATIVE:** The 95 "B" Group, flying as low

group in the 13"B" Combat Wing, took off at 0335-0346 hours and assembled over base at 0700 feet at 0420 hours. The "B" Group then joined 95"A" Group and completed wing formation.

Reference is made to the "A" Group narrative for the remainder of mission with the following exceptions:

1. 95"B" Group picked as a target of opportunity a railroad bridge at Bernay. Bombs were away at 0751 hours.
2. Landing for "B" Group was effected at 0906-0911 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Thirteen A/C left base in formation as shown in Diagram "2A". All thirteen A/C attacked target and receive credit for sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

LARRY L. KERR,
Major, Air Corps,
Actg. Opns. Officer.

85th "A" Group
Over Target
Diagram "B"

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

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 July 1944

LEAD

HATHWAY

72 | 04

SALVIA

20 | 66

KINNEY

14 | 62

LOW

WRIGHT

25 | 50

BERTRAM

78 | 58

HIGH

HENDERSON

29 | 51

METZINGER

29 | 37

HAMLIN

71 | 20

PSOTA

72 | 57

WYATT

78 | 82

FERGUSON

78 | 79

CRAIG

24 | 47

BRIEFING _____

READINESS _____

STATIONS _____

TAXI _____

TAKE-OFF _____

RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____

335 _____

336 _____

412 _____

95th "B" Group
 Over Target
 Diagram "B"

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

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 July 19 41

LEAD

HAGENBAUGH

24 | 55

SLUSHER

14 | 10

HARVEY

72 | 05

LOW

HIGH

STRETON

73 | 83

BYRICK

71 | 54

KIRBY

60 | 13

MC GULLEY

16 | 89

ROMANCHER

78 | 01

GROSSHEIM

19 | 92

BOUDON

72 | 15

FEISS

34 | 00

COTNER

71 | 94

REDIN

78 | 44

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

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

"A"

FORM 3

STATION _____

DATE JUNE 8

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
412	B	7204	HATHEWAY			320		918	
"	R	1462	KINNEY			321		919	
"	D	2066	SALVIA			322		924	
"	Y	7858	BERTRAM			323		922	
"	T	7882	WYATT			348		922	
"	L	7257	PSOTA			449		920	
334	H	2951	HENDERSON	HI		325		912	
334	A	2447	CRAIG			355		858	
"	H	7879	FERGUSON			326		912	
335	X	2560	WRIGHT	LO		327		923	
412	O	7232	LASH			328		558	ABORT
335	W	7856	ROSSETTI			350		643	ABORT
412	E	2937	METZINGER	EXTRA		330		914	
336	E	7120	HAMLIX	"		416		915	

"45"

FORM 3

STATION _____

DATE JUNE 8

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
335	Z	2455	HAGENBAUGH			335		907	
336	L	7205	HARVEY			336		909	
"	G	1410	SLUSSER			337		908	
334	F	7154	WYRICK			338		911	
"	N	7215	BOUDON			339		911	
"	P	1992	GROSSHEIM			340		910	
336	A	6013	KIRBY	HI		341		857	
336	O	7194	COTNER			342		906	
"	D	3400	FEISS			409		905	
"	#	1376				343			
"	RF	7383	STREETON	LO		343		904	
334	J	7201	ROMANUCHEK			344		905	
"	C	1589	MCCULLEY			345		904	
336	R	7844	REDINI	EXTRA		346		907	

A

HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
"J" FORM

GP.
STA.

- DATE 7/8/44 TARGET _____ DUTY OFFICERS _____
- CBW 13B GROUP 95A GP. LEADER CAPT. BIESECKER A/C 412-BW / T LFW
POSITION LEAD DEPUTY LDR. CAPT. HENDERSON A/C 334 / T LFW
- EST. TAXI TIME 0310 EST. T.O. 1ST A/C 0320 LTD BASE 0420
ETR BASE 0930
- NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 14 NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED _____
INCLUDED 2
- TIME 1ST T.O. _____ LAST T.O. ~~##~~ TIME 1ST LANDING _____
LAST LANDING ##
- SQUADRON 334 NO. OF A/C 13 CALL SIGNS; W/T LNN

A U H

A/C	: 353	: 326	: 325	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 858	: 912	: 913	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 335 NO. OF A/C 2 CALL SIGNS: W/T NCA

X W

A/C	: 327	: 358	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 923	: 643	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 336 NO. OF A/C 1 SPARE CALL SIGNS: W/T SAC

F*

A/C	: 416	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 915	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 412 NO. OF A/C 9 CALL SIGNS: W/T LFW

B R A Y T L K O H D E*

A/C	: 320	: 321	:	: 323	: 346	: 419	:	: 329	:	: 322	: 330	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 918	: 919	:	: 922	: 922	: 920	:	: 558	:	: 924	: 914	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

7. EXPLANATION: Aircraft F.T.O., R.E., Landed away from base. and Outstanding.

GP.

HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
"J" FORM

STA.

B

1. DATE 7/8/44 TARGET _____ DUTY OFFICERS _____
2. CBW 13B GROUP 95B GP. LEADER CAPT. BABER A/C 335-2 W/T NCA
POSITION LOW DEPUTY LDR. CAPT. KIRBY A/C 336-4 W/T SAC
3. EST. TAXI TIME 0325 EST. T.O. 1ST A/C 0335 LTD BASE 0420
ETR BASE 0950
4. NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 13 NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED
INCLUDED 1
5. TIME 1ST T.O. _____ LAST T.O. _____ TIME 1ST LANDING _____
LAST LANDING _____
6. SQUADRON 334 NO. OF A/C 5 CALL SIGNS; W/T LNN

	F	N	P	J	C							
A/C	: 338:	339:	340:	344:	345:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 911:	911:	910:	905:	904:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 335 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS: W/T NCA

	7											
A/C	: 335:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 907:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 336 NO. OF A/C 6+1 CALL SIGNS: W/T SAC

	L	G	A	O	M	A	R*	F	D			
A/C	: 336:	337:	341:	342:	:	:	346:	347:	409:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 909:	908:	857:	906:	:	:	907:	904:	905:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 412 NO. OF A/C _____ CALL SIGNS: W/T LFW

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Meteorological Interrogation Summary for Mission of 8 July 1944.

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

1. Base at take-off: Time was 0320 hours. 5/10 altocumulus at 10,000 ft. with 8/10 cirrus above 20,000 ft. Visibility was 7 miles.

2. Route to target: Nil low cloud. 5/10 altocumulus at 10,000 ft. gradually dissipating to nil-1/10. High cloud variable from 8-10/10 above 20,000 ft. Visibility unrestricted.

3. Target area: Targets of opportunity south of Havre: Time was 0700 to 0715 hours. Nil low cloud. Nil middle cloud. 6-8/10 high cloud above 20,000 ft. Visibility unrestricted.

4. Return route: Reverse of route to target with small cumulus beginning to form at 3000 ft. over England. Thin haze restricting downward visibility to 10-15 miles.

5. Base on return: Time was 0900 hours. Trace of cumulus beginning to form at 3000 ft. 2/10 altocumulus at 10,000 ft. 8/10 cirrus above 20,000 ft. Visibility was 8 miles.

6. Remarks: Frontal clouds over primary target were not visible.

HARVEY T. JACOBICK,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Sta Weather Officer.

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

E-F-26

9 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of
8 July 1944, La Ferte, France.

TO : Commanding Officer, Ninety Fifth Bombardment Group (H), A. A. F.

1. The 95th "A" group was flying as lead group in the 13th "B" Combat Wing.

2. We took off at 0320 hours and formed the group over the base at 9000 feet at 0420 hours. Wing assembly was made prior to our first control point. We were over Ipswich at 0514 hours, BU#22 at 0519 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, Sp#7 at 0525 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours and Sp#8 at 0549 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

3. We departed the English Coast at Beachy Head at 0601 hours at 15000 feet. A 360° turn was made by the proceeding wing in mid channel. To keep our proper division formation we followed them. The French Coast was crossed at 4952 - 0040E at 0635 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 19000 feet. At the time we left the English Coast we received a message from arrow swift telling us to pick a target of opportunity as the primary was overcast. We picked the Railroad Bridge 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles NW of the city of La Ferte (4813-0039E) as our target. We used the city of Nogent as an I.P. which we reached at 0713 hours.

4. Bombs were away at 0718 hours from 19000 feet on a Mag Heading of 227°. After bombs away we went to the city of Bernay where we did two 360° turns to wait for our low group to bomb.

5. We crossed the French Coast at St Valery at 0809 hours at 19000 feet. The English Coast was crossed at Beachy Head at 0824 hours at 12000 feet. We were over the base at 0856 hours.

EUGENE PETROCINE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Lead Navigator.

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

E-F-26

9 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Mission of 8 July 1944, La Roger, France.

TO : Commanding Officer, Ninety Fifth Bombardment Group (H), A. A. F.

1. The 95th "B" group was flying as low group in the 13th "B" Combat Wing.
2. We took off at 0335 and formed the group over the base at 7000 feet at 0420 hours. We tacked on the the lead group prior to wing assembly time. We were in good wing formation until 0713 when the lead group started their Bombing Run. At this time we pulled off to the right and paralleled their track so not to interfere with their bombing. At Bernay the lead group did two 360° turns while we bombed. We picked a Railroad Bridge at 4902 - 0048E as our target. At 0745 we started our bombing run at 4916 - 0048E, the point we chose as an I. P.
3. Bombs were away at 0751 hours on a Mag Heading of 192° from 18000 feet. We joined with the lead group at 0801 at Pont Audemer in wing formation.
4. We crossed the French Coast at St Valery at 0810 hours at 18000 feet. The English Coast was reached at Beachy Head at 0827 at 11500 feet and were over the base at 0902 hours.

CHESTER W. CAMP
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Lead Navigator.

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

E-F-26

10 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of 8 July 1944, La Ferte Bernard, 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.F.C.E.

b. Maneuver at the I.P. was a slight turn to the right.

c. Bomb bay doors were opened at the Initial Point.

d. After getting a call to choose a target of opportunity we proceeded on course till we were in France and I picked up a small Railroad bridge. We made an AFCE run with no interference, but it was too short and bomb hit to the left.

e. Results of bombing were observed to hit left of assigned MPI.

f. No suggested tactical changes in bombing technique on this particular target or on any other target.

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

3. Disposition of Bombs - A/C

				Bombs		Fuzing
Main Bombfall	Over Target	Bombing	No.	Size	Type	Nose Tail
La Ferte Bernard, Fr.	10	10	58	1000#	M-44	1/10 1/40
Total bombs on Target.			58	1000#	M-44	1/10 1/40
Other Expenditures (jettisoned).			2	1000#	M-44	1/10 1/40
Bombs Returned.			12	1000#	M-44	1/10 1/40
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			72	1000#	M-44	1/10 1/40

4. Types of Releases - Of the 58 bombs released over the target and the two bombs jettisoned in the channel all were released salvo armed.

CARL A. CARLSON
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Lead Bombardier.

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

E-F-26

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Mission of 8 July 1944, Le Roger, France.

TO : Commanding Officer, Ninety Fifth Bombardment Group (H), A. A. F.

1. Narrative

- a. Bombing aids used were E-6-B, C-2 and A.F.C.E.
- b. Maneuver at I. P. was approximately a 40° turn to the right.
- c. Bomb bay doors were opened at I. P.
- d. Primary target was not attached due to adverse weather conditions in that area and received instructions from Wing Leader to bomb any target of opportunity.
- e. Results of bombing were observed to hit chosen MPI and slightly over.
- f. No suggested tactical changes in bombing technique on this target or on any other target.

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

3. Disposition of Bombs - A/C

Main Bombfall	Over Target	Bombing	No.	Bombs Type	Size	Fuzing Nose	Fuzing Tail
Railway Bridge near Beaumont Le Roger, Fr.	13	13	78	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40
Total Bombs on Target			75	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40
Other Expenditures			0				
Bombs Returned			3	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40
Total (loaded on A/C taking off)			78	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40

4. Types of Releases - All the 75 Bombs released on the target were salvoed armed.

JOHN E. LLOYD
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Lead Bombardier.

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

E-F-26

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Mission of 8 July 1944, Le Roger, France.

TO : Commanding Officer, Ninety Fifth Bombardment Group (H), A. A. F.

1. Bombing Approach and Run - At the I. P. we made a gradual turn to the right and proceeded to the target. Bombing run was made on A.F.C.E. and had no difficulty in picking up target. No enemy resistance on bomb run and visual sighting was made. Results of bombing was observed to hit chosen MPI.

2. Disposition of Bombs - 13 A/C were dispatched from the 95th "B" Group and were over the chosen target of opportunity. 75 X 1000 lbs G.P. ANM44 bombs were dropped and 1 A/C returned 3 X 1000 lbs due to mechanical failure in release mechanism. All bombs were fused 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail.

3. Types of Release - All the 75 bombs released on the target were salvoed armed.

4. Tabular Summary - Aircraft

Main Bombfall	Over Target	Bombing	No.	Bombs Type	Size	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Railway Bridge near Beaumont Le Roger, Fr.	13	13	78	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40
Total Bombs on Target			75	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40
Other Expenditures			0				
Bombs returned			3	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40
Total (loaded on A/C taking off)			78	ANM44	1000	1/10	1/40

JOHN E. LLOYD
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Lead Bombardier.

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

V-A-2

APO 559,
8 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission 8 July 1944.

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

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission 8 July 1944.

- a. Twenty-seven (27) B-17 airplanes took-off.
- b. Twenty-five (25) B-17 airplanes returned to base after completion of mission.
- c. 42-97856 & 42-97232 were flying extras and returned as scheduled.
- d. 42-97564 was a pathfinder and was dispatched to the 100th Bomb Gp (E).

2. There was no abortive airplanes.

3. There was no battle damage.

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

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

(J-1)

APO 559
6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Communications

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group, Station #119

1. Of the twenty-seven crews assigned to the mission, twenty-five were available for distribution by the Communications Officer.

2. Mechanical and electrical failures noted were as follows:

(a) 33A-A (R/C antenna broken, liaison receiver weak)

(b) 33A-P (Command receiver out intermittently)

(c) 33A-U (Bomb. jack box out)

(d) 335-K (Liaison receiver out)

3. The following navigational aids were used successfully:

(a) Nineteen A/C used Splashes and Bunchers

(b) Nineteen A/C used Station 7000

4. The reception of radio ground stations and navigational aids was generally satisfactory.

RICHARD F. KNOX
Captain, A. C.
Gp. Communication O.

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

9 July 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 Report for the Mission of 8 July 1944.

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

1. Twelve aircraft of the 95th Group took off beginning at 0320 hours to form 95 A Group leading 13 B Combat Wing. Thirteen aircraft of the 95th Group took off beginning at 0335 hours to form 95 B Group, flying as low group in the 13 B Combat Wing. After take-off the assigned target was scrubbed and the Groups were instructed to find targets of opportunity.

2. No enemy aircraft were encountered.

3. No flak was encountered but several rocket bursts were seen at 48°48'N - 00°0N 32'E.

4. 95A selected as target railroad bridge at approximately 48°20'N - 00°48'E, northeast of town of La Ferte Bernard. The bombs hit east of the bridge. 95B bombed a railroad bridge at 49°02'N - 00°48'E with good pattern on end of bridge and along tracks.

5. Weather at targets was clear. A/C #7879 and A/C #7120 of A Group brought bombs back as they would not release. A/C #2560 of A Group had two bombs fail to release, at target so dropped them in channel. A/C #7383 of B Group dropped three bombs on target - three hung up and were returned to base. All aircraft returned to base and landed by 0924 hours.

JOHN N. PETRY,
Capt., A. C.,
Ass't. S-2.

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

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: A.A. Report.

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

1. None of our aircraft were damaged by flak to today's mission.
2. No flak was encountered.
3. ²One crew observed flak at Rouen, but our aircraft were out of range.

PAUL C. WILLIAMSON,
2nd.Lt. Air Corps,
A.A. Officer.

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A

(Lead)
HATHAWAY - ~~Not rec'd~~ report

WALVIA

W KINNEY

W BERTRAM / 2A

W SOTA

W WYATT

W WRIGHT

W METZINGER

W HAINLIK ✓

W HENDERSON

W FERGUSON

W CRAIG

0320 - 0449

0812
Indexed 0924

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LEAD

W HAGAMBAUGH

W SLUSSER

W HARVEY

W WYRICK / 3A

W GROSSHEIM

W BOUDON

W SPREETON

W O'CONNOR

W MANCHECK

W KIRBY

W FEISS

W GOTNER

W REDIN ✓

0335 - 0409

Indexed 09070857
0911

Stratton

B-17 all along below 10000 ft.

dep in France -

Wasserspiegel ^{reddish} top - brown
in area of target

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- a) Hit tactical target 11/B/80 - good results.
4902 N - 0048 E
- b) B-17 all down flying about 10000 ft
 - 1) below formation, near target. Cannon fired
brown top
 - 2) 1 Rocket at 4848 N - 0032 E
 - 3) SW corner Burma - very heavy smoke
- c) none
- d) none
- e) none
- f) none
- g) ~~none?~~ 13 sorties - 13 airborne
- h) none
- i) 75 x 1000 GP. - ^{1391e} - 3 back.
- j) none
- k) original target changed. weather
Cannon at opportunity
- l) none.

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- a) Fields N. of town La Ferte Bernard
to east of RR bridge (Le Mans Paris RR)
- b) ~~missed~~ Bridge
~~none~~ - rockets at 4848 ft 0032 E
- c) none
- d) none
- e) none
- f) - none
- g) ~~none (?)~~ Sorties - ~~12~~ 12 - airborne 12⁺
- h) none
- i) 5 ft on target. 2 in chanc'd - 12 brought back
- j) none
- k) Clear at target -
- l) none

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 69

PERIOD: 0001 hours 8 July 1944 to 2400 hours 8 July 1944.

A. STATISTICS

	Missions	Disp.	Sorties	Atkg.	Tonnage	Claims	<u>Losses</u>				Totals
							E/A	A/A	N/E	OT	
Heavy Bomber Atks.	45	1029	962	476	1192.9	0-0-0	0	10	0	2	12
Fighter Escort	14	623	538	13	3.2	0-0-0A 20-0-20G	0	0	0	1	1
Fighter Sweeps	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Bombing	2	91	86	51	13.3	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	11	11	11	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	7	7	6	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	106	1733	1679	540	1209.4	0-0-0 A 20-0-20G	0	10	0	3	13

1. Bomber Attacks

1029 a/c (568 B-17s, 461 B-24s) dispatched in three forces to attack RR bridges, RR junctions, tunnels and Noball targets in Northern France. Escort by 14 fighter groups. 45 assigned primary targets. 476 a/c dropped 1192.9 tons visually on 12 primaries and on other targets. Remaining primaries not attacked due to heavy cloud. No e/a sighted. Claims: 0-0-0. Losses: 12 a/c.

First Force - Bridges and Tunnels

331 B-24s dispatched to attack 8 bridges and 2 tunnels in Northern France. Escort by 6 fighter groups. No primaries attacked. Five out of six combat wings turning back due to C/10 to 10/10 cloud and thick haze from 14,000-20,000 feet. 25 a/c attacked four opportunity targets, dropping 95 tons G.P., visually, at 0712-0750 hours from 13,200-22,000 feet. No e/a sighted. Flak: moderate, accurate at coast. Battle Damage: 20 minor, 0 major. Claims: 0-0-0 Losses: 0

Details of attacks as follows:

<u>Primary Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Results</u>
	B-24s	B-24s		
Jussy Bridge	30			
Beautor Bridge	36			

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<u>Primary Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Results</u>
Les Foulons Bridge	35			
Peronne B ridge	34			
Han sur Somme Bridge	36			
Rilly la Montagne I Tunnel	124			
Rilly la Montagne II Tunnel	24	(no primaries attacked)		
Anizy Bridge	34			
Fismes B ridge	36			
Nanteuill Bridge	40			
	331			

Other Targets

Ursel A/F		1	4	Unobserved
RR Bridge (5227N-0400E) (Schore)		14	53	Fair
RR Bridge (5045N-0403E) (Welle)		9	36	Fair to Good
U/i T/O		1	2	Unobserved
Totals	331	25	95	

Second Force - Bridges, RR junctions, and Noball Targets

304 B-17s dispatched to attack 2 bridges, 2 RR junctions and 13 Noball targets in Northern France. Escort by 1 fighter group. 183 a/c attacked, dropping 412.8 tons G.P. visually at 0710 - 0807 hours, from 19,000 - 24,850 feet on six primaries and four other targets. No e/a sighted. Flak: generally moderate, inaccurate. Intense accurate at Humieres, Fresnoy. Battle damage: 19 major, 71 minor. Claims: 0-0-0. Losses: 5 a/c (3 to A/A, 1 to unknown causes, 1 Cat "EB").

Details of attacks as follows:

<u>Primary Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Results</u>
Humieres	12	13	24.5	Poor
B ois de Harcel	13	11	24.6	Good
Mont Louis Ferme	13	12	26.8	Good
B elloy sur Somme	12	12	33.0	Good
Etaples Bridge	39	37	74.2	Fair
Prevent RR J unction	26	0	0	
Doullens RR Junction	26	0	0	
Consie Bridge	26	0	0	
Crepeuil	12	0	0	
Fleury	12	1	2.0	Unobserved
Haut Maisnil	12	0	0	
Coubronne	12	0	0	
Vaugobert	13	0	0	
Rely	12	0	0	
Fresnoy	12	0	0	
Villiers l'Hopital	13	0	0	
Renescure	39	0	0	
Totals	304	83	153.6	

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<u>Other Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Results</u>
Poix A/F		61	148.6	Fair to Good
RR choke points, Etaples		11	24.0	Good
Abbeville A/F		12	26.2	Fair
Road Junction (5048N-0200E)		13	28.9	Unobserved
Totals	304	183	412.8	

Third Force - Bridges and Noball Targets

394 a/c (264 B-17s, 130 B-24s) dispatched to attack 4 bridges and 14 Noball targets in Northern France. Escort by 7 fighter groups. 268 a/c attacked dropping 685.1 tons G.P. and D.A. visually at 0659 - 0829 hours from 18,000 - 24,500 feet on six primaries and 15 other targets. No e/a sighted. Flak: Generally meagre. Intense and accurate at Foret l'Île Adam and Nucourt. Battle Damage: 34 major, 112 minor. Claims: 0-0-0. Losses: 7 B-17s to A/A (1 ditched-crow saved).

Details of attacks as follows:

<u>Primary Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>		<u>Attacked</u>		<u>Tons</u>	<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-17s</u>	<u>B-24s</u>	<u>B-17s</u>	<u>B-24s</u>		
Val des Socs		13	13		31.4	Poor
St. Georges sur Fontaine		13	0		0	
Quincampoix		13	0		0	
La Luge Aupain		13	11		31.5	Very Good
La Grand Vallee		13	12		30.0	Fair
Foret de St. Saens		13	11		26.3	Fair
St. Sylvestre		13	11		26.3	Good
Bois du Grand Marche		13	13		30.5	Good, Very Go
Bois de Queue Comtesse		13	0		0	
La Houssoye		13	0		0	
Coulanges Bridge	26		0		0	
Auxerre B ridge	25		0		0	
Cheney Bridge	26		0		0	
Nuvy Bridge	27		0		00	
Bois de Cassan	42		0		0	
Nucourt	40		0		0	
Hery-sur-Oise	39		0		0	
Foret de l'Île Adam	39		0		0	
Totals	264	130	0	71	176.0	

Other Targets

A/F St. Valery My Gaus		13	32.0	Fair
RR Highway Intersection, SE of Abbeville (5006N - 0142E)		11	25.3	Fair to Good
RR Junction NW of Jaigle		21	49.5	Good
RR Junction NW of Chandai		10	20.0	Good

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<u>Other Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>		<u>Attacked</u>		<u>Tons</u>	<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-17s</u>	<u>B-24s</u>	<u>B-17s</u>	<u>B-24s</u>		
Conches RR Bridge & Junction			13		39.0	Fair
Nantes/Gassicourt Bridge			11		31.5	Good
RR Bridge near Nantes/ Gassicourt (4859N-0144E)			11		26.3	Poor
RR Tracks near Ivetot			9		24.0	Poor
Nogent M/Y			11		22.0	Good
Rouen M/Y			6		18.0	Good
Barenton RR Junction			20		49.0	Fair to Poor
Conches A/F			24		70.0	Fair
St. Andre de Leur A/F			11		33.0	Fair
3 u/i T/Os			<u>25</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>69.5</u>	Unobserved
TOTALS	264	130	173	96	685.1	

2. Fighter Escort

Bombers attacking targets in northern France supported by 14 fighter group 623 fighters dispatched - 588 sorties flown. Missions uneventful with no e/a sighted in air. Claims 20-0-20 for e/a on ground. Losses: 1 a/c.

Six groups (142 P-38s, 138 P-51s, - 280 a/c) dispatched to support first force of B-24s. Time up - 0610-0637, time down - 0740-1002. 266 sorties flown. No e/a seen in air. One group made 15 passes at a well-camouflaged grass A/F near Fleurs (4 VT 1618) claiming 14-0-12 s/e and 6-0-7 t/e; a total of 20-0-19 on the ground. Claims for other strafing attacks: 7 locos, 1 truck, 1 staff car, 1 flak car destroyed; 1 loco, 45 RR cars damaged. Losses: 1 P-51 to unknown causes.

One group (39 P-47s) dispatched to support second force of B-17s. Time up - 0514, time down - 0845. 36 sorties flown. After leaving bombers 13 a/c dropped 3.25 tons G.P. on a RR siding and road traffic near a small town north of Beauvais with unobserved results. Claims for strafing: 1 truck, 1 sedan, 1 RR car damaged. No e/a seen in air. Losses: Nil.

Seven groups (142 P-47s, 41 P-38s, 121 P-51s - 304 a/c) dispatched to support third force of B-17s and B-24s. Time up - 0458-0542, time down - 0720-0945). 286 sorties flown. Missions completely uneventful with no e/a encountered. One s/e damaged by strafing at St. Andre de L'Eure. Losses: Nil.

3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

4. Fighter-Bombing

Two groups (91 P-47s) dispatched to dive-bomb St. Andre de L'Eure A/F. Time up - 1130, time down - 1503. 86 sorties flown. One group finding target cloud-obscured, bombed Corneilles-en-Vexin A/F; Two squadrons of other group bombed primary, releasing bombs at 1000-5000 feet, with unobserved results. In addition to bombs, 3 108 gal. incendiary tanks dropped - one seen to hit building area SW of A/F. One incendiary tank dropped on Evreux A/F. No e/a seen. After bombing, following targets strafed: rail traffic Amiens area, RR line from Le Trepor

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to Beauvais, Brombes A/F, M/Y SW of Compeigne. RR line Amiens-Abbeville, Besme area (4VN-5213). Claims: 1 loco destroyed, 2 locos, 50 RR cars, 1 truck damaged. Losses: Nil.

Details of bombing as follows:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tons</u>			<u>Results</u>
		<u>Frag</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>IB</u>	
St. Andre de l'Eure A/F	24	3.12	3	x	Unobserved
Corneilles en Vexin A/F	26	5.7		1.5	Poor to Fair
Evroux A/F	<u>1</u>	---	-	<u>xx</u>	Unobserved
Totals	51	8.82	3	1.5	

x - 3x 108 gallon incendiary-tanks also dropped
 xx - 1 x 108 gallon incendiary-tanks also dropped

5. Photo Reconnaissance

6 Spitfires and 5 F-5s dispatched. 5 a/c were dispatched for D/A photos of German targets. Routine coverage of German A/Fs was flown by 1 a/c and 2 of the a/c dispatched for D/A photographs. 5 a/c took pictures of airfields for target illustrations. 4 a/c failed to obtain photos because of weather. All returned safely.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

2 B-17s and 5 Mosquitos were dispatched. 1 B-17 flew reconnaissance over the sea. 1 aborted due to mechanical failure. 3 Mosquitos reconnoitred bomber targets and 2 flew reconnaissance to central France. All returned safely.

7. Special Operations - Night 7/8 July 1944

22 a/c on special operations. All a/c returned safely. 5 a/c were dispatched to drop leaflets in France. 4 a/c were successful. All a/c returned safely.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Neither the bombers nor their escorting fighters met any airborne opposition during this morning's attacks on multiple targets in northeast France. It is possible that prevailing weather conditions may account for the absence of enemy activity during the early hours of the morning.

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2. Flak

Dreux-Meager and accurate.

Evreux and Abbeville-Heavy, intense accurate, 10,000 feet.

Calais-Chaumont-Heavy, meager accurate, 10,000 feet.

Lesandelys-Heavy, moderate accurate, 10,000 feet.

Boulogne-Light, moderate inaccurate, 10,000 feet.

All along east coast from Seine River to Amiens-Heavy, moderate accurate.

4 VM-3543 (Foret-Deauzy)-Believed loaded with heavy flak.

St. Georges sur Fontaine-Meager, accurate.

Humieres, Fresnoy, Foret de L'ile Adam-Intense, accurate.

Crepcuil-Meager, very accurate.

3. ObservationsBomber Observations

Suspected launching site on Schouwen Island, shaped like a large U, with open ends facing W.

5143N-0342E, 18-20 a/c on A/F possibly dummy a/c.

At 4957N-0120E from 24,000 feet, a large flash on the ground, cause unknown but believed to have been the launching of a glider-bomb.

Eight bursts of fire on ground at 5001N-0133E - looked like horizontal flashes - may have been pilotless aircraft launching.

4843N-0122E (Dreux A/F,) 18-20 e/a fighter planes observed.

4941N-0116E (in the woods) 20 silver-colored objects resembling fuselages.

4857N-0038E-Enemy filling bomb craters on A/F, that was previously bombed.

4938N-0039E- 20 oil tanks disguised as haystacks between two bends of Seine

River.

Fighter Observations

At A/F or strip near St. Andre-de-L'Eure, 15 s/e e/a seen on field well dispersed.

8 a/c on Evreux-Fauville A/F.

Well camouflaged grass A/F at 4 VT 1618, 20 plus e/a on field, well dispersed.

At 4 VN-4550 (forest) Foret du Nolle, noticed 3 red flashes from separate places in woods, 30 - 40 seconds apart after second flash, one flying bomb seen heading W. Believed each flash represents a bomb being launched.

At 4 VM-8097, fire seen in woods, N of Abbeville, believed to be a bivouac.

8-10 dummy a/c seen on Evreux-Fauville A/F - out Le Treport 1420, 11,000 f

4. Damage to Enemy InstallationsSt. Sylvestre - Good Results

One, possibly two near misses to "P". Pattern slightly left and over.

La Grande Valle - Fair Results

Pattern is just slightly over. 1 strike just in front of "P".

Foret de St. Saens - Fair Results

Center of the pattern just to the right of the MPI.

Bois de Grand Marche - Good to Very Good

Pattern well centered over the MPI. 7 hits in the target area, 1 hit on "I" and 1 possibly 4 near misses to "II". The other misses to "Q".

La Lave au Pain - Good Results

Most of the pattern to the left but several hits in target area. 1 explosion noted on the center of "I", and a small cluster of bursts directly on what is possibly the base of a launching ramp.

Val des Jocs - Poor Results

Strikes are in a u/i area reported as 5 miles SE of MPI.

St. Valery on Caux A/F - Fair Results

Pattern on field runways have already been destroyed by mining.

Conches A/F - Fair Results

Five hits on NE - SW runway and remainder of 18 bursts on field on either side of runway. 40 - 50 bursts on the NE dispersal area with a few bursts on the NE corner of the field proper.

Sidings at Nogent - Good Results

Pattern straddles the sidings and overpass with 4 hits on the sidings and 2 probable hits on the buildings at depot. 1 hit at end of overpass.

Cassicourt B ridge at Nantes - Good Results

One possibly 2 near hits on the bridge proper and about 4 hits on the approaches.

Rouen H/Y - Good Results

Pattern centers on reception and forwarding siding opposite loco repair works. Possibly 2 hits on the shops and two near misses with at least 18 bursts in the sidings.

Bois de Harcel - Good Results

Approximately 220 bombs burst in and adjacent to the target area. Installation "P" received a direct hit; one probably direct on "Q".

Mont Louis Ferme - Good Results

Approximately 90 bombs in the target area. A probable direct hit on building "Q".

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Belloy-sur-Somme - Good Results

130 bomb bursts in and adjacent to the target area.

Humieres - Poor Results

Approximately 130 bombs - 1 mile east of the target area in open fields and houses of a small village.

Etaples Bridge - Fair Results

Approximately 20 bomb bursts on the RR bridge target. 1 probable hit was made near the center span of the single line bridge. 1 direct hit on rail line leading to the N terminal of the bridge.

Etaples, RR M/Y - Good Results

150 bombs in and adjacent to the M/Y. 20 direct hits made on the choke point and rail lines of the M/Y.

Poix A/F - Fair to Good Results

4 concentrations fell into the runways areas. 250 bombs into the NW portion of the landing field with at least 34 direct hits on the EW runway. Approximately 100 in the SE landing field area. 14 direct hits on the NE-SW runway.

Abbeville-Druacat - Fair Results

Approximately 100 bombs fell into the landing field area near the junction of the EW and NW-SE runways. 8 direct hits made on the junction. All runways and taxi strips including taxi strips in dispersal area have been mixed and is highly probable A/F has been abandoned.

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