

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

APC 559,
July 22, 1944.

SUBJECT: Operations Officers Narrative - Mission 20 July 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Gp (H), APC 559.

1 95TH "A" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "A" Group, flying as lead group for the 13th Combat Wing, took-off from base at 0650-0704 hours and assembled over the field (Bun.23) at 14,000' by 0806 hours. After forming, the "A" Group was joined by the 95th "B" Group which had assembled at a higher level. The two groups then proceeded to Bun. 27, where wing formation was completed by the 390th "A" Group at 0828 hours. Bun. 22 was reached at 0840, and Bun. 22 at 0844 - division assembly being accomplished at this point. Then on to Spl 6 and the wing crossed Southwold at 0857 hours and began climbing on course.

The enemy coast was crossed at 0928 hours at 20,000'. Climb to bombing altitude was continued and briefed course followed to I.P. Two minutes before the I.P., the groups took their interval and 95 "A" turned on the bomb run at 1111 hours. Bombs were away at 1120, from an altitude of 25,000'.

The groups reformed at the rally point by means of "s"ing on the part of the wing leader. Let down to 19,000 began here.

The course out was followed as briefed, and the enemy coast crossed at 1330 hours, at an altitude of 18,000'. Here the wing began a let down to minimum altitude and the English coast was recrossed at Southwold at 1402 hours. Base was reached at 1414 and landing effected at 1417-1423 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Sixteen aircraft, including one P.F.F. left base in formation shown in diagram "A". A/C 7047 turned back before becoming dispatched and in not credited with a sortie. The remaining fifteen A/C bombed the primary target and receive sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

95TH "B" GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "B" Group, flying as high group in the 13th "A" Combat Wing, took-off from base at 0630-0643 hours and assembled over base at 16,000 feet by 0800 hours. After assembly, 95 "B" joined wing formation with 95th "A" group which had assembled at a lower altitude.

For the remainder of the mission, reference is made to the above narrative of 95 "A" Group, with the following exceptions:

a. 95 "B" Groups bombs were away at 1122 hours from an altitude of 26,000 feet.

b. Landing for "B" Group was effected 1438-1448 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Fifteen aircraft, including one PFF, left base in formation shown in Diagram "A". A/C 7257 turned back before becoming dispatched and does not receive a sortie. A/C 1887 returned after being dispatched and receives a sortie.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

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95th "A" Group
 Assembly
 Diagram "1A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 20 July 19 44

LEAD

HANSEN (PFF)
 76 | 83

CRAIG
 19 | 20

ROMANCHEK
 26 | 78

HIGH

KIRBY
 60 | 13

LOW

HOUSER
 29 | 51

MC REYNOLDS
 71 | 54

MC CULLEY GREENWALD
 70 | 47 24 | 47

BOUDON
 15 | 14

BASTION
 14 | 10

SHELLER
 78 | 01

BODIN
 25 | 60

GRIFFIN
 72 | 64

DOHERTY
 24 | 27

DAY
 16 | 00

LAIRD
 71 | 20

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

DECLASSIFIED
 Authority MD 745005
 By CSARA Date 12-9-09

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

95th "A" Group
Over Target
Diagram "1B"

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LEAD

HANSEN (PFF)

76 | 83

CRAIG

19 | 20

ROMANCHEK

26 | 78

HIGH

KIRBY

60 | 13

LOW

HOUSER

29 | 51

MC REYNOLDS

71 | 54

DAY

16 | 00

GREENWALD

24 | 47

BOUDON

15 | 14

BASTION

14 | 10

SHELLER

78 | 01

BODIN

25 | 60

GRIFFIN

72 | 64

DOHERTY

24 | 27

LAIRD

71 | 20

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____

335 _____

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95th "B" Group
 Assembly
 Diagram "2A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

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LEAD

RIVENBARK (PFF)

75 86

KINNEY

60 85

BUCKLAND

27 00

LOW

GILBERT

73 83

LAJESKIE

72 04

HIGH

DANCISIN

77 97

HARVEY

60 98

SLUSSER

19 89

HANNUM

16 75

SMARSH

81 40

PSOTA

78 98

GILLES

18 87

SNOWDEN

72 05

BERTRAM

24 55

ABRAHAM

19 99

HOPSAES

72 57

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

BRIEFING _____
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 TAXI _____
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95th "B" Group
Over Target
Diagram "2B"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 20 July 1944

LEAD

RIVENBARK (PFF)

75 | 86

LOW

GILBERT

73 | 83

HARVEY

60 | 98

SLUSSER

19 | 89

SNOWDEN

72 | 05

ABRAHAM

19 | 99

KINNEY

60 | 85

HANNUM

16 | 75

BUCKLAND

27 | 00

SMARSH

81 | 40

LAJESKIE

72 | 04

HIGH

DANCISIN

77 | 97

PSOTA

78 | 98

BERTRAM

24 | 55

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____

335 _____

336 _____

412 _____

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

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"B"

STATION 119

FORM 3

DATE 20-7-47

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
335	D	7586	RIVENBARK		✓	630		1445	
412	Z	2700	BUCKLAND		✓	631		1445	
35	S	6085	KINNEY		✓	632		1443	
412	B	7204	LAJESKIE		✓	633		1433	
"	C	8140	SMARCH		✓	634		1457	
"	W	1675	HANNUM		✓	644		1447	
"	H	7797	DANCISIN	141	✓	635		1448	
"	R	1462	AUSTIN						Scrubbed
"	A	7898	PSOTA			636		1437	
335	Z	2455	BERTRAM		✓	637		1446	
41	K	1887	GILLES		1st	635		712	Couldn't keep up with formation -CO-PILOT SICK
"	L	7257	HOFSHAES		✓	638		814	
"	F	7383	GILBERT	Lo	✓	639		1441	
"	M	1989	GLUSSER		✓	640		1442	
"	N	6098	HARVEY		✓	641		1440	
"	L	7205	SNOWDEN		✓	642		1438	
"	X	1999	ABRAHAM		✓	643		1437	
"	D	3400	COTNER						Scrubbed

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