

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

APC 559,
26 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Operations Officers Narrative - Mission 24 July 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th Bomb Group took-off at 0920 - 1003 to form the 13th "B" Combat Wing. The "A" Group composed of eight aircraft from 95th Group flying lead and high squadron with four aircraft from the 390th Group flying as low squadron formed the lead group. The 95th "B" group of fourteen aircraft formed the high group. The 95th "C" group of fourteen aircraft formed the low group. Assembly was made over the base at 9000' at 1025 hours. Splasher # 7, Luton and Splasher # 10 were made on time. Departed the English Coast at Selsey Bill at 1147 hours at 15,000'. The enemy coast at 4923N - 0103W was crossed on course of 190° at 1219 hours at 15,000'.

The target area was covered with clouds and a 360° turn around village of Auruncher was made in hopes of finding a target of Opportunity. None were available so departed enemy coast four miles South of Granville at 1255 hours at 14,000'.

The entire course back was flown approximately ten miles left of briefed course because of numerous wings to our right. The English coast was crossed four miles west of Anvil Point at 1404 hours at 9000' and over base at 1507 hours 9000' where individual descent was made.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: The 95th Groups took-off and assembled in the three fourteen ship groups as shown in Diagram "A". Aircraft # 37882 returned early due to engine trouble and was not credited with a sortie.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: None.

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

95A GROUP
 DIAGRAM "B" OVER THE TARGET NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 24 July 1944 44

LEAD

HAGENBAUGH
 2455

GREENWALD
 2447

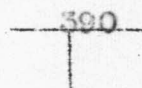
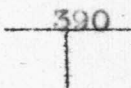
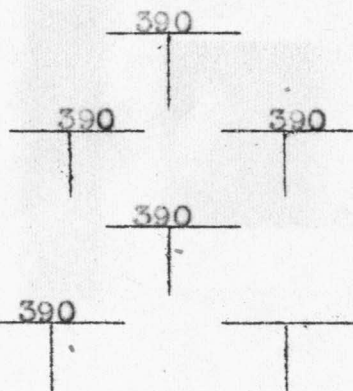
JOHNSON
 7201

HIGH

MCREYNOLDS
 7154

MAYER
 2678

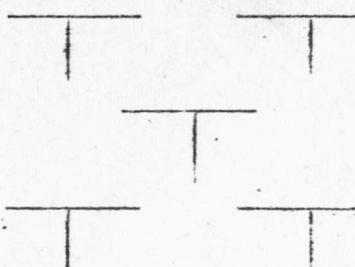
LOW



FERGUSON
 1992

BOUDEN
 1589

GRIFFIN
 7215



EXTRA SHIPS

- 334 _____
- 335 _____
- 336 _____
- 412 _____

DECLASSIFIED
 Authority NND 743005
 By SP4 NARA Date 12-9-09

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

95B GROUP
 DIAGRAM "B"
 OVER THE TARGET

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

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 24 July 1944 44

LEAD

HATHEWAY
 2700

AUSTIN
 1462

PSOTA
 7257

LOW

BESSER
 7801

BERTRAM
 1675

HIGH

LAJESKIE
 2068

BRAUND
 1600

HANNUM
 1887

METZINGER
 1514

GILLES
 7898

SALVIA
 1867

COTNER
 2560

FLETCHER
 1999

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

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 STATIONS _____
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95B GROUP
DIAGRAM "A" ASSEMBLY

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 24 July 1944 44

LEAD

HATHEWAY
2700

LOW

BESSER
7901

BRAUND
1600

HANNUM
1887

COTNER
2560

AUSTIN
1462

BERTRAM
1675

LASH
7882

METZINGER
1514

PSOTA
7257

HIGH

LAJESKIE
2066

GILLES
7898

SALVIA
1867

FLETCHER
1999

EXTRA SHIPS

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

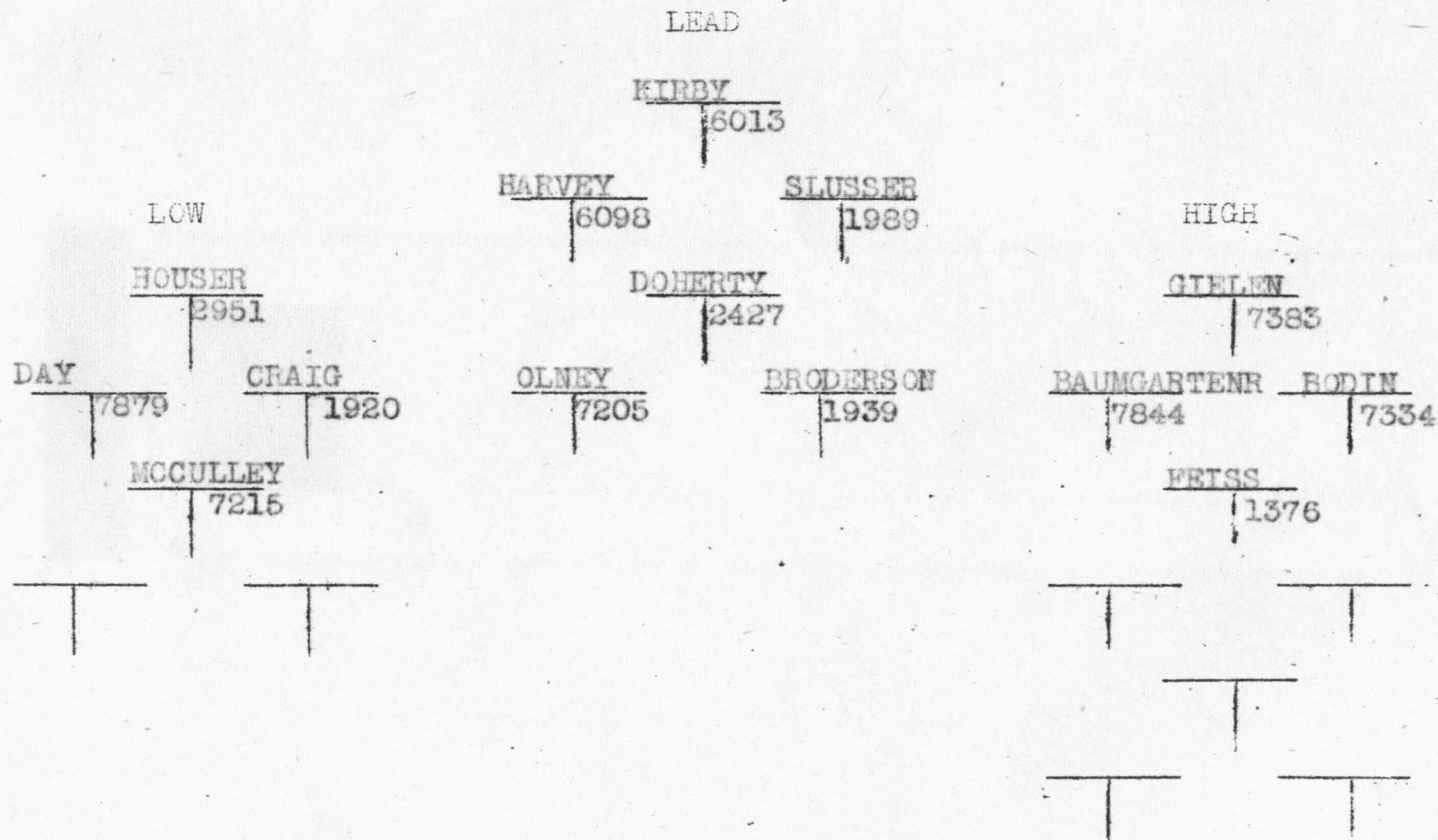
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95C GROUP
DIAGRAM "A" ASSEMBLY

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

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 24 July 44



EXTRA SHIPS

- 334 _____
- 335 _____
- 336 _____
- 412 _____

BRIEFING _____

READINESS _____

STATIONS _____

TAXI _____

TAKE-OFF _____

RENDEZVOUS _____

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95C GROUP
DIAGRAM "B" OVER THE TARGET

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 24 July 1944 44

LEAD

KIRBY
|
3013

HARVEY
|
6098

SLUSSER
|
1989

LOW

HOUSER
|
2951

DOHERTY
|
2427

HIGH

GIELEN
|
7383

DAY
|
7379

CRAIG
|
1920

OLNEY
|
7205

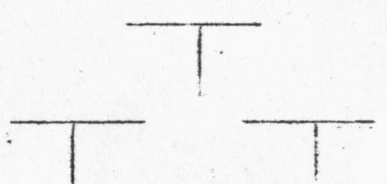
BRODERSON
|
1939

BAUMGARDNER
|
7844

BODIN
|
7334

MCCULLEY
|
7215

REISS
|
1376



EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

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

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

E-F-26

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of
24 July 1944, St. Lo, France.

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

1. Due to inclement weather conditions no bombs were dropped on the
target. All bombs were returned to the base.

WAYNE R. FITZGERALD
Major, Air Corps,
Group Bombardier.

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

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 Report, 95A, 95B, 95C.

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

1. Eight aircraft of the 95th Group took off beginning at 0936 hours to form the high squadron and four aircraft of the lead squadron of the lead group (95A) of the 13 B Combat Wing and attack in close support of the ground troops in France. No aircraft returned early.

Fourteen aircraft of the 95th Group took off beginning at 0920 hours to form the high group (95B) of the 13B Combat Wing and attack in close support of the ground troops in France. A/C #7882 returned early - oil line broke and prop would not feather.

Fourteen aircraft of the 95th Group took off beginning at 0950 hours to form the low group (95C) of the 13B Combat Wing and attack in close support of the ground troops in France. No aircraft returned early.

2. No enemy aircraft were encountered.

3. No flak was encountered.

4. No bombs were dropped.

5. 10/10 cloud cover in the target area prevented Group from bombing on either first or second run. All aircraft returned to this base and landed by 1630 hours.

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

F O R M 3

STATION _____

DATE _____

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
412	Z 2700	HATHEWAY			920		1538	
412	L 7257	PSOTA			921		1539	
412	R 1462	AUSTIN			934		1535	
412	W- 1675	BERTRAM			922		1540	
335	K 1514	METZINGER			923		1536	
412	T 7882	LASH			924		1209	
412	D 2066	LAJESKIE	HIGH		925		1525	
335	P 1867	SALVIA			924		1524	
412	A 7898	SMARSH			928		1518	
412	X 1999	FLETCHER			929		1532	
312	P 7801	BESSER	LOW		930		1531	
412	K 1887	HANNUM			931		1530	
412	O 7232	BROWAND			932		1008	#2 Eng
335	X 2560	COTNER			933		1526	
34	T 1600	Braunel			1033		1607	

95 "C" Group

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Authority NND745005By 10 NARA Date 09/15/11

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STATION _____

DATE _____

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					LST	ACT	EST	ACT	
36	A	6013	Kirby			956		1553	
36	M	1989	Slusser			957		1553	
36	N	6098	Harvey			952		1551	
36	C	2427	Doherty			953		1554	
36	J	1939	Broderson			954		1557	
36	L	7205	Olney			955		1550	
36	F	7383	Gielen	High		956		1545	
36	S	7334	Bodin			957		1541	
36	R	7844	Baumgartner			958		1559	
36	U	1376	Fiess			959		1537	
34	Q	2951	Houser	Low		1000		1544	
34	G	1920	Craig			1001		1550	
34	U	7879	Day			1002		1609	
34	N	7215	McCulley			1003		1547	

