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

APO 559. 27 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Operations Officer's Narrative for the Mission of

25 July 1944.

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

95A GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: Group tookoff from base at 0710-0718 hours to fly lead group of 13A Wing. Group assembly was made over the base at 10,000 feet where 6 a/c of 390 Group joined 95A Group to fill out the 14 a/c group. Group assembly was complete by 0804 hours.

By 0840 the 13A Combat Wing was formed over the base and course was set to Splasher#7, arriving there at 10,000 feet at 0857 hours. Other control points were made on time. Some Essing was done on course to loose time to make times good and splasher #10 was reached one minute early at 15,500 feet.

at 0942 hours at 16,200 feet. The course to the target was followed as closely as possible. At mid-channel the group was forced to loose altitude due to a middle layer of cloud at bombing altitude and at 13,000 feet the group leveled off and set this as a bombing altitude. Bombs were away at 1019 hours at 13,000 feet where light accurate tracking flak was encountered. After bombs away some evasive action was taken. Due to weather to the south of the target the route back was altered and the group departed the French coast at 49°58'N-01°34'W at 1025 hours at 11,900 feet where a course was set for Selsey Bill. The English coast was crossed on the way back at Selsey Bill at 1108 hours at 9,500 feet.

Bases were reached at 1207 hours at 2,000 feet and landings weremade at 1221-1231 hours.

- 2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Seven (7) a/c plus 1 PFF left base in formation as shown in attached diagram "A" and attacked the target in formation as shown in attached diagram "B". All are credited with sorties.
 - 3. AIRCRAFT LOSF: None.

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953 GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 95B Group tookoff from base at 0655-0708 hours to fly high group of 15A Wing, Group assembly was made over the base at 11,000 feet by 0805 hours and by 0830 95b Group was in Wing formation with 95A and 95C Groups.

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

Bombs were away in Wing Formation at approximately the same time as 95A Group dropped their bombs.

Landings were made at 1236-1247 hours.

- 2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 14 a/c of 95B Group left base in formation as shown in attached diagram "A" and bombed the target in formation as shown in attached diagram "B" all are credited with sorties.
 - 3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

95C GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: 95C Group tookoff from base at 0721-0734 hours to fly low group of 13A Combat Wing. The 95C Group was assembled over the base at 9,000 feet by 0810 hours and by 0820 hours was in Wing formation with 95A Group.

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

Bombs were away in Wing formation at 1019 hours at 12,200 feet.

Landings at home base were made at 1211-1228 hours.

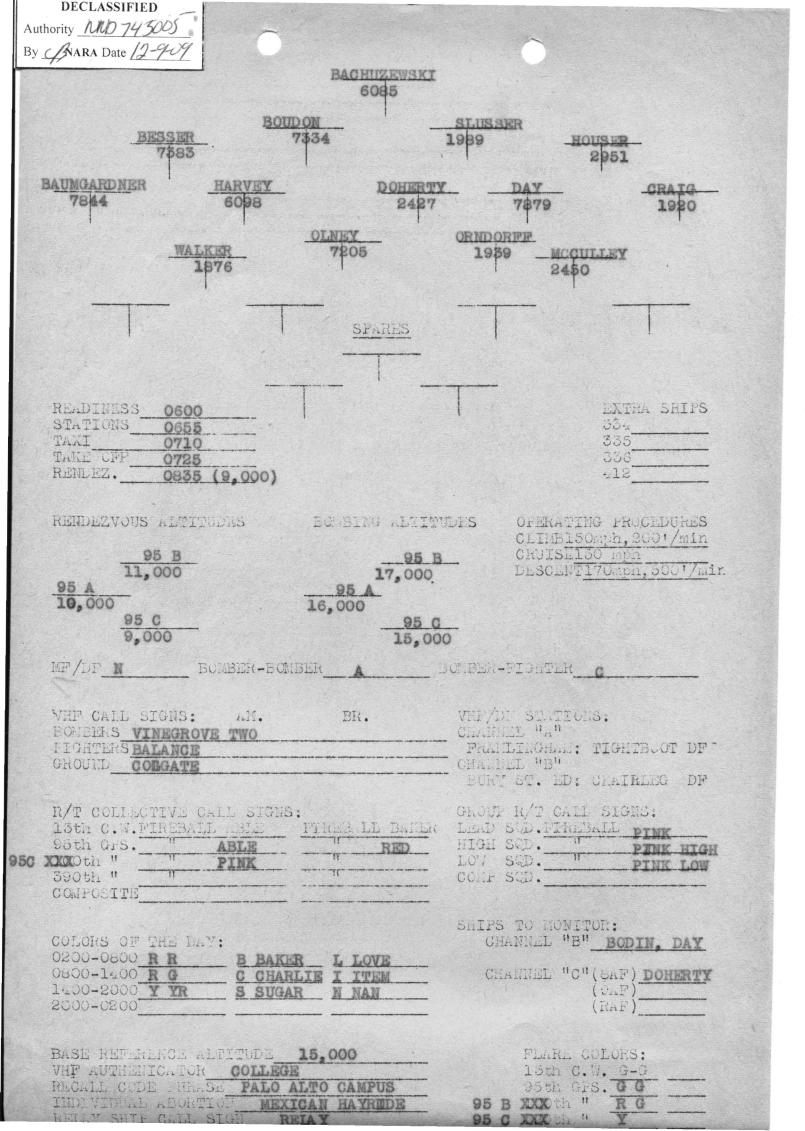
2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 14 a/c of 950 Group left base in formation as shown in attached diagram "A" and attacked the target in formation as shown in attached diagram "B". All are credited with sorties.

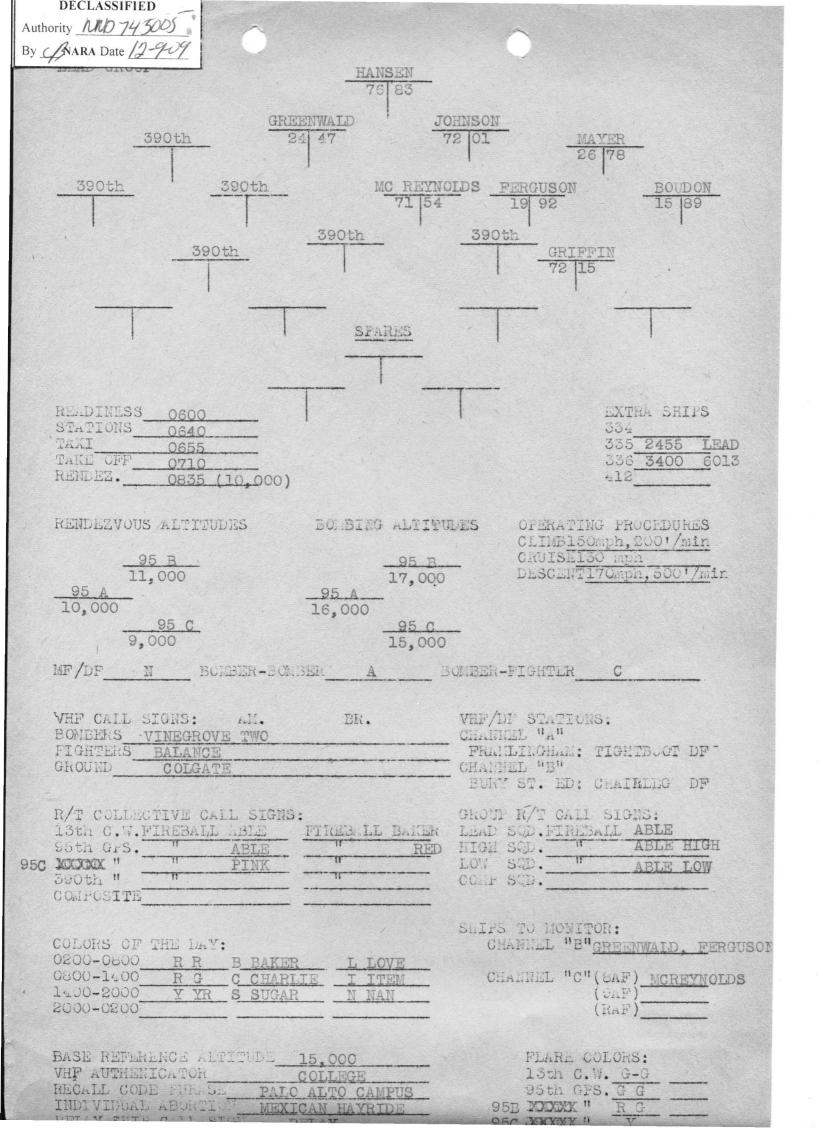
Of the 14 aircraft of 950 Group attacking the target, a/c #42-31876 dropped only 6 of its 38 bombs due to bomb rack malfunction.

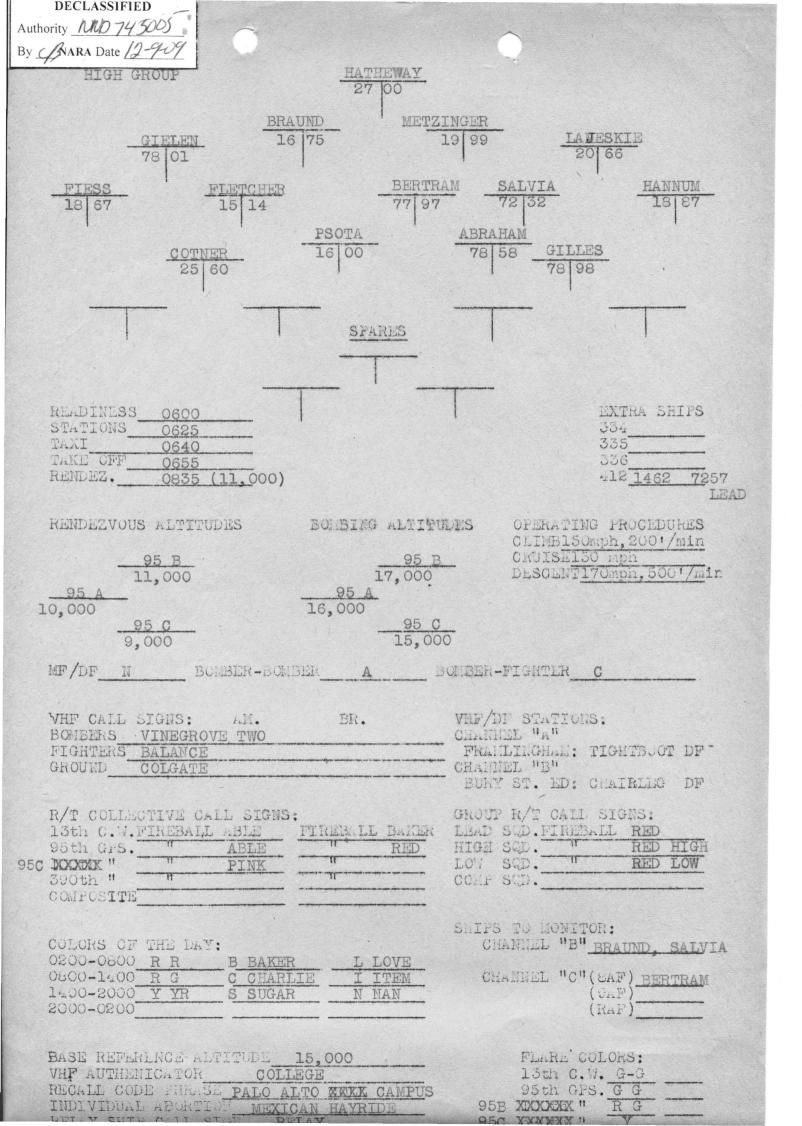
3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

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SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "C" Group, Mission of 25 July 1944, St. Lo. France.

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

- l. Bombing Approach and Run: We opened bomb bay doors in channel. Altitude was changed a few times because of clouds. Run made at 12500', manually, there was a slight haze approaching the French coast but gradually diminished on reaching target. Rate was killed approximately 15 miles from target and when MPI showed up clearly moved rate hair and primed trigger switch. Flak was encountered and was moderate and accurate.
- 2. Disposition of Bombs: 14 A/C were dispatched from 95th "C" Group and dropped 500 x 100# G.P. AN-M30 bombs. A/C #1876 returned 32 x 100# G.P. AN-M30 bombs due to a release malfunction.
- 3. Types of Releases: All 500 bombs dropped were trained at a 200' interval. All were fused instant.

	4. Tabular Summary: Main Bombfall Over Target	Aircraft Bombing	No.	Bembs Size	Type		uzing Tail
	Tactical Support near St. Lo. Fr. 14	14	500	100#	M-30	None	Instant
1	Total on Torget.	A-10	500	100#	M-30		Instant
	Other Expenditures. Bombs Returned.		None.	100#	M-30	Mone	Instant
-	Total (leaded on A/C taking	off).	532	100#	M-30		Instant

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25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "C" Group, Mission of 25 July 1944, St. Lo, France.

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

1. Narrative:

- 1. Bombing aids used were E-6-B, C-2 computer's.
- 2. Mansuver at the I.P. was a slight turn to the right.
- 3. Bomb bay doors were opened at 1013 hours off Selsey Bill.
- 4. Run was made at 12500' manually. There was a slight haze approaching the French Coast but gradually diminished on reaching the target. Rate was killed approximately 15 miles from target and when MPI, showed up clearly I moved rate hair and primed target trigger switch. Flak encountered was moderate but accurate.
 - 5. Hits were observed on the M.P.I.
 - 6. No tactical changes are suggested.

2. Dispostion of Bombs	A/C	Bembs		Fus	ing
St. Le, Fr. Tactical Over	Target Bomb	ing No. Size	Type	Nose '	Tail
Support Target.	4 14	500 100/	M-30	None In	nstant
Total on Target.	4 14	500 100	M-30	None In	nstant
Other Expenditures.		None.	" no lan		
Bombs Returned.		32 100/	M-30	None In	nstant
Total (loaded on A/C taking of	eff).	532 100	M-30	None I	nstant

- 3. Bembardier's form 12-E medified is attached.
- 4. Types of Release: All 500 bombs dropped were trained at a 200' interval.

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SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Missien of 25 July 1944, St. Lo. France.

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

- l. Bembing Approach and Run: Came over I.P. and started on course. Due to cloud we came down 2000' below briefed altitude. I epened bemb bay doors off coast, about 6 minutes before target. We came in on briefed heading and picked up target. Bombs were away at 1019 hours and were seen to hit target. Bombing was done in wing formation and I only sighted for range.
- 2. Disposition of Bombs: 14 A/C were dispatched from the 95th "B" Group and dropped 532 x 120# M-20 Frag. Bombs. Fuzing was none in nose and non-delay in tail.
- 3. Types of Release All 532 bombs dropped were trained at 200° interval.

4. Tabular Summary - Aircraft	No. Siz	e Type	Fusing	
St. Lo, Fr. Tactical 14	532 120	# M-20	Nose Tail	
Support Target. 14	532 120	# M-20	None Instant	
Other Expenditures.	None.			
Bombs Returned.	None.			
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).	532 120	# M-20	None Instant	

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SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Mission of 25 July 1944, St. Lo. France.

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

1. Narrative.

- a. Bombing aids used were E-6-B, C-2 and manual pilot.
- b. A maneuver at the I.P. was a small turn to the right.
- c. Bomb bay doors were opened at 1013 hours after Selsey Bill.
- d. Due to clouds we came down 2000' below briefed altitude, I opened bomb bay doors off coast, about six minutes before the target. We came in on briefed heading and picked up target. Bombs were away at 1019 hours and were seen to hit target. Bombing was done in wing formation and I only sighted for range.
 - e. Results were observed to be good.
 - f. There are no suggested tactical changes.

2. Disposition of Bombs : A/C	В	ombs	Fuzing
St. Lo. Fr. Over Target Bembing Tactical Support. 14 14		ize Type 20# M-20	Nose Tail
Total on Target. Other Expenditures.	532 l	20# M-20	None Instant
Bombs Returned. Total (leaded on A/C taking off).	None. 532 1	20# M-20	None Instant

- 3. Bombardier's form 12-E modified is attached.
- 4. Types of Releases: All 532 bombs dropped were trained at 200° interval.

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SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Missien of 25 July 1944, St. Lo. France.

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

1. Narrative:

- a. Bombing aids used were E-6-B, C-2, G-2 and A.B.C. Computer.
- b. The I.P. was considered as leaving the English coast.
- c. Bomb bay doors were opened 15 miles from the French Coast.
- d. During run across channel altitude was changed several times due to low overcast and final run was made at 13000. The run was manual and visibility was less than ten miles. Bemb bay doors were opened 15 miles off coast and synchronization made on MPI when target came into optics. Approximately 12 minutes sighting time was used. Bemb results were seen and reported as excellent. Accurate flak was encountered.
 - e. Bembing results were observed to be excellent.
 - f. No suggested tactical changes in bombing technique are made.
- 2. Bombardier's form 12-E modified is attached.

3. Disposition of Bombs:	A/C		1	3ombs		Fusing
Tactical Support Over Target St. Lo, France. 7	Bombing 7	No. 266	Size	Type M-30		Tail Instant
Total on Target. 7	7	266	100#	M-30		Instant
Other Expenditures.		None,	4. B.	i peal		
Bombs Returned. Total (leaded on A/Ctaking off)		None.	100#	M-30	None	Instant

4. Types of Release: All 266 bombs dropped on primary target were trained at 200' interval and armed.

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25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of 25 July 1944, St. Le, France.

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

- 1. Bembing Approach and Run: The I.P. was considered as leaving the English coast. During run across channel altitude was changed several times due to low evercast. Final run was made at 13000'. Run was manual and visibility was less than ten miles. Bomb bay doors epened 15 miles off the French coast and synchronization made on MPI when target came in optics. Approximately 12 minute sighting time was used. Bemb results were seen and reported as excellent. Accurate flak was encountered. Bembing aids were E-6-B, C-2, G-1, And A.B.C. Computer.
- 2. Disposition of Bombs: 7 A/C were dispatched from the 95th "A" Group and dropped 266 x 100# G.P. AN-M30 bombs. All bombs had no fuses in the nose and a non-delay fuse in the tail.
- 3. Types of Release: All 266 bombs dropped on primary target were trained at 200' interval and armed.

4. Tabular S	ummary: Air	craft		Bombs			Fusing
Tactical Support	Over Target	Bombing	No.	Size	Type	Nos	Tail
St. Lo, Fr.	7	7	266	100#	M-30	None	Instant
Total on Target.	7	7	266	100#	M-30	None	Instant
Other Expenditures,			None .				
Bombs Returned.			None.			12.	
Total (leaded on A/	C taking off).	266	100#	M-30	None	Instant

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