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

APO 559, 30 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Operations Officers Narrative - Mission 28 July 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95 A group: flying as lead group in the 13 A Combat Wing, took-off at 0445 - 9500 hours. The 95 B group furnishing the lead and high squadrons of the high group in the same wing, took-off at 0430 - 9445 hours. Since the 95 A and the 95 B groups flew the entire mission tegether, that operational narrative will be a combined report of both groups.

By 0615 the groups had assembled and sourse was set for the first control point. The lead group was at 15,000. The wing was assembled as planned and the route over England was flewn as briefed. The English coast was crossed at 0708 at this time the climb to 20,000 was started. The enemy coast was crossed at 0744.a At 0825 the climb to bombing altitude was begun - 24,000 for the lead group.

The entire route over enemy territory was flown as briefed. Bombs were away at 0955. PFF equipment was used and the bombs were dropped in wing formation. Heavy accurate flak was encountered over the target. This was the only enemy activity.

After bombs away a let down of 4,000 was made, the return route being flown at 20,000. The enemy coast was crossed 1157, and at this time the let down to minimum altitude was started. The groups reached England at 1248 and arrived at the home base at 1310. Landing was made at 1325 - 1350 hours.

## 2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING:

## 95 A GROUP

Twenty aircraft including 2 PFF left the base in formation shown in attached diagram IA. A/C 7154 aborted at 0500E and is credited with a sortie. The remaining nineteen A/C bombed the primary. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagram IB.

### 3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

# 95 B GROUP

- 2. AIRCRAPT NOT ATTACKING: Thirteen aircraft, including one PFF left the base in the formation shown in attached diagram 2A. A/C 1930 left the formation over England. A/C 7257 left the formation near the target and bombed a target of opportunity in the target area. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagram 2B.
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LARRY L. KERR, Major, Air Corps, Acts Operations Officer.

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# HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE AAF STATION 101 APO 634

# INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 89

PERIOD: 0001 Hours 28 July 1944 to 2400 Hours 28 July 1944

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#### B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

#### 1. Bomber Attacks

23 combat wings (766 B-17s and 291 B-24s - 1057 a/c) dispatched in four forces, two B-17 forces against Merseburg/Leuna synthetic oil plant and chemical works, two forces B-24s against signal depots, fuel dumps, Noball supply sites and RR bridge in northern France and Belgium. Support by 16 fighter groups. 714 a/c dropped 1754.5 tons GP on Merseburg/Leuna and T/Os. 10/10 undercast prevented attacks on all French and Belgian targets. Two of wings bombing Merseburg attacked by approximately 35 e/a. Several jet-propelled e/a encountered in Merseburg area but made no attacks. Bomber claims 1-2-1. Losses: 8 a/c (7 B-17s lost, 1 B-24 crashed on take-off).

#### First Force

Three combat wings (180 B-24s) dispatched to attack two Noball supply sites, four fuel dumps and a RR bridge in northern France. No targets attacked due to weather. Weather: Generally 10/10 undercast with tops about 9000 feet persistent contrails at 18000-20000 feet. Flak: meager, inaccurate. E/A Opposition: Nil Claims: Nil. Battle Damage: 8 B-24s minor. Losses: 1 B-2/crashed on take-off.

#### Fighter Support

Six groups (183 P-47s, 63 P-51s - 246 a/c) dispatched. Up 0615-0720, down 0957-1048 hours. 235 sorties. Missions uneventful. Two P-47 groups

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# STATISTICAL CONTROL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

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PART I TABULAR SUMARY:

DATE OF HISSION

#### STRATEGICAL MISSION

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