

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

APO 559,  
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**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 - 0500 hours. The 95 B group furnishing the lead and high squadrons of the high group in the same wing, took-off at 0430 - 0445 hours. Since the 95 A and the 95 B groups flew the entire mission together, this operational narrative will be a combined report of both groups.

By 0615 the groups had assembled and course 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 flown 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. 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 0933. 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 1A. 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 1B.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

95 B GROUP

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Thirteen aircraft, including one PFF left the base in the formation shown in attached diagram 2A. A/C 1939 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.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

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RIVENBARK  
75/61

GILBERT  
72/04

SNOWDEN  
72/05

STREETON  
74/61

Bach'uski  
60/85

Ornderft  
24/50

Broderson  
19/39

Wyrick  
24/47

Johnson  
72/01

ROMANCHEA  
71/54

Herchenhan  
13/76

Day  
1600

CRAIG  
19/20

Griffin  
72/64

Walker  
73/34

Baumgardner  
78/44

Greenwald  
19/92

Boudon  
15/89

KROOS  
81/40

McCully  
19/99

EXTRA

EXTRA A/C

RTIVE

SING

NGES

A.T.F.

C.W.

B

High

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 28-7-44

TIME

MILLER  
76/96

LASH  
16/75

SMARSH  
78/58

BARBER  
27/00

AUSTIN  
14/62

WYATT  
8/76

KINNEY  
25/60

FLEISS  
14/10

COTNER  
19/89

BERTRAM  
20/66

BRAUND  
18/87

FLETCHER  
72/57

GILLES  
78/98

PORTIVE

0

EXTRA

EXTRA A

MISSING

REMARKS

Sortie

183 *Mc*

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## INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 89

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

A. STATISTICS

	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Disp.</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Atkg.</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>E/A</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>N/E</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>TO</u>
Heavy Bomber Attacks	11	1057+	1011	714	1754.5	1-2-1A	1	0	4	3	8
Fighter Escort	16	753	661	0	0	4-1-1A	0	0	0	2	2
Fighter Sweeps	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Bombing	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	3	3	3	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	10	10	8	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>49</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	91	1374	1732	714	1754.5	5-3-2A	1	0	4	5	10
+ Includes 32 spares: 7 used.											

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY1. 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-24 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

13TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING

DATE RENDERED 29 JULY 1944

PART I - TABULAR SUMMARY:

DATE OF MISSION 29 JULY 1944

STRATEGICAL MISSION

COMBAT GROUP	SCHEDULED	AIRBORNE	AIRBORNE LESS RETURNING SPARES	ATTACKING	NOT ATTACKING	SORTIES
*A*	18	18	18	17	1	18
*B*	18	18	18	11	1	12

PART II - REASONS WHY AIRCRAFT DID NOT ATTACK OR FAILED TO TAKE OFF:

Combat Gp	A.C.S.N.	Category	Reason for Failure & Corrective Action	Sortie (Yes-No)
*A*	42-207154	F	Oxygen leak in navigator's compartment	Yes
*B*	42-31949	F	Exhaust stack collapsed on # 2 engine.	No

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