

SECRETHEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 93

PERIOD: 0001 hours 1 August 1944 to 2400 hours 1 August 1944.

A. STATISTICS

	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Disp.</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Atkg.</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Losses</u>				<u>Total</u>
							<u>E/A</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>N/E</u>	<u>OT</u>	
Heavy Bomber Atks	32	1096+	1033	821	2179.8	0-0-0	0	6	2	2	10
Fighter Support	16	702	635	0	0	3-0-0G	0	0	1	4	5
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.	50	50	48	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	1
Weather Recon.	17	17	17	0	0	1-0-0A	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	<u>18</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>193</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	133	2074	1941	1014	2179.8	1-0-0A 3-0-0G	0	6	4	6	16

+ Includes 16 spares, 7 used.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY1. Bomber Attacks

21 combat wings (516 B-17s, 580 B-24s - 1096 a/c) dispatched in four forces to attack A/Fs, bridges, oil installations and No ball targets in France. 32 assigned targets. 821 a/c dropped 2179.8 tons G.P. and I.B. visually on 11 assigned primaries and other targets. E/a opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: 10 a/c (6 B-17s, 4 B-24s).

First Force

Eleven combat wings (416 B-17s) dispatched to attack four A/Fs and one RR bridge south of Paris. 400 a/c dropped 952.6 tons G.P. visually on all assigned primaries and four other targets at 1452-1519 hours from 19,000-26,600 feet. Weather: 2/10 to CAVU at all targets. Flak: meager to moderate, fairly accurate. Battle damage: 25 minor, 7 major. E/a opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: 5 B-17s (3 to AA, 2 to unknown reasons).

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Support: Three groups (49 P-38s, 101 P-51s - 150 a/c) dispatched 138 sorties. Up 1240-1328 hours, down 1750-1855 hours. No e/a opposition. Uneventful escort. Claims: Nil. Losses: one P-51 to unknown causes.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			<u>G.P.</u>	<u>I.B.</u>	
Chartres RR Bridge	39	36	72.0		Poor
Melun A/F	73	59	147.5		Good
Chateaudun A/F	116	108	268.8		Good
Chartres A/F	73	58	126.6		Good
Orleans/Bricy A/F	115	112	280.0		Fair
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Etampes/Mondesir A/F		12	30.0		Unobserved
3 T/Os		15	27.7		Unobserved
Totals	416	400	952.6		

Second Force

Six combat wings (389 B-24s) dispatched to attack five oil installations in Paris - Rouen area and six RR bridges north and northeast of Paris. 284 a/c dropped 906.7 tons G.P. and I.B. visually on two assigned primaries and nine other targets at 1537-1635 hours from 16,500-24,000 feet. Weather: 5/10 to 10/10 in target areas prevented target identification in most instances. Flak: meager to moderate, fairly accurate. Battle damage: 80 minor, 5 major. E/a opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: four B-24s (two to AA, two crash-landed).

Fighter Support: Three groups (48 P-47s, 97 P-51s - 145 a/c) dispatched. 127 sorties. Up 1330-1345 hours, down 1720-1800 hours. No e/a opposition. One group strafed rail and motor transportation facilities and the Leon/Quierone A/F. Claims: 3-0-0 t/e e/a on the ground. Losses: two P-47s to unknown causes, 1 P-51 crash landed.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			<u>G.P.</u>	<u>I.B.</u>	
Paris - Oil (Ill. 31)	24	0	0	0	
Paris - Oil (Ill. 31A)	26	0	0	0	
Paris - Oil (Ill. 31B)	25	0	0	0	
Paris Dugny - Oil	29	0	0	0	
Rouen - Oil	69	66	160.7	0	Good
Fismes Bridge	36	0	0	0	
Peronne Bridge	36	0	0	0	
Nanteuil Bridge	36	0	0	0	
Nogent Bridge	36	44+	152.0	0	Poor
Anizy Bridge	36	0	0	0	
Corbie Bridge	36	0	0	0	

+ Includes 10 from a/c dispatched against Nanteuil

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<u>Other Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			<u>G.P.</u>	<u>I.B.</u>	
Melun A/F		47	123.0	10.5	Good
Orleans/Bricy A/F		29	72.5	14.5	Poor
Ville Roche A/F		12	30.0	6.0	Unobserved
Chartres A/F		6	18.0	0	Fair
RR & Highway Junction 4937N-004OE		12	47.5	0	Unobserved
RR & Highway Junction 4936N-003OE		21	84.0	0	Unobserved
RR Bridge, Montereau		24	96.0	0	Fair
Coulommiers A/F		11	44.0	0	Fair
Bridge 3 miles E of Nanteuil		<u>12</u>	<u>48.0</u>	<u>0</u>	Poor
Totals	389	284	875.7	31	

Third Force

See Special Operations.

Fourth Force

Two combat wings (100 B-17s) dispatched to attack Tours A/F. 76 a/c dropped 169.5 tons visually on assigned target at 1420-1435 hours from 22,000-24,000 feet. Weather: CAVU at target. Flak: moderate, accurate - rocket barrage. Battle Damage: 44 minor, 11 major. E/A opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: One B-17 to AA.

Fighter Support: One group (53 P-51s) dispatched. 51 sorties. Up 1130 hours, down 1640 hours. No e/a opposition. Escort uneventful. Claims: Nil. Losses: One P-51 to unknown causes.

Detail of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Target</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Results</u>
			<u>G.P.</u>	
Tours A/F	100	76	169.5	Fair to Good

Fifth Force

Two combat wings (191 B-24s) dispatched to attack 15 Noball installations in northwestern France. One combat wing abandoned operation due to weather. 61 a/c dropped 151 tons G.P. on three assigned targets and one other target visually at 1456-1545 hours from 20,500-22,000 feet. Weather: 8/10 to 10/10 in target area prevented bombing of all assigned targets. Flak: Nil at targets. Battle damage: 4 minor, 1 major. E/A opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Fighter Support: Two groups (84 P-47s) dispatched. 81 sorties. Up 1257-1351 hours, down 1652-1729 hours. No e/a opposition. Escort uneventful. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

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Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>G.P.</u>	<u>Results</u>
Wadicourt	13	0	0	
Mont Louis Ferme	12	0	0	
Remdisnil	14	0	0	
Bolloy	12	0	0	
Villiers	12	0	0	
Bois de Queue	12	0	0	
La Grande Vallee	12	0	0	
Bertreville	14	13	29.5	Good
Bois Marche	14	0	0	
Quincampoix	13	12	28.0	Poor
St. Georges Fontains	13	0	0	
Val Des Jongs	12	12	24.5	Poor
Foret de St. Saens	13	0	0	
St Jean du Cardonnay	13	0	0	
Mont Gournoy	12	0	0	
<u>Other Targets</u>				
RR Junction one mile north of Clares	---	24	69.0	Fair
Totals	191	61	151.0	

2. Fighter Escort

16 groups (132 P-47s, 49 P-38s, 521 P-51s - 702 a/c) dispatched, nine of these as support for bombers attacking targets in France, seven as support for bombers on Special Operations. 635 sorties. Up 1130-1405 hours, down 1640-1855 hours. No e/a opposition. Two groups strafed rail and motor transportation facilities in the Hamm, Maubeuge, Sancerre area and Laon/Quierone A/F. Claims: 3-0-0 t/e on the ground. Losses: 5 a/c (2 P-51s, 2 P-47s to unknown reasons, one P-51 crash-landed in U.K.).

Claims for strafing as follows:

Destroyed

20 locos
7 tank cars
8 ammo cars
4 RR cars
3 Railway water tanks
2 trucks
1 steam shovel

Damaged

15 locos
45 tank cars
117 freight cars
2 Railway water tanks
2 barges
1 truck
1 RR station

3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

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S E C R E T4. Fighter Bombing

Nil

5. Photo Reconnaissance

50 a/c dispatched. Two F-5s covered targets in Denmark, six Spitfires and 38 F-5s mapping Brest Peninsula. One Spitfire and one F-5 failed to complete mission. Two a/c did not obtain photos due to oxygen failure, and no photos from crashed a/c. All other a/c obtained photos of objectives. Losses: one F-5 crashed on landing at home base.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

Nine a/c dispatched. Three B-17s on routine weather reconnaissance. Two Mosquitoes on light weather reconnaissance to SE France. Four Mosquitoes on scouting missions for 2nd and 3rd Bombardment Division targets. All a/c successfully completed missions. No losses.

Eight F-51s dispatched as weather scouts for bombers. Three Me-109s encountered at Chateaudun. Claims: 1-0-0. Losses: Nil.

7. Special Operations

One B-17 dispatched to drop leaflets in France. Mission successfully completed. A/c returned safely to base.

13 a/c dispatched on Special Operations. All a/c returned safely.

195 B-17s dispatched on special daylight operation. 193 carried out assignments. Battle damage: 5 minor. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Fighter Support: Seven groups (270 P-51s) dispatched. 238 sorties. Up 1130-1405, down 1730-1855 hours. No e/a opposition. One group strafed motor and rail transportation facilities in Sancerre area. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

C. INTELLIGENCE1. Enemy Air Opposition

There were no enemy air attacks against any of the heavy bomber forces. One bomber force reported sighting six s/e e/a in the St. Valery-en-Caux area, and three e/a were reported sighted by bombers on special operations.

Escorting fighters also encountered no e/a with no sightings reported.

One P-51 weather scout encountered three Me-109s at Chateaudun destroying one.

SECRET2. Flak

Chartres RR Bridge - Moderate and inaccurate.
 Melun A/F - Meager to moderate and accurate.
 Orleans/Bricy - Nil at target - meager and inaccurate at 4739N-0107E.
 Chartres A/F - Meager to moderate and accurate to inaccurate.
 Chateaudun A/F - Nil at target - meager and fairly accurate at Cabourg.
 Tours - Moderate and accurate, reported barrage of rockets.

3. ObservationsAirfield Activity

4952N-0042W, a bivouac area in the woods and landing strip with obstacles on it.

4940N-0040W, fighter a/c strip with s/e a/c on it.

4839N-0250E, 12 e/a, four-engined, believed transports on A/F.

4823N-0205E, A/F seen with a large number of planes dispersed.

5 s/e e/a on A/F at 4628N-0235E.

Apparently a new A/F at 4634N-0404E.

A/F in good condition, but inactive, 4854N-0045E.

Conches and Chateaudun A/F's looked operational.

U/I A/F in Beauvais area with 7 Me-109s widely dispersed.

3,000 yard runway with dark streaks at Nantua.

Long grass runway on A/F with new red brick buildings, at Bourges.

3 Me-109s on Chateaudun/Deols A/F.

2 s/e e/a on Chateauroux/La Martinerie A/F.

Other Activity

Suspected ammunition dump at 4907N-0442E.

Possible launching platform, 700 feet long, 100 feet wide, heading 280 degrees at 4935N-0007E.

Concentration of warehouses apparently newly constructed shaped 3/4 of an open square at 4933N-0057E.

A white "T" observed near a large wooded area, at 4802N-0244E.

An apparently new M/Y with ammunition dump nearby, at 4750N-0157E.

The M/Y at Blois was very busy.

40 to 50 freight cars in M/Y at 4947N-0047E.

Supply dump noted at 4740N-0005W.

At Moulons heavy freight activity.

4743N-0100E, installation in woods, looked-like ammunition dump.

Extensive activity in Macon M/Y.

4607N-0500E, large M/Y and power plant, Bellegarde.

Large barrack area approximately 30 buildings, 5 miles south of Blois.

S E C R E T4. Damage to Enemy InstallationsAssigned TargetsChateaudun A/F - Good Results

Nine concentrations of G.P.'s burst in target area. Three concentrations of approximately 350 G.P. bombs fell into administration area, at least 20 administration buildings have been totally destroyed or seriously damaged. The main landing fields and runways seriously damaged. Six of the nine concentration totalling approximately 700 G.P. bombs fell into the area. The NE SW runway received at least 60 direct hits and the NW SE runway at least 55. Damage particularly severe near the junction of the runway and central portions of the landing field.

Orleans/Briev A/F - Fair

Six concentrations of G.P. bombs seen in the target area. Approximately 35 direct hits seen on the NE SW runway. There is a probability of hits on the runway from a second concentration that fell in the area. Damage to the runway and landing should be sufficiently severe to prevent a/c from using this field.

Chartres A/F - Good

Five concentrations of G.P.'s burst in and adjacent to the target area. Concentration of approximately 175 bomb bursts in the northern hangar area. 3 large hangars received direct hits - 2 of these hangars had been previously damaged. At least 8 direct hits on rail line adjacent to target area. The main weight of bombs in this area fell into open fields. A concentration of bombs fell into the western hangar area, two hangars received direct hits - one of these hangars previously damaged. 3 small stores buildings received direct hits. Approximately 550 bombs burst on the SW portion of the landing field. 3 a/q shelters received direct hits. Damage to this portion of the landing field will be moderate since many of the bombs fell slightly S of the landing field proper. open fields and small residential section. A concentration of approximately 120 G.P. bombs burst in open fields $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles NW of the target area.

Melun A/F - Good

Through cloud cover of 5/10 to 7/10 density possible to see 3 concentrations of G.P. bombs bursting in central portion of the A.F. The concentrations cover the N and S runway and the E and W runway, 30 hits on the N and S runway and the E and W runway received at least 20 direct hits. Damage in the central area severe and it is possible that other hits may have been made on the runways.

Chartres RR Bridge - Poor

Approximately 40 heavy explosive bombs seen bursting immediately adjacent to the northern side of the bridge. No direct hits seen on the target. Approximately 20 heavy explosive bombs fell one mile SE of target. Direct hits from these concentrations could be seen on a RR M/Y and highways in the area and on residential sections.

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

APO 559,
3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Operations Officers Narrative - Mission 1 August 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "A" Group, flying as lead group in the 13th "A" Combat Wing, took-off at 0955-1007 hours. By 1120 the group had assembled over the base at 12,000'. The Wing and division assemblies were made as planned, all times being made good within one minute.

The English coast was crossed at 1219, where a climb to 18,000' was started. The enemy coast was crossed at 1315. At 1412 a letdown to 8000' indicated was started. Upon reaching the target three 360° turns were made in order to positively identify the target.

After bombing, the 95A Group set course on the return route. It was necessary to make a 360° turn to enable the high and low groups to rejoin wing formation. The route back to England was flown as planned. The English coast was reached at 1831 and the group arrived at the home base at 1901. The landing was made at 1925-1935 hours.

No enemy action was encountered on this mission.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twelve aircraft plus one PFF left the base in formation shown in attached diagram "1A". All A/C bombed and are credited with sorties. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "2A".

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

95TH B GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95th "B" group, flying as low group in the 13th "A" Combat Wing, took off at 1010 -1023 hours and assembled over the base at 10,000'.

Since the mission was flown in company with the 95 A group reference is made to the above report for the remainder of this operational narrative.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Thirteen aircraft left the base in the formation shown in attached diagram "1B". All A/C bombed the primary and are credited with sorties. A/C 1462

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failed to release five cannisters due to rack failure. These cannisters were returned to the base. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagram "2B".

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

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

Diagram "2A"
95 A Group
Over Target

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

LEAD

DATE 1 August 44

LOW

HERCHSHAHN
6013

BIL SWORTH
1867

WEN STR
7334

ERTAS
2560

WILLIE
7561

BASSER
6085

HAMILTON
1514

OLNEY
7194

ORNDORFF
1989

HIGH

WAYNE
2076

DAY
7201

MYRICK
7215

EMIGSON
7164

DRIFTING _____
HEADLINESS _____
STATIONS _____
PAVI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

Diagram "1A"
95 A Group
Assembly

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 1 August 44

LEAD

LOW

WELLS
2560

QUINN
1839

HIGH

HERGENHAIN
8015

WELLS
6085

WATSON
2619

WILSON
1807

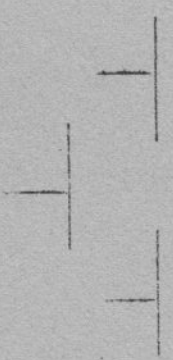
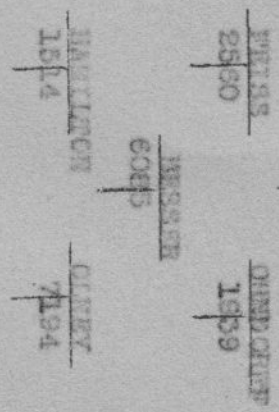
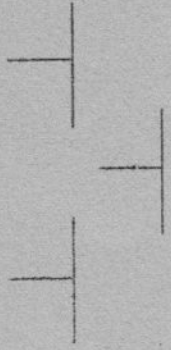
HARRISON
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OLNEY
7194

DAY
7201

WILSON
7114

WELLS
7215



EXTRA SHIPS

- 334
- 335
- 336
- 412

- BIRMINGHAM
- HEADQUARTERS
- STATIONS
- WAXI
- WALL-OFF
- WENDEVOOTS

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Diagram "23"
95 Bomb Group
Over Target

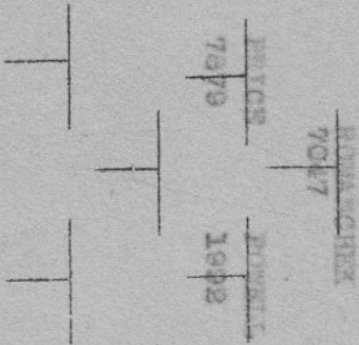
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

LEAD

DATE 1 August 44

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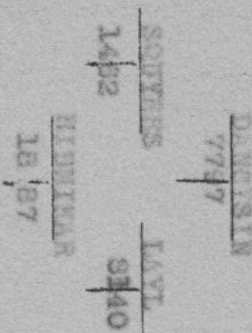
SATERNAY
2700

HEWLETT BEARD
1675 7952

GILLIS
7256

CURLEY KROSS
1519 1876

HIGH



EXTRA SHIPS

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- 335 _____
- 336 _____
- 412 _____

- SHIPPING _____
- HEADQUARTERS _____
- STATIONS _____
- TAXI _____
- TAKE-OFF _____
- REDEZVOUS _____

Diagram #18
95 B Group
Assembly

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DATE 1 August 44

LEAD

HATTINWAY
2700

FLINCHER
1675

BRAND
7252

LOW

ROMANHECK
7017

PRICE
7879

POWELL
1492

GILLES
7858

CHURCH
1549

KROON
1076

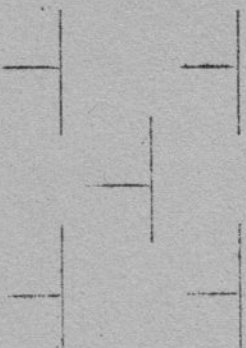
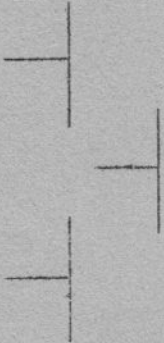
HIGH

DANGLIN
7797

SQUIRES
1482

LAY
9140

HIBNIKAR
1497



BRIEFING _____
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 DAY-OFF _____
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EXTRA SHIPS
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STATION _____

FORM 3

DATE

1 Aug

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				TST	ACT	TST	ACT	
412	Z 2700	McKenney		1010		1918		
"	O 7232	Brown		1011		1917		
"	W 1675	Hester		1012		1916		
"	Y-7858	Wilho		1013		1912		
"	Q 1876	None		1014		1913		
334	C 1589	Curry		1015		1915		
412	H 9797	Domini	Hi	1016		1920		
"	C 840	Trapp		1017		1927		
"	R 1402	Spencer		1018		1919		
"	K 1887	Wheeler		1020		1907		
3-	M 7047	Womack	So	1021		1910		
"	R 1992	Truell		1023		1914		
"	I 7879	Trice		1032		1905		

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"A" Group

STATION _____

F O R M 3

DATE 1-Aug-

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
335-	S-9561	Miller		955		1934		
336	J-1939	Stanley		956		1933		
332	X-2560	Rein		957		1930		
334	S-6085	Brown		958		1931		
336	O-7194	Quay		959		1926		
335	K-1514	Harrison		1000		1924		
334	R-2678	Mayer	hi	1001		1937		
"	F-7154	Reynolds		1002		1935		
"	J-7201	Ray		1003		1936		
"	N-7215	Wynne		1004		1929		
330	A-6018	Wentworth	h	1005		1928		
"	S-7334	Walker		1006		1922		
"	P-1867	Clawson		1007		1925		

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

E-F-26

2 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of 1 August 1944, Target # 13, France.

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

1. The Ninety Fifth "A" Group flew as lead of the 13th "A" Combat Wing. We were airborne at 0955 hours, circled the field and assembled the group at 12000'. SP# 7, Luton, SP# 10, and Selsey Bill control points were met on time.

2. The Enemy coast was crossed at 1248 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours on course. The briefed course was flown to the I.P. and control times were met as briefed. On the run to the target, it was necessary to deviate from the briefed route and altitudes to avoid clouds and plateau peaks. We made three 360° turns over the target on a reciprocal course before gaining dropping position. Altitude on release was 7000', 35° true heading at 1454 hours.

3. After release, we made an effort to intercept the briefed course, but it was necessary to make one more 360° turn in order to let the groups reform on us. The leg from the target to control point #6 involved many "S" turns, and it was impossible to follow the briefed course. The briefed route was followed from this point to the base, and no flak was encountered.

4. The Enemy coast was crossed at 4918N 0006W at 18000'; the English coast was crossed on course at Selsey Bill as per radio instructions at 8000'. We arrived over the base at 1901 hours and landed at 1936.

ELLIS B. SCRIPTURE
Major, Air Corps,
Group Navigation Officer.

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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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E-F-26

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission
of 1 August 1944, Target # 13, France.

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

1. Bombing Approach and Run: At the I.P. we made a turn to the left on course to the target. We approached the target area and recognized it on our first run. Another run was made on the target to definitely establish it as such and containers were dropped on the third run. Bomb bay doors were opened on third run, containers being dropped at 1154 hours. Results were observed to have been good.

2. Disposition of Bombs: 12 A/C were dispatched from 95th "A" Group and all A/C were over the primary target dropping 144 parachute containers. Each A/C was loaded with 12 containers.

3. Types of Release: Of the 144 containers dropped at the primary target all were trained armed with a 15' interval.

4. Tabular Summary:

	A/C		No.	Bombs Size	Fuzing Type	Wnose Tail
	Over Target	Bombing				
Main Bombfall						
Target # 13, France.	12	12	144	Parachute	Containers	None
Total on Target.	12	12	144	Parachute	Containers	None
Other Expenditures.			None.			
Bombs Returned.			None.			
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			144	Parachute	Containers	None

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Office of the Operations Officer

B-F-26

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of
1 August 1944, Target # 18, France.

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

1. Narrative:

- a. Bombing aid used was manual pilot.
- b. The maneuver at the I.P. was a turn to the left.
- c. Bomb bay doors were opened just before the third run on the target at about 1151 hours.
- d. At the I.P. we made a turn to the left en course to the target. We approached the target area and recognized it on our first run. Another run was made on the target to definitely establish it as such and containers were dropped on the third run at 1154 hours. Results were observed to have been good.
- e. Results were observed to be good.
- f. No suggested tactical changes are to be made.

2. Bombardier's form 12-3 modified is attached.

3. Disposition of Bombs: A/C			Bombs			
Main Bombfall	Over Target	Bombing	No.	Size	Type	Fuzing
Target # 18, France.	12	12	144	Parachute	Containers	None
Total on Target.	12	12	144	Parachute	Containers	None
Other Expenditures.				None.		
Bombs Returned.				None.		
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			144	Parachute	Containers	None

4. Types of Release: Of the 144 containers dropped at the primary target all were trained armed with a 15' interval.

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E-K-26

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Mission of
1 August 1944, Target # 13, France.

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

1. Bombing Approach and Run: At the I.P. we made a turn to the left and continued on course. Clouds at first caused difficulty in picking up check-points. We found target area and followed lead group around to affect positive identity. Third time around fires were seen and we came around once more, losing altitude and opening doors. Bombs were away at 1457 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours with no trouble.

2. Disposition of Bombs: 13 A/C were dispatched from 95th "B" Group and all ships were over the primary target dropping 151 parachute containers. A/C 1462 returned 5 containers because they failed to release over the target. Each A/C was loaded with 12 containers.

3. Types of Release: Of the 151 containers dropped at the primary target all were released in train armed with a 15' interval.

4. Tabular Summary:

Main Bombfall	A/C		No.	Bombs		Fuzing	
	Over Target	Bombing		Size	Type	Nose	Tail
Target # 13, France.	13	13	151	Parachute Containers		None	
Total on Target.	13	13	151	Parachute Containers		None	
Other Expenditures.			None.				
Bombs Returned.			5	Parachute Containers		None	
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			156	Parachute Containers		None	

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1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Group, Mission of
1 August 1944, Target # 13, France.

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

1. Narrative:

- a. Bombing aids used was manual pilot.
- b. Maneuver at I.P. was a turn to the left.
- c. Bomb bay doors were opened just before the last run over the target at about 1455 hours.
- d. At the I.P. we made a turn to the left and continued on course. Clouds at first caused difficulty in picking up check-points. We found target area and followed lead group around to affect positive identity. Third time around fires were seen and we came around once more, losing altitude and opening doors, bombs were away at 1457 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours with no trouble.
- e. Results were observed to be good.
- f. There are no suggested tactical changes to be made.

2. Bombardier's form 12-E modified is attached.

3. Disposition of Bombs: A/C

Main Bombfall	Over Target	Bombing	No.	Bombs Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail
Target # 13, France.	13	13	151	Parachute	Containers	None
Total On Target.	13	13	151	Parachute	Containers	None
Other Expenditures.				None.		
Bombs Returned.			5	Parachute	Containers	None
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			156	Parachute	Containers	None

4. Types of Release: Of the 151 containers dropped at the primary target all were released in train armed, with a 15' interval.

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2 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report 95th and 95th "B".

TO : Commanding Officer 95th Bomb Group.

1. Twelve A/C plus one PFF A/C of the 95th group took off beginning at 0955 hours to form the lead group 95 A of the 13th Combat Wing and fly a special mission into France. No A/C returned early.

Thirteen A/C of the 95th Group took off beginning at 1010 hours to form the low group 95 B of the 13th Combat Wing and fly a special mission into France. No A/C returned early.

2. An Me 109 and an Me 410 were seen below the formation in the vicinity of 4608 - 0543 at 1425 hour. The E/A made no attempt to attack. Escort drove them away.

3. No flak was encountered.

4. Containers were dropped in the assigned target area in a good concentration.

5. An identifying run and one dropping run was made. Four bon fires were seen and more than 200 people were seen on edge of wooded areas waving to the crews. Some men formed a "Cross of Lorraine" with their bodies. A/C 1462 had 5 containers hang up - returned. All A/C returned to this base and landed by 1745.

For the Intelligence Officer

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Final Report. 95A & 95B Target #13 1 August 1944

a. Photos show containers dropped in target area in a good concentration. Bombing excellent

- b.
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| 1324 | 4600-0145E | repaired A/P - Ho planes | 17000' |
| 1525 | 4615-0457E | Motorway about 200 vehicles going NW NW between Châtillon & Point Bonnes | 18000' |
| 1630 | 4719-0142E | 35 oil tanks near A/D
A/D bombed but tanks untouched | 18000' |
| 1555 | 4621-0321E | Factory | 17000' |
| 1401 | 4635-0355E | Army camp | 17500' |
| 1619 | 4654-0208E | A/P - building on each side of grass field | 17500' |
| 1517 | 4559-0538 | Buildings that looked like camouflaged barracks | 18000' |
| 1417 | Bourcy | Trains in M/V | 13000' |
| 1411 | Macon | 30 trucks outside barracks in NE of town | 13000' |
| 1433 | Anisy | RR yards & bridge intact | 13000' |
| | | Large boat in lake
60 cars in M/V
30+ more large hospitals | 7000' |
| 1500 | 4606-0617E | RR cars in small town | 6500' |
| 1619 | 4659-066E | RR bridge intact | 17500' |
- Coches and Chateaudun A/P look operational.
Houses in target area appeared burned out.
- c. An Me 109 and an Me 410 were seen near ~~4608-0543~~ 4608-0543 at 1425 hours. Both were below formation and made no attempt to attack. Escort drove them away.
- d. None
- e. None