

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

APO 559.
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SUBJECT: Operations Officer's Narrative for the Mission of
2 August 1944.

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

95A GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95A Group, flying as lead for the 13A Combat Wing, took off from base at 1440-1451 hours and assembled over the base (Bu#23) at 15,000 feet by 1530 hours. After forming the A Group was joined by the 95B Group which had assembled at a lower level. Due to failure of radio equipment and the "G" Box it was decided by the command pilot to turn the lead over to 95B Group. Necessary actions were taken so as not to interfere with 13B and C Wings and 95A Group flew as high on 95B Group.

Departed the English coast four miles right of Selsey Bill at 1718 hours and Wing rearrangement was completed by 1735 hours. By this time the 13B and C Wing had passed A Wing who followed in trail.

The Enemy coast was crossed at 1749 hours on course, nine minutes late. At 1753 hours, flak was picked up five miles East of Caen. The "B" Group leader was shot down at 4905N-00°05'W at 1755 hours. 95A again assumed the lead and slowed down in order to allow 95B to close up. Briefed course was followed and the Wing was reformed by 1845 hours. The I.P. was made good but was unable to pick up primary target soon enough so proceeded to secondary target.

Bombed secondary target at 1933 hours with fair results. Briefed course out was followed crossing Enemy coast at 2011 hours at 16,000 feet. At 2040 hours crossed the English coast at 6,000 feet. Over the base at 2044 hours. Individual let down was made through undercast at 2100 hours and landed at 2105-2124 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twelve aircraft, including one PFF left base in formation shown in Diagram "1A" Aircraft 1600 turned back before becoming dispatched and is not credited with a sortie. The remaining eleven aircraft bombed the secondary as shown in diagram "1B" and received sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

95B GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95B Group, flying as low group in the 13A Wing, took off from base at 1455-1507 and assembled over base at 13,000 feet by 1530 hours. After assembly, 95B joined Wing formation with 95A Group.

For the remainder of the mission, reference is made to the above narrative of 95A Group with the following exceptions:

a. Landing for "B" Group was effected at 2120-2139 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Thirteen aircraft left base in formation as shown in Diagram "2A". Aircraft 7232 turned back before becoming dispatched and does not receive a sortie. Aircraft 2427 returned after being dispatched and received a sortie.

Aircraft 2700 dropped out of formation before target area and was lost.

Twelve aircraft receive credit for sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: Aircraft 2700 was hit by flak next to #1 Engine at 1752 hours at 49°00'N-00°05'E. Tip of wing broke off, aircraft dropped down to left and exploded. Three chutes opened.

95C GROUP

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95C Group, scheduled to fly as 2nd element lead and low squadron (six ships in all) in the 100B Group (high group) of the 13C Wing, took off at 1430-1436 and climbed through overcast over buncher 23. Then proceeded to Bu#28 where we assembled with the 100B Group at 13,000 feet. By 1535 the group had assembled and course was set for Spl#7. The wing rendezvous was made as planned.

Course over England was flown approximately as planned gaining altitude from splasher 7 at 1639. The English coast was crossed at 1716 at an altitude of 20,000 feet. A climb to 21,000 feet was completed at this time. The enemy coast was crossed on course at 1746 hours, 3 minutes late.

Briefed course was followed to 4911°N 00-02°E where a slight diversion was made to the left of course to avoid flak. The rest of the trip was flown according to briefed course. The IP was made good and bombs away one minute early. The bombing went as planned. The bombs were dropped on the first run. The groups re-joined with

no confusion.

The course flown on the route out was slightly changed in order to re-join the other wings as scheduled. To do this the assembly point at 4932° N 0351° E was substituted for point further north. The rest of the course flown out was as scheduled and on time.

The enemy coast was crossed at 1954 where a let down to minimum altitude was started. Our Composite group left the 100 B group over England and our home base was reached at 2027. The landing was according to through the overcast procedures.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Six aircraft left the base in the formation as shown in diagram 3A. The formation over the target is shown in diagram 3B. All aircraft are credited with sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: None.

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