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

APO 559. 13 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Frantic mission of 7 August 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 13 A combat wing, composed of the 95 A, 95 B and 95 C groups, flying as lead, high and low groups respectively, took off at 0740 - 0805 hours. By 0915 the groups had assembled over the base at 7,0001. Since the three 95th groups flew the entire mission together they will be treated as one unit in this narrative;

Mirgorod where the 13 B wing was to join the formation. The 13 B wing requested a twenty minute delay in leaving their base, so the 13 A wing did two 360° turns and left Mirgorod on course

At 0915 the 13 A wing left the base on course for

The climb to bombing altitude was started at 1000 and bembing altitude was reached at the battle line at 1252. The briefed course was followed on the route out and at the I.P.

The return route was flown as planned, the let down being started upon crossing the battle line. The base was reached at 1730 and the landing was made at 1740 - 1800.

the groups peeled off as planned. Bombs were away at 1321.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Thirty aircraft, including 1 PFF, left the base in the formation shown in the attached diagrams "IA", "2A" and "3A". A/C # 1992 left the formation before reaching enemy territory and is not credited with a sortie. The remaining twenty-nine A/C bombed the primary and are credited with sorties. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagrams "IB", "2B" and "3B",

3: LOST AIRCRAFT: None.

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STATISTICAL COURROL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

13TH COMPAT BOMBARDIENT WING

DATE RENDERED

The August 1966

PART I - TABULAR SUMMARY:

DATE OF MISSION

Y-August 1844

STRATEGICAL MISSION

COMBAT GROUP	SCHEDULED	AIRPORNE	AIRBORNE LESS RETUR* MING SPARES	NOT ATTACKING	SORTIES
	11 6 10	11 0 10			16 6 30

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

Sortie
Combat Gp A.C.S.N. Category Reason for Failure & Corrective Action (Yes-No)

"A" 43-61999 "7" Broken oil line.

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If formation varied widely from standard, show by diagram on back

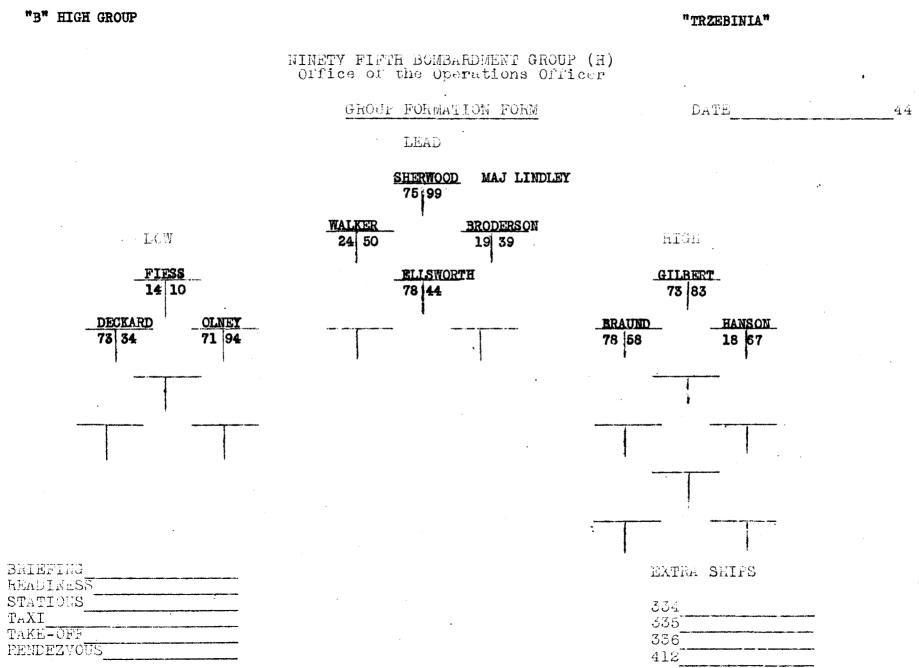
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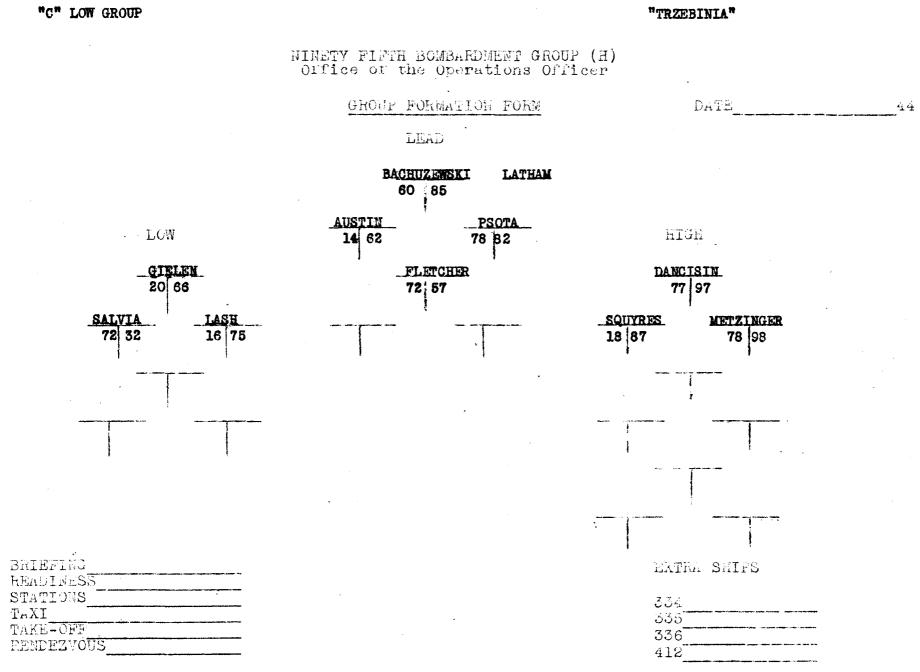
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE AAF STATION 101 APO 634

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INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 99

PERIOD: 0001 hours 7 August 1944 to 2400 hours 7 August 1944

A. STATISTICS

Mis	sions	Disp.	Sorties	Atkg.	Tonnage	Claims	E/A	<u>AA</u>	N/E	OT :	Total:
Heavy Bomber Atks.	28	902 +	879	483	1337•5	0-0-0	0	1	1	1	3
Fighter Escort	10	471	437	Ò	0	1-0-3A 0-0-1G	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Sweeps	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Bombing	8	279	271	171	5 2•5	4-0-1G	0	0	0	5	5
Photo Recon.	3 8	3 8	38	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	21	21	21	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	Ó
Air/Sea Rescue	25	25	25	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	65	65	<u>65</u>	0	0	0-0-0	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>
Totals	195	1801	1736	654	1390.0	1-0-3 ^A 4-0-2 ^G	0	1	1	6	8

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B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

29 combat wings (518 B-17s, 384 B-24s - 902 a/c) dispatched to attack oil dumps and bridges over wide area in France. Support by 10 fighter groups. 28 assigned targets. 483 a/c dropped 1337.5 tons G.P., visually, on 1/2 primaries an other targets. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 3 a/c (2 B-24s, 1 B-17).

First Force: 3 combat wings (112 B-17s) dispatched to attack oil dumps in the Bordeaux area. 105 a/c dropped 261.8 tons G. P. on both assigned targets at 1345-1434 hours from 14,000-23,000 feet. Weather: CAVU with slight ground haze. Flak: nil at target, meager and accurate at Lisieux. Battle damage: 19 minor, 7 major. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 B-17 to unknown causes.

Fighter Support: 3 groups (139 P-51s) dispatched. Sorties 123. Up 1025 - 1041 hours, down 1601 - 1738 hours. 2 t/e e/a observed in vicinity of +Orleans, lost in haze. 25 plus Me-109s and FW-190s on deck circling Chartres A/F were attacked. 2 groups strafed Chartres A/F and rail and motor traffic north of Bordeaux. Claims: 1-0-3 air, 0-0-1 ground. Losses: Nil.

Details of bomber attacks follow:

Assigned Targets	Dispatched	At.tacked	Tons	Results
St. Loubes (oil dump) Montbartier (oil dump)	38 _71 <u>_</u>	34 _71	84.3 <u>177.5</u>	Good Fair
Totals	112	105	261.8	

Second Force: 7 ccmbat wings (224 B-17s) dispatched to attack one bridge east of Paris and 6 oil dumps - 3 in the Paris area and 3 scutheast of Paris. 218 a/c dropped 570.6 tons G.P. on 6 of the 7 assigned primaries and 5 other targets at 1244 - 1319 hours from 14,000 - 26,000 feet. Weather: 2/10 - 8/10 in the Paris area, 2/10 - 3/10 south of Paris. Flak: Intense, accurate in Paris area; meager, accurate south of Paris. Battle Damage: 53 minor, 27 major. E/a opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Fighter Support: 2 groups (97 P-51s) dispatched. Sorties 96. Up 1020 - 1040 hours, down 1445 - 1522 hours. No e/a opposition. Uneventful escort. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Details of bomber attacks follows

Assigned Targets	Dispatched	Attacked	<u>Tons</u>	Results
Dugny (oil dump)	37	24	72.0	Unobserved
Paris-Genevilliers (oil de		O	not attacked	
Paris-St. Ouen (oil dump)	37	12	22.8	Poor
Bourron Mariotte (oil dum		23	56.6	Poor - Fair.
Sens (oil dump)	26	26	64.0	Fair
St. Florentin (oil dump)	25	25	62.2	Fair
Nanteuil Bridge	3 8	3 6	106.5	Fair
Other Targets				
Mainteron Bridge		23	65 .7	Unobserved
Houdon M/Y		14	22,8	Unobserved
Rouglaf		i	2,7	Unobserved
Chartres A/F		23	62.3	Faj.r
Chateaudun A/F		11	<u>33.0</u>	Fair
Totals	224	218	570.6	

Third Force: 5 combat wings (182 B-17s) dispatched to attack 4 bridges and one oil nump NE of Paris. Assigned targets not bombed due to 9/10 - 10/10 cloud over target area. 1 a/c dropped 3 tons G.P. on T/O at 1118 hours from 22,000 feet. Flak: Nil at target, meager inaccurate at Lille. Battle Damage: 32 minor, 3 major. E/a opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Fighter Support: 2 groups (48 P-38s, 52 P-51s - 100 a/c) dispatched. Sorties 90. Up 0841 - 0914 hours, down 1300 - 1351 hours. No e/a apposition. One group strafed rail transportation from Vitry-le-Francois to Fontenal-Tresigny. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Details of bomber attacks follow:

Assimed Targets	Dispatched	<u>Attacked</u>	Tons Resul	ts.
Fismes Bridge v Anizy Le Chateau Bridge Compiegne (oil dump) Jussy Bridge	39 39 26 39	Not attacked Not attacked Not attacked Not attacked		
Beautor Bridge	39	Not attacked		
Other Targets			in and Karamanan menangan Melangan	
Montdidier A/F		Ī	3.0 Unoba	erved
Totals	182	1	3.0	

Fourth Force: 2 combat wings (51 B-24s) dispatched to attack two oil dumps NE of Paris. Assigned targets not bombed due to 8/10 to 10/10 cloud in target area. 27 a/c dropped 68 tons G.P. on other targets at 1027 - 1104 hours from 10,000 - 19,000 feet. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate en route. Battle Damage: 17 minor, 2 major, E/a opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: 1 B-24 to AA.

Fighter Support: 1 group (35 P-47s) dispatched. Sorties 34. Up 0910 hours, down 1226 hours. No e/a opposition. Uneventful escert. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Details of bomber attacks follow:

Assigned Target	s	<u>Dispatched</u>	Attacked	Tons	Results
Remilly (oil dum	mp)	26 25	Not attacked Not attacked		
Other Targets				* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	
Senuse (town) Andenne Bridge U/I T/Os			9 10 <u>8</u>	22 .5 24 . 9 20 . 6	Poor Good Unobserved
Totals		51	27	68.0	

Fifth Force: 12 combat wings (333 B-24s) dispatched to attack 3 bridges and 9 oil dumps north of Paris. 132 a/c dropped 434.1 tons G.P. on 6 assigned primaries and 2 other targets, 1144 - 1308 hours from 11,000 - 23,000 feet. Remainder of targets not attacked due to cloud cover in target area. Flak: Meager, inaccurate en route. Battle Damage: 43 minor, 2 major. E/a opposition: Nil. Claims: Nil. Losses: 1 B-24 crash-landed in U.K.

Fighter Support: 2 groups (100 P-51s) dispatched. 94 sorties. Up 1014 - 1102, down 1405 - 1455 hours. No e/a opposition. Claims: Nil. Losses: Nil.

Details of bomber attacks follow:

Assigned Targets	Dispatched	<u>Attacked</u>	Tons	Results
Saleux (oil dump)	24.	24	75•5	Very Good
Recques-sur-Course (cil dump)	24	23	69.0	Good
Aire-sur-La-Lys (oil dump)	24	Not attacked	1	,
Bois-de-la-Houssiere (oil dump)	26	Not attacked	1	
Brussels/Vilvorde (oil dump)	୍ୟ-8	Not attacked	1.	
Wendelgem (oil dump)	24	Not attacked	i.	
Langerbrugge (oil dump)	20	9	25.3	Good
Rieme/Ertveld (oil dump)	24	11	26.0	Good
Ostend (oil dump)	12	Not attacked	1	
Peronne Bridge	33	Not attacked	1	
Doullens Bridge	3 8	37	147.5	Very Good
Frevent Bridge	36	15	60 .0	Good
Other Targets				
Factory 12 mi. N of Wendelgem U/I T/O	en e	12 ,	28.8 2.0	Good Unobserved
Totals	333	132	434-1	4

2. Fighter Escort

10 groups (35 P-47s, 48 P-38s, 388 P-51s - 471 a/c) dispatched to escort bombers attacking tactical targets in France. 437 sorties. Up 0841 - 1102 hours, down 1226 - 1738 hours. Combat with 25 plus Me-109s and FW-190s over Chartres A/F. 3 groups strafed motor and rail traffic north of Bordeaux and from Vitry-le-Francois to Fontenal-Tresigny. Claims: 1-0-3 air, 0-0-1 ground. Losses: Nil.

In addition to e/a destroyed on the ground, strafing claims include:

<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
6 locos 5 trucks	5 locos 182 goods wagons
1 high tension tower	2 trucks 5 flak towers
	32 RR cars
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	3 barges
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3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

8 groups (194 P-47s, 85 P-51s - 279 a/c) dispatched to bomb and strafe M/Ys and rail transportation facilities in area north and east of Paris. Sorties 271. Up 1021 = 1839 hours, down 1403 - 2156 hours. No e/a opposition. 171 a/c dropped 44.8 tons G.P. and 7.7 tons I.B. on 8 M/Ys, 1 A/F and numerous other ground targets. Claims: 4-0-1 ground. Losses: 5 a/c (3 P-47s, 2 P-51s) to unknown causes.

Additional claims from strafing and bombings

Destroyed	Damaged
28 locos	94. 3:00 08
135 RR cars	201 RR cars
7 trucks	1 gas storage tank
1 scout car	12 trucks
2 autos	51 oil cars
55 military vehicles	12 autos
	3 flak cars
	1 bus
	51 military vehicles
	22 goods wagons
	2 water towers
	1 transformer station
	2 roundhouses

5. Photo Reconnaissance

38 a/c (32 F-5s and 6 Spitfires) dispatched. All completed missions. 30 a/c mapped Paris area. 8 a/c on D/A to Berlin, Hamburg, Amiens area and south and north of the Paris area. All a/c returned safely.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

21 a/c dispatched. 2 B-17s on routine weather reconnaissance. 10 P-51s and 2 Mosquitoes as scouts for bomber forces. 7 a/c as special weather scouts. All a/c completed missions and returned safely.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

25 a/c (11 P-51s, 14 P-47s) dispatched on Air/Sea Rescue operations. 14 P-47s completed routine spotter work and reported no ditching incidents. 11 P-51s dispatched to escort Warwick of 16 Group (RAF) on a search of the Borkum-Heligoland area. All a/c returned safely.

8. Special Operations

7 B-17s were dispatched on two separate operations to drop leaflets on 23 targets in France. All a/c returned safely.

36 a/c on special operations. All a/c returned safely.

17 a/c (13 P-47s and 4 B-17s) were dispatched on special operations. 2 B-17s returned early. All a/c returned safely.

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Heavy bombers ranging over a wide area in France were unopposed by the G.A.F. Supporting fighters reported only one encounter. A P-51 group escorting first force B-17s observed 25 plus Ms-109s and FW-190s on dect circling Chartres A/F. E/a were engaged at 1400 hours with claims of 1-0-3 for no losses.

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2 s/e jet a/c were sighted 10 miles north of Amiens at 25,000 feet, 1230 hours, but were not engaged.

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Assigned Targets

. St. Loubes (oil dump) - Good Results.

Three concentrations G.P. bombs, burst in and adjacent to target area. Direct hits on: 2 medium-sized rectangular buildings in western section of target area, 4 small buildings in the northern section. 4 small buildings in the southern section, at least 6 oil storage tanks. Explosions among oil storage tanks seen in northern portion of target area.

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Six concentrations of G.P. bombs in target area. Very little visible damage seen to underground fuel tanks with exception of the target area.

Nanteuil Bridge - Fair Results

Three concentrations of G.P. bombs in and adjacent to target area. One direct hit to the western approach of the bridge and three direct hits along the eastern embankment.

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Sens (cdl dump) - Fair Results

One concentration G.P. bombs in target area. Two storage tanks received direct hits. Dock area immediately north of depot received at least behits. In addition, a large factory-type building, north of the dock area, received hits and is damaged at the south end. A second concentration south of target area in vicinity of Sens RR Bridge. At least 4 hits can be seen on rail lines on eastern terminus of bridge.

St. Florentin (oil dump) - Fair Results .

Two concentrations of G.P. bombs in and adjacent to target area. 2 oil storage tanks in northern portion of target area, a direct hit each, 6 hits on rail lines south of target area. Direct hit on one small building at southwest corner of the depot.

Bourron Marlotte (oil dump) - Poor to Fair Results.

One concentration of G.P. bombs in and north of target area. Four sections of oil tank cars were parked on the siding at time of attack. Direct hits on at least 3 cars with fires resulting. Second concentration fell into woods and residential area, 700 yards north of target area.

Paris St. Ouen (oil dump) - Poor Results.

Bombs seen falling toward the Paris St. Ouen Fuel Depot, 4 miles north northwest of center of Paris. Heavy cloud and intense cloud haze prevents the pin-pointing of any strikes.

Saleux (oil dump) - Very Good Results

Concentration of hits in target area. North and south part of target hit.

Doullens Bridge - Very Good Results

Radius of 500 ft. concentration of hits on target area.

Langerbrugge (oil dump) - Good Results

Concentration of bursts from center of target to 750 ft. south.

Rieme/Ertveld (oil dump) - Good Results

Concentration of bursts from center of target to 1500 ft. south.

Frevent Bridge - Good Results

Pattern 3,000 ft. west of target. Hits on M/Y, possible hits on factory, and built-up area.

Recques sur Course (oil dump) - Good Results.

Pattern extending from 300 ft - 1500 ft radius.

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Other Targets

Andenne Bridge, Belgium - Good Results

10 a/c bombed road bridge with 1000 G.P. bombs. Pattern is loose. At least 2 bursts seen at the north end of the temporary bridge. Balance of the pattern fell into built-up area of the town that lies north of the bridge.

Chateaudun A/F - Fair Results - (prop tie) stantal ...

One concentration of G.P. bombs in administration office and barracks area. This area damaged seriously by previous attacks. Extreme northwest highway received two near-misses. No a/c or field at time of attack.

Chartres A/F - Fair Results

Two concentrations of G.P. bombs in vicinity of northern hangar area.

At least 8 hits on line between Chartres and Allest Second concentration although partially obscured by smoke can be seen hear the northern hangar area with at least 5 hits on the perimeter track at this point.

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Factory, North of Wendelgem, T/O - Good Results.

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NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary reports and is not to be used for record purposes.

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