

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

APO 559.  
6 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 5 Sept 1944.

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

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: Three groups from the 95th Group, 95A, 95B, and 95C flew on this mission. Since these groups flew this mission in company, as the 13C Combat Wing, they will be treated as a unit in this narrative.

The 13C Combat Wing took off at 0615 - 0650 hours. By 0750 the wing had assembled over the base, the lead group assembling at 8,000'. At 0800 the wing left the base on course for Buncher #13. The route over England was flown as briefed. The 13B Wing was joined as planned and the English coast was crossed at Brighton at 0915.

The French coast was crossed at 15,000' at 0942. At 1015 built up clouds were encountered on course and a 360° turn was made in order to climb above the cloud layer. Division formation was lost in this turn. The wing formation remained intact however. At 1044 another 360° turn was made to enable the groups to close up the wing formation.

On the route in the Mickey equipment in the 95A Group went out, so the 95B Group assumed the lead of the Wing.

The I.P. was reached at 1142 and the groups peeled off as planned. Bombs were away at 1153 for the lead group. After bombing the rally was effected without undue difficulty.

On the return route it was necessary to descend to 12,000' to stay below the cloud bases. Since some of the ships in the formation were short on gas the group leader of the 95B group, leading at this time, decided to cut the return route short. The French coast was crossed at 5053N - 0140E at 12,000'. Light accurate flak was encountered at this point.

Landfall was made on the English coast at Southwold at 1514. The wing returned flying to the east of London rather than to the west as planned. The wing was over the base at 1521, and the landing was made at 1525 - 1600.







HEADQUARTERS 13TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
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STATISTICAL CONTROL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

13TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING

DATE RETURNED 5 SEPT 1944

PART I - TABULAR SUMMARY:

DATE OF MISSION 5 SEPT 1944

STRATEGICAL MISSION

COMBAT GROUP	SCHEDULED	AIRBORNE	AIRBORNE LESS RETURNING SPARES	ATTACKING	NOT ATTACKING	SORTIES
"A"	11	11	11	11	0	11
"F"	12	12	12	11	1	12 <i>12/10</i>
"G"	13	13	13	12	1	12 <i>12/10</i>

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)
"G"	42-37652	F	Pilot believed he was short of gas. Gas gauges were incorrect.	No
"G"	42-107067	F	External oil lines to prop governor sheared No	No

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E-E-26

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of  
5 September 1944, Stuttgart, Germany.

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

1. The Ninety Fifth "A" Group flew as lead of the 13th "C" Combat Wing. We were airborne at 0630 hours. The Group and Wing was assembled over the base at 8000'. Colchester was approached from the East at 8000' at 0813 hours.

2. We were in wing position and followed the 13th "B" Combat Wing to 12 miles north of Luton. Luton was made at 0843 hours and SP# 10 at 0900 hours. We continued to follow the "B" Wing and departed the English coast at Brighton at 12000' at 0915 hours. The French coast was crossed at 0942 hours at 15000' at 4953N 0042E. We remained on briefed course until 1015 hours at 4900N 0500E. At this time weather conditions necessitated making two 360° turns to the left.

3. We broke into the clear at 1058 hours at 22000', at 4827N 0535E. We made one more 360° turn to the left to reform the wing and at that time the lead was taken over by the high group because of an inoperative mickey set. At 1142 hours we crossed over the I.P. at the altitude of 25000' on a magnetic heading of 60°. Bombs were away at 1153 hours at 24940' on a magnetic heading of 60°. The R.P., 4818N 0925E was made at 1203 hours.

4. The high group, now flying lead, resumed briefed course away from target. Due to both damage, wounded personnel, and shortage of gasoline we followed a course that took us over the Calais area. The wing left the French coast at 5053N 0140E at 12000'. The English coast was crossed 5 miles north of Southwold at 1514 hours at 3000'. The base was reached at 1521 hours.

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Lead Navigator.

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APO 559

D-C-11  
September 5, 1944.

SUBJECT: S-2 Report

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

1. 95A, 95B, and 95C Groups flew the Lead, High, and Low Groups respectively in the 13C Combat Wing in an attack against the aero engine and AFV plant at Daimler Benz near Stuttgart, Germany.

95A Group with 11 A/C and one PFF began take off at 0630 hours. All A/C attacked the primary target.

95B Group with 12 A/C and one PFF began take off at 0618 hours. A/C #7882 aborted at 1041 hours from 4904-0444 because of shortage of gas and #1 and 3 engines vibrating excessively. Eleven A/C attacked the primary target.

95C Group - 13A/C began take-off at 0643 hours. A/C #047 aborted with a broken oil line at 1043 hours from 4831N-0430E. Ten A/C attacked the primary target, one A/C lost the formation and attacked Ludwigshafen with the First Division, and one A/C attacked a factory at Germersheim as a target of opportunity.

2. No enemy aircraft were seen.

3. Flak was encountered in the Stuttgart area. A barrage was thrown up before our formations entered the target area, then they were accurately tracked by moderate fire. An altered course at 26,000 feet over the Pas de Calais drew heavy and accurate tracking fire causing considerable damage to our A/C.

4. Bombing results are good. Interest prints of strike photos show 95A Group on the target, 95B Group slightly left with fair results, and 95C Group incendiaries must be in the smoke of previous bombs and fires. Huge fires had been started - they poured out dense black smoke.

5. All A/C returned safely to this base except A/C #8106 piloted by Lt. O. L. Walker, which is reported to be safe on an A/D in the Paris area, having landed there short of gas. Fighter support was all around on the whole mission. The weather interfered - the target area was clear with good visibility but the route to and from the target was undercast breaking up about 8 degrees E. Cirro stratus clouds at flight

level 4 to 5 degrees E tended to break up the formation.

For the Intelligence Officer:

ARNO A. KRAUSE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't. S-2 Officer.



A-GROUP LEAD

A.T.F.

G.W.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 5-9-44

TIME

HOUSER  
7683 ✓

COLLINGS  
2427 ✓

CORNER  
7844

WALKER ✓  
8106

FEISS  
8333

HARRI  
1867 ✓

HAMILTON  
6993

SNOWDEN  
2450

TAYLOR  
1939

OLNEY  
7194

MOORING  
1989

HART  
7334

ABORTIVE

EXTRA

EXTRA

MISSING

CHANGES

B-GROUP  
HIGH.

A.T.F.

C.W.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 5-9-44

TIME

SHERWOOD  
8151 ✓

METZINGER  
8288 ✓

SALVIA  
7376 ✓

WYATT  
1876

LAJESKIE  
2066

PIPKIN  
1462

BEK  
8140

SMARSH  
7858 ✓

LASH  
1675

HOFSAES  
7280.57 ✓

SOUTRES  
7882

RINGSBLOOM  
1887 ✓

HENDRICKSON  
7204

ABORTIVE \_\_\_\_\_  
MISSING \_\_\_\_\_  
CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA

EXTRA A

A.T.F.

C-GROUP LOW.

C.W.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 5-9-44

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

MAYER  
2678 ✓

GROSNELM  
8255

CRAIG ✓  
7264

GREEN ✓  
2447

MCCULLEY  
8317

RADKE  
7801

GURLEY  
8346

PAYNE  
2455

HELM  
1920

WICKER  
7047

PARKER  
2951

DAY  
7215

FERGUSON  
7154

ABORTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA A \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
AAF STATION 101  
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 128

PERIOD: 0001 hours 5 September 1944 to 2400 hours 5 September 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.	4	882 +	839	803	2117.8	0-0-0	0	7	3	4	14
Fighter Escort	10	480	445	0	0	19-0-0 A 14-0-27G	0	1	0	3	4
Fighter Sweeps	5	215	193	0	0	9-0-2 A 62-0-30G	0	2	0	3	5
Fighter Bombing	2	69	67	22	5.5	2-0-0 A 66-0-28G	0	0	0	4	4
Photo Recon.	3	3	3	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	1
Weather Recon.	15	15	15	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	18	18	18	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	<u>66</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>151</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	123	1834	1731	825	2123.3	30-0-2 A 142-0-85G	0	10	3	15	28

+ 13 spares, 3 used.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

First Operation

16 combat wings (521 B-17s, 218 B-24s - 739 a/c) dispatched in three forces against targets at Stuttgart, Ludwigshafen and Karlsruhe. 670 a/c dropped 1667.9 tons G.P. and I.B. on three assigned primaries and several other targets. Ludwigshafen attacked on PFF, other targets visually. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 12 a/c (5 B-17s, 7 B-24s).

First Force

5 combat wings (218 B-17s) dispatched against Stuttgart aero-engine and MT plant. 207 a/c dropped 473.5 tons G.P. and I.B. on assigned target and 4 T/Os at 1114-1153 hours from 22,200-26,000 feet. Weather: CAVU to 2/10 at target. Ineffective smoke screen did not interfere with bombing. Flak: moderate to intense, accurate in target area. Battle damage: 82 minor, 27 major. E/a opposition: nil. Two t/e e/a sighted in target area but no attacks. Claims: nil. Losses: 2 B-17s to AA.

S E C R E T

Fighter Support: 3 groups (160 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0826-0914 hours, down 1342-1445 hours. 147 sorties. E/a opposition: 17 e/a, trainers, engaged taking of and forming over Goppingen A/F. All claimed destroyed. A/F then strafed. A/F at Stuttgart/Echterdingen and Stuttgart/Oblingen also strafed. Another group sighted 3 Me-109s east of Zurich. Combat with claims of 2-0-0. Strafed A/F at Sinsheim with claims of 0-0-3. Total claims: 19-0-0 air, 14-0-27 ground. Losses: 2 P-51s (one to AA, one to unknown reasons).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Target</u>	<u>Dispatched</u> B-17s	<u>Attacking</u> B-17s	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			G.P.	I.B.	
Stuttgart	218	203	350	114	Very Good
<u>Other Targets</u>					
4 T/Os	—	<u>4</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>5</u>	Unobserved
Totals	218	207	354.5	119	

Second Force

8 combat wings (303 B-17s) dispatched against Ludwigshafen synthetic oil and chemical plant. 278 a/c dropped 726.9 tons G.P. and I.B. on assigned target and one T/O at 1108-1143 hours from 23,400-26,500 feet. Weather: 7/10 to 10/10 in target area. Flak: moderate to intense, accurate to inaccurate. Battle damage: 122 minor, 41 major. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 3 B-17s (two to AA, one to unknown reasons).

Fighter Support: 3 groups (155 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0842-0901 hours, down 1411-1430 hours. 148 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. 3 Me-262s seen at 25,000 feet over Ludwigshafen but no combats. Claims: nil. Losses: one P-51 to unknown reasons.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Target</u>	<u>Dispatched</u> B-17s	<u>Attacking</u> B-17s	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			G.P.	I.B.	
Ludwigshafen	303	277	516	207.9	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
1 T/O	—	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	
Totals	303	278	519	207.9	

Third Force

3 combat wings (218 B-24s) dispatched against Karlsruhe M/Y and RR repair shops. 185 a/c dropped 467.5 tons G.P. and I.B. on assigned target and one T/O at 1135-1158 hours from 20,000-25,000 feet. Leaflets dropped in target area.

S E C R E T

Weather: CAVU at target. Flak: moderate to intense generally inaccurate. Battle damage: 76 minor, 2 major. E/a opposition: nil. Several e/a, one believed jet-propelled, sighted near Strasbourg but no attacks. Claims: nil. Losses: 7 B-24s (three to AA, one crash-landed, three to unknown causes).

Fighter Support: 3 groups (143 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0857-0918 hours, down 1430-1443 hours. 129 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: one P-51 to unknown reasons.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Target</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-24s</u>	<u>B-24s</u>	<u>G.P.</u>	<u>I.B.</u>	
Karlsruhe	218	183	363	100.5	Good
<u>Other Target</u>					
1 T/O	—	2	—	4.0	Unobserved
Totals	218	185	363	104.5	

Second Operation

3 combat wings (143 B-17s) dispatched against gun emplacements and strong points in the Brest area. 143 a/c dropped 449.9 tons G.P. visually on five assigned primaries at 1704-1810 hours from 11,000-12,000 feet. Weather: 4/10 to 6/11 in target area. Flak: nil. Battle damage: one minor. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: two B-17s to collision in target area.

Fighter Support: One group (22 P-51s) dispatched. Up 1445, down 1932 hours. 21 sorties. Escort uneventful. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tons G.P.</u>	<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-17s</u>	<u>B-17s</u>		
Book 17, Ill. 57-036016	39	39	133.5	Good-Very Good
Book 17, Ill. 57-032030	26	26	99.3	Good-Very Good
Book 17, Ill. 57-034029	26	26	93.6	Good-Very Good
Book 17, Ill. 57-049036	26	26	74.8	Good-Very Good
Book 17, Ill. 59-025024	26	26	48.7	Good-Very Good
Totals	143	143	449.9	

2. Fighter Escort

10 groups (480 P-51s) dispatched to support three heavy bomber forces attacking targets in Germany and B-17s dispatched against strong points in the Brest area. 445 sorties. E/a opposition: 3 Me-109s engaged east of Zurich. 17 e/a, trainers, attacked over Goppingen A/F. 3 A/Fs strafed. Claims: 19-0-0 air, 14-0-27 ground. Losses: 4 P-51s (one to AA, three to unknown reasons).

Additional ground strafing claims as follows:

Destroyed

- 1 Blister hangar
- 6 German soldiers
- 1 locomotive

Damaged

- 1 building
- 8 flat cars
- 6 box cars

3. Fighter Sweeps

Five groups (167 P-47s, 48 P-38s - 215 a/c) dispatched to strafe rail and road transportation in Frankfurt-Stuttgart and Rotterdam areas. Up 0920 - 1147 hours, down 1358 - 1551 hours. 193 sorties. E/a opposition: 10 plus Me-109 engaged northeast of Koblenz, one He-111 over Twente-Enschede A/F and one Do-217 near Apeldorn. A/Fs strafed at Merzhausen, Limburg, Bad Neuheim, and Ettinghausen. Claims: 9-0-2 air, 62-0-30 ground. Losses: 5 P-47s (two to AA, three to unknown reasons).

Claims for ground strafing as follows:

Destroyed

- 124 trucks
- 54 locomotives
- 15 railroad cars
- 2 barges
- 40 other vehicles
- 12 armored cars
- 3 gas trucks
- 23 passenger cars
- 1 half track
- 1 electric engine
- 2 tanks on flat cars

Damaged

- 61 trucks
- 14 locomotives
- 140 railroad cars
- 6 barges
- 13 other vehicles
- 2 flak towers
- 10 passenger cars
- 1 half track
- 1 electric engine
- 18 tanks on flat cars

4. Fighter Bombing

Two groups (29 P-47s, 40 P-38s - 69 a/c) dispatched in late afternoon to strafe and bomb Hanau and Giessen areas. One group strafed, one bombed. Up 1609 - 1657 hours, down 2050 - 2157 hours. 67 sorties. 22 a/c dropped 22 x 500 G.P. on Hanau, Hachst Oberau and Bad Nauheim A/Fs. A/Fs at Gelnhausen, Langendie and Ettinghausen strafed. Two isolated e/a encounters. Claims: 2-0-0 air, 66-0-28 ground. Losses: 4 a/c (three P-47s, one P-38 to unknown reasons).

Additional ground claims as follows:

Destroyed

- 1 flak position
- 5 locomotives

Damaged

- 2 flak positions
- 13 goods wagons
- 1 gun emplacement

5. Photo Reconnaissance

3 a/c dispatched as follows: one B-26 on night photographic coverage of Bourges and Nevers areas; one F-5 on D/A photos of Eindhoven A/F and RR bridge at Ravestien; one Spitfire on D/A photos of Stuttgart. One a/c overdue, presumed lost.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

15 a/c (one B-17, seven Mosquitoes, seven P-51s) dispatched as follows: one B-17 on routine flight over the Atlantic; three Mosquitoes, seven P-51s weather scouts for three bomber forces; four Mosquitoes weather reconnaissance over SW England, Belgium, France, Holland and SW Germany. All a/c returned safely.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

18 P-47s dispatched on air/sea rescue operations. Uneventful. All a/c returned safely.

8. Special Operations

152 a/c dispatched as follows:

44 a/c dispatched on special operations. One a/c returned early. No losses. 88 B-24s on "Truckin" operation carried 264 tons of freight.

20 a/c (two B-17s, 12 P-51s, 4 P-47s, 2 P-38s) dispatched as airborne radio relays. All a/c completed mission. No losses.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Heavy bomber attacks on industrial targets at Ludwigshafen, Karlsruhe and Stuttgart evoked no enemy air opposition. A few groups reported sightings but no attacks were made. Two t/e e/a were sighted in the target area at Stuttgart, four FW-190s near Karlsruhe and three FW-190s near Strasbourg. One jet-propelled a/c was reported in Compiegne but no attack was made. B-17s attacking targets in Brest likewise evoked no enemy air opposition.

Escorting fighters reported virtually no opposition. One P-51 group engaged three Me-109s ten miles east of Zurich at 9,000 feet, claiming two destroyed. Another group sighted and attacked seventeen training planes taking off and forming over Goppingen A/F. All of these e/a were destroyed by gunfire or driven into the ground. Fighters escorting B-17s on Ludwigshafen reported sighting three Me-262s at 25,000 feet over the target area but no attack was made.



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Fighter groups engaged on strafing operations also encountered limited opposition. One P-47 group was bounced by ten plus Me-109s, ten miles NE of Koblenz and combat ensued from deck to 9,000 feet with claims of 7-0-2. In addition one Do-217 was destroyed near Apeldorn and one He-111 over Twentw-Enschede A/F. In two isolated encounters in the late afternoon fighter-bomber operation two e/a were also destroyed.

2. Flak

Stuttgart - moderate to intense, accurate.  
Ludwigshafen - moderate to intense, accurate to inaccurate.  
Karlsruhe - moderate to intense, inaccurate.  
Rastatt - meager, accurate.  
Pforshheim - meager to moderate, accurate.

3. Observations

Several hundred barges on Rhine River near Ludwigshafen.  
Large number of barges on Rhine Canal moving both directions vicinity Strashourg.

Two new factories and oil tanks at WV-5473.  
Heavy barge traffic on Rhine headed toward Koblenz,  
A/F at WS-3414 with 25 a/c, Me-109s, Ju-88s and Ju-52s,  
30 plus Fw-190s observed at Bad Nauheim A/F.  
50 plus e/a on Hanau/Langenliebach.  
New large landing strip north of Buskirchen 504ON-0650E.  
25 e/a on A/F at WS-0532, North of Stuttgart.

4. Damage to Enemy Installations

Karlsruhe M/Y and RR Repair Shops - Good

Numerous buildings in target area hit. Concentration of hits on M/Y.  
Choke point 6,000 feet west of target area hit. Residential areas 6,000 feet north and 7,000 feet west of target area also hit.

Ludwigshafen Synthetic Oil and Chemical Plant - Unobserved

Cloud 6/10 - 10/10 density over target area makes interpretation and plotting of main weight of bombs dropped impossible. Only a few scattered concentrations noted as follows: scattered I.B. bursts in west central portion of target area. Area completely obscured by intense ground haze. Three concentrations of high explosive bombs approximately 1 1/4 miles east of the target area. Although main weight of bombs appear to have fallen into open fields, some bombs fell into Mannheim Industrie Hafen. Highly probable that some damage achieved in the Sa Niedig Schue Works, manufacturers of submarine pumps. Partial concentrations of explosive and I.B. visible in southwest portion of town of Opau, one mile west of target area. Main weight of bombs appear to have fallen into town. Concentrations of northeast bombs in the Sriesenheim District one mile southwest of target area. This area is residential, 10 - 40 percent built-up. Fires seen burning late in attack. No bombing evaluation can be made due to intense cloud over area.

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Stuttgart Daimler Benz A.G. - Very Good

Two G.P. patterns seen southwest of target area with edge of patterns touching it. Ten other G.P. patterns blanketed target area with 2/3 of bursts inside. All I.B. patterns hit target area with probably 2/3 of bursts inside. Target hit well all over and last pictures show at least seven fires burning.

Brest - 5 Strong Points - Good, Very Good

All assigned targets hit, but some not attacked by the groups assigned to them. Target furthest west was hit by one group carrying G.P. and S.A.P. bombs instead of by two carrying frags. Target furthest south particularly well-blanketed with tight patterns. Two explosions noted in northern part of general target area, probably ammunition storage. Target near hospital hit in minor way by six a/c. Another six ship element laid a frag pattern square across buildings marked as a hospital lying just east of target area.

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

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