### HINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (E) Office of the Commanding Officer

559.

READQUARTERS

APO 30 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO

Attn: A-3. Transmitted herewith Group Commander's Report for the mission of 30 October 1944. recall.

: Commanding General. Third Bomb Division. APO 559.

KARL TRUESDELL JR.. Colonel, Air Corps. Commanding.

#### HEADQUARTERS

### NINETY FIFTH EOMDARDMENT GROUP (H) Office of the Operations Officer

AFO 559 31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Operations Officer's Report - Mission 30 October 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Combardment Group (a), AFO 559

### 98 A SQUADRON FORMATION

- 1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95 A Squadron, flying as lead squadron of the 13 C Group, took off at 0852 - 0903 hours, and was assembled over the base at 11,000' by 0940 hours. The Group was assembled at the same position and altitude at 0955 hours at whi time a climb was started to 15,000'. Wing assembly was not made as briefed as this Group failed to make good the wing assembly point. and arrived at lowestoft (Control Foint No. 1) six (6) minutes ahead of schedule. Since the 13 A Group was on time at lowestoft and the 13 B Group was in trail of the leader the 13 C Group was at the head of the Wing Formation. A climb was started at Suncher # 9 and the English coast was crossed on the way out at 16.300' at 1046 hours. The enemy coast was crossed at the briefed point at an altitude of 20,000 at 1127 hours, seven and one-hal! (72) minutes ahead of schedule (Control Foint No. 2). The climb was resumed at 1135 hours until the Division secall. at which time (1153) the lead squadron was at 23,000' and the position was 5230% - 0608. A 180 degree turn to the right was made and a descent started immediately. The enemy coast was crossed on the way out at the point of entry at an altitude of 21.000' at 1216 hours. The descent was continued and the English Coast was crossed at 1247 hours at 9,0001. The base was reached at 1255 hours and the formation landed at 1325 - 1355 nours.
- 2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Eleven (11) aircraft and one (1) PFF aircraft were dispatched as shown in Diagram "A". Of these, two (2) aircraft #7204 and #7257, aborted before leaving the English Coast and are not credited with sorties. One aircraft, #2450, was withdrawn from 95 & Squadron to join 95A for fill-in, thus the eleven (11) aircraft total in this formation made good the point of rocall and are credited with sorties. No aircraft reached specified target due to recall, and no aircraft attacked any other target.
  - 3. AIRCHAFT LOST: None

### 95 B SQUADRON TORNATION

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95B Squadron, flying as high Squadron of the 13 C Group, took off at 0841 - 0852 hours, and was assembled over the base at 11,000' at 0938. The Squa ron was in position in group formation at 0854 and departed the base with the remainder of the group at 0855. Reference is made to the General Marrative of 95A Squadron for the continuation of the flight. The formation was landed 1318 - 1346 hours.

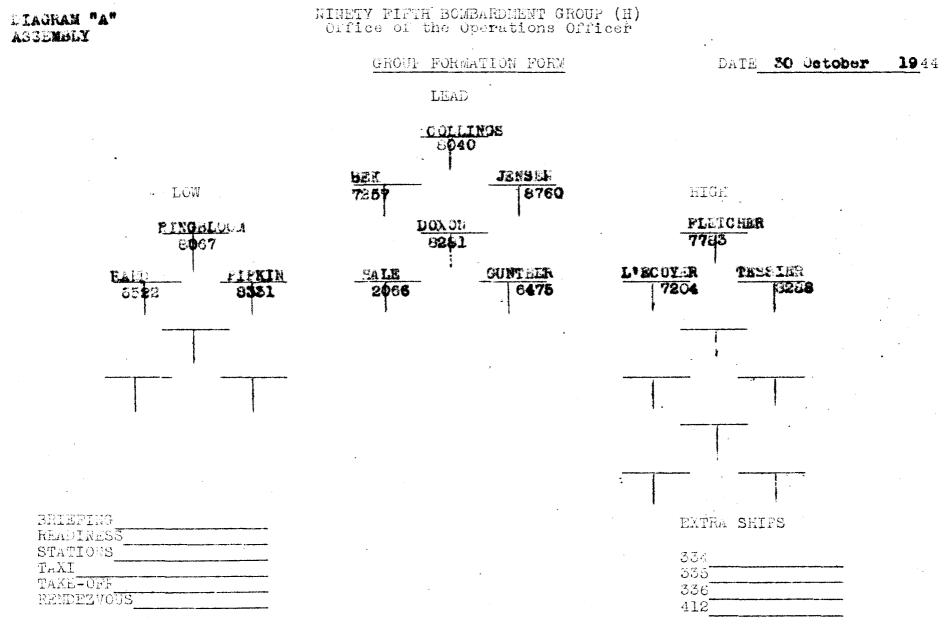
2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Twelve (12) aircraft and one (1) FFF aircraft were dispatched as shown in Formation Diagram "B". Of these, one aircraft #2450 withdrew from the squadron and joined 95A to take up the position left vacant by aborted aircraft #7257. The withdrawn aircraft was dispatched as a diamond on the high element of 95E formation.

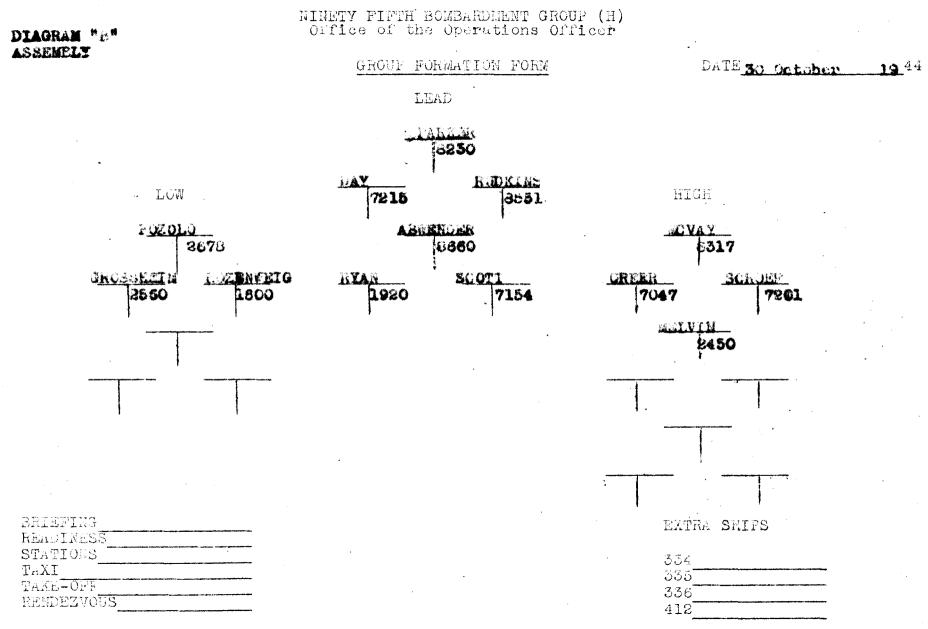
3. AIRCRAST LOST: None

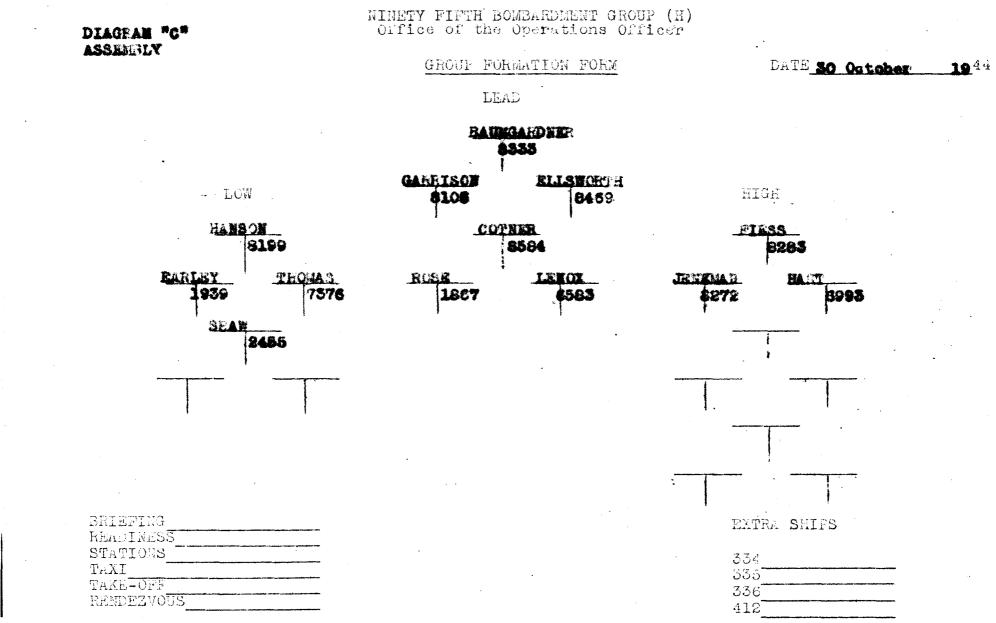
### 96 C SQUALLON FORMATION

- 1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 95C Squadron, flying as the low squadron of the 13 C Group, took off at 0904 0937 hours, and was assembled over the base at 10,000 in time to join the group formation by 0958 hours. For a continuation of the mission the 95 C Squadron followed the narrative of 95A Squadron. The formation was landed 1311 1322 hours.
- 2. AIRCRAST NOT ATTACKING: Twelve (12) aircraft plus one (1) PFF aircraft were dispatched as shown in Formation Diagram "C". All of these aircraftwers in formation at the time and position of recall and are credited with sorties.
  - 3. AIRCHART LOST: None.

THOMAS P. HOLBROOK, Lt. Col., Air Comps, Operations Officer.







### HEADQUARTURS OFTH ROUTARDIENT GROUP (H) APO 559

### STATISTICAL COMPROL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

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PART I - TABULAR SUMMARY:

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#### STRATEGICAL MISSION

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> THOMAS H. WOLDROOK, Lindel., Air Cerps, Operations Officer.

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# FOUR HUNDRED TWELFTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) OFFICE OF THE SQUADRON COMMANDER APO 559

30 October 1944

SUBJECT: Abortion of aircraft #7204.

TO : Group Operations.

- 1. Aircraft checked out all right on ground. After turbo was turned down following take off. No. 4 engine would not develop sufficient power, at 11,000 ft. manefold pressure had dropped to 30 in., amplifier's were changed without success. We called the tower and were instructed to remain airborne until 12:00 and land with bombs, we followed these instructions.
  - 2. Time of abortion 9:56 at 11,000 ft. over base.

GRECERY E. L'ECUYER O-7988661

1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 412TH BCMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AFO 559, U. S. Army, 30 October 1944.

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

- 1. Lt. Ifguyer and his engineer did everything possible to make the supercharge give boost but to no avail. Being heavily loaded and only at 11,000 ft., it was impossible for them to continue.
- 2. The Squadron Commander of ship #7204 (335th) has been informed of the difficulty Lt. L'Ecuyer had today.

JAMES O. FRANKOSKA Capt., Air Corps, Commanding.

# FOUR HUNDRED TWELFTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) OFFICE OF THE SQUADRON COMMANDER APO 559

30 October 1944

SUBJECT: Individual Abortion.

TO : Group Operations.

- l. I started engines on time but took off late due to Pilot's mike switch malfunctioning. Joined formation at 0950 hours over the base and proceeded on course.
- 2. At 1020 hours at 15000 ft. the engineer called asking for an oxygen pressure reading. Pilot's indicator read 200 lbs., Navigators zero lbs., Engineers 175 lbs., all other positions read 350 lbs. pressure. Called crew and had each man check his emergency oxygen valve. All valves were off. At 1030 Pilots indicator read 175 lbs. pressure. I called lead ship and notified him that I'd have to abort due to oxygen leak, at that time we were at Buncher #12 at Bury St. Edmunds. I left formation arriving over the base at 1045 hours at which time the Pilots, Engineers and Navigators oxygen indicators were all reading zero lbs. pressure. Was told to circle field for 45 minutes and then came in and landed at 1210 hours.

Thomas G. Bek
THOMAS G. BEK
0-812211
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

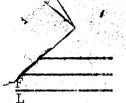
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HEADQUARTERS, 412TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, (H), APO 559, U. S. Army, 30 October 1944.

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

- 1. Not having left the coast yet and having one complete oxygen system out it was impossible for Lt. Bek to continue.
- 2. A check with Squadron Engineering has been made to see if such occurrences in the future can be prevented.

James O. Frankosky Capt., Air Corps, Commanding.



## HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION FORM

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## AAF STATION 119 AAF STATION 119 APO 559

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Meteorological Interrogation Summary for Mission of 30 October 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, Readquarters, 95th Bombardment Group, APO 559.

- l. Base at take-off: Time was 0950 hours. 4-5/10 swelling sumulus. base 3500, tops 5-7000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.
- 2. Route out: Base to 52° 40° north, 6° 45° east at 1156 hours.
  10/10 stratecuralus and camulus below 10,00 feet over the channel and Holland. Nil middle or high cloud.
- 3. Seturn route: Reverse of route out with scattered breaks over the channel.
- 4. Base on return: Time was 1330 hours. 4-6/10 sumulus base 4000, feet with 6-7/10 altocumulus above 7000 feet associated with cumulus tops. Visibility 7 miles.
- 5. Remarks: Dense and persistent contrails were forming at turn back point above 25,000 feet.

WALTER S. MILLS, JR., Captain, Air Copps, Staff Weather Officer. CONFIDENTIAL

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

B-7-26

30 October 1944.

- SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Harrative, Minety Fifth "A" Squadron, Mission of SO October 1944, Merseburg, Germany.
- 20 . Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H). A.A.F.
- I. We led the Minety Firth "A" Squadren which was in 15th "C" Group. We took off at 0652 hours and squadron assembly was made at B'# 25 at 0960 hours at 11000. Group assembly was made at BU\$ 25 at 0955 hours at four miles south of the Buncher at 11000 at which time we started climb to 15000. Wing assembly was made at Ipswich(5 miles left) at 1025 hours at 15000.
- 2. We followed group shead and passed over the English coast at 1046 hours at 5227 01452 at 16300°. Entered the Engly coast at 52398 04372 at 11272 hours at 20000°. Group made a 180° to return home at 52308 06802 at 1155 hours at 23000°.
- 5. Energy coast out was crossed at 5257% O457% at 1216 hours at 21000°. The English coast was crossed at 5220% O140% at 1247 hours at 9000°. Opposite base at 1255 hours and landed at 1227 hours. Plight plan was used throughout entire flight and no navigational difficulties were encountered.

J. B. HUZAREVICE End Lt., Air Corps, Load Navigator.

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

B-B-26

30 October 1944.

SHEJECT: Lead Mavigator's Marrative, Ninety Fifth "B" Squadron, Eission of 30 October 1944, Merseburg, Germany.

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

- l. We led the high squadron which was Ninety Fifth "B" Squadron in the 13th "C" Group and took off at 0840 hours. Squadron assembly was made at 0938 hours over the base and the group was assembled at 0954 hours at 12000. We remained with the group from then on.
- 2. At 1152 hours, we began 180° turn because of recall and were at 5233% 0635% at 1154 hours which was our deepest pentration. We returned to the base at 1255 hours and landed at 1338 hours.

EUGENE T. RUES LL 2nd Lt., Air Corps, Lead Navigator.

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

R-B-26

30 October 1944

SUBJECT: Load Navigator's Marrative, Minety Fifth "O" Squadron, Mission of 30 October 1944, Merseburg, Germany.

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

- L. We flow as lead of the low squadron which was 95th "C" Squadron and took off at 0905 hours. Our squadron and group was formed over the base at 0958 hours at 12000. We followed the lead, 95th "A" Squadron throughout the mission.
- 2. The furtherst point of penetration was 5236% 06388 at 1152 hours, altitude 22500°. We arrived back at the base at 1255 hours and landed at 1320 hours.

W. A. VERHAL let Lt., Air Corps, Load Havinstor HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission of 30 October 1944. : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H). ATTENTION:

31 October 1944.

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Thirty-six (36) 8-17 airplanes returned to base after combat mission was abandoned.

LT COL HUMFORD.

of 30 October 1944.

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TO

2. There were two (2) abortive airplanes.

Thirty-eight (38) B-17 sirplanes took-off as scheduled.

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission

42-107204 - 24 supercharger failed.  $\overline{b}$ . 42-97257 - Oxygen leak.

3. There was no battle damage.

CLARENCE D. FIELDS. Major. Air Corps. Base Engr. Officer.

### HEADQUARTERS NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) OFFICE OF THE ARMANENT OFFICER APO 559

30 October 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Expenditure Report for 30 October 1944.

: Commanding Officer. 95th Hombardment Group (H). TO

1. Pollowing are the armament expenditures for the mission of 30 October 1944.

. Station

AAF 119

3. Unit

95th Bombardment Group (F)

Cal. 50 API&I

C. Type of Arrunition D. Gun locations and number of guns

M. There was no ammunition expended on this mission. F. Total number of bombs expended 20- 250 lb. G.F. Demolition Bembs.

> LEONARD F. DATSON Capt. Air Corps Group Armsment Officer

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559

1 November 1944

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. Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group, Station #119 There was no formal interrogation of crews assigned to the mission by

the Communications Officer.

2. Mechanical and electrical failures noted were as follows:

(d) 336-W (DW mike button out) (e) 336-E (IV & RW mile buttons out) (f) 336-R (B. BT. UT. IN & Tail mikes faulty) (g) 412-N (Tail interphone out)

(h) 412-W (BT mike switch out)

3. No uneatisfactory results were reported on the use of newigational aids and Station 7000.

(a) 335-F (CP mike button out)

(b) 335-A (CP jack lox faulty)

(c) 336-S (Radio compass antenna lead-in broken)

4. The recention of ground stations was normal.

HICHARD F. KNOX Cantain. A. C. Gp. Communication O.

# HEADQUARTERS NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER APO 559

D-C-11 October 30, 1944.

SUBJECT: S-2 Letter of 95th A. B and C Groups.

- TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Group (H), APO 559.
- l. Eleven A/C plus one PFF A/C of the 95th Bomb Group took off beginning at 0852 hours to form the lead squadron of 18C Combat Wing to attack Mersberg, Germany. A/C 7257 aborted over buncher 12 due to oxygen failure. A/C 7204 aborted over the base due to turbo failure on #4 engine.

Twelve A/C plus one PFF A/C of the 95th Group took off beginning at 0841 hours to form the high squadron of the 13C Combat Wing to attack Mersberg. Germany.

Thirteen A/C of the 95th Broup took off beginning at 0004 hours to form the low squadron of the 13C Combat Wing to attack Mersberg, Germany.

- 2. No E/A were encountered.
- 3. No flak was encountered.
- 4. No bombing was done due to Division recall.
- 5. This Combat Group penetrated to approximately 5235-0645 when the recall was given at 1153 hours. A/C 2881 dropped it's delayed action bombs 40 miles East of Southwold. At 5230-0550, at 1142 hours, two trails of smoke were seen rising rapidly, but no bursts. Some reported these as jet-propelled fighters contrails, while others reported them as rockets. Fighter support was good. All A/C landed at this base by 1346 hours.

For the Intelligence Officer:

WILLIAM ROWELL, 2nd Lt Air Corps, Ass't S-2 Officer. AND EXPENSE OF STREET

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STAT CONTROL OFFICER 13TH COMBAT WING OCTOBER 30 1944.

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B. 1ST LT FLETCHER B. 1ST LT MCVAY B. 1ST LT FIESS
C. 1ST LT COLLINGS C. 1ST LT PARKER C. 1ST LT BAUMGARDNER
D. 2ND LT HUZAREVICH D. 2ND LT RUSSEL D. 1ST LT VERNAL
E. 2ND LT GRIFFIN E. 2ND LT SCHULTZ B. 1ST LT HENDERSHOTT

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## 3BD INST 45-2 (9 OCT 44) OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

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