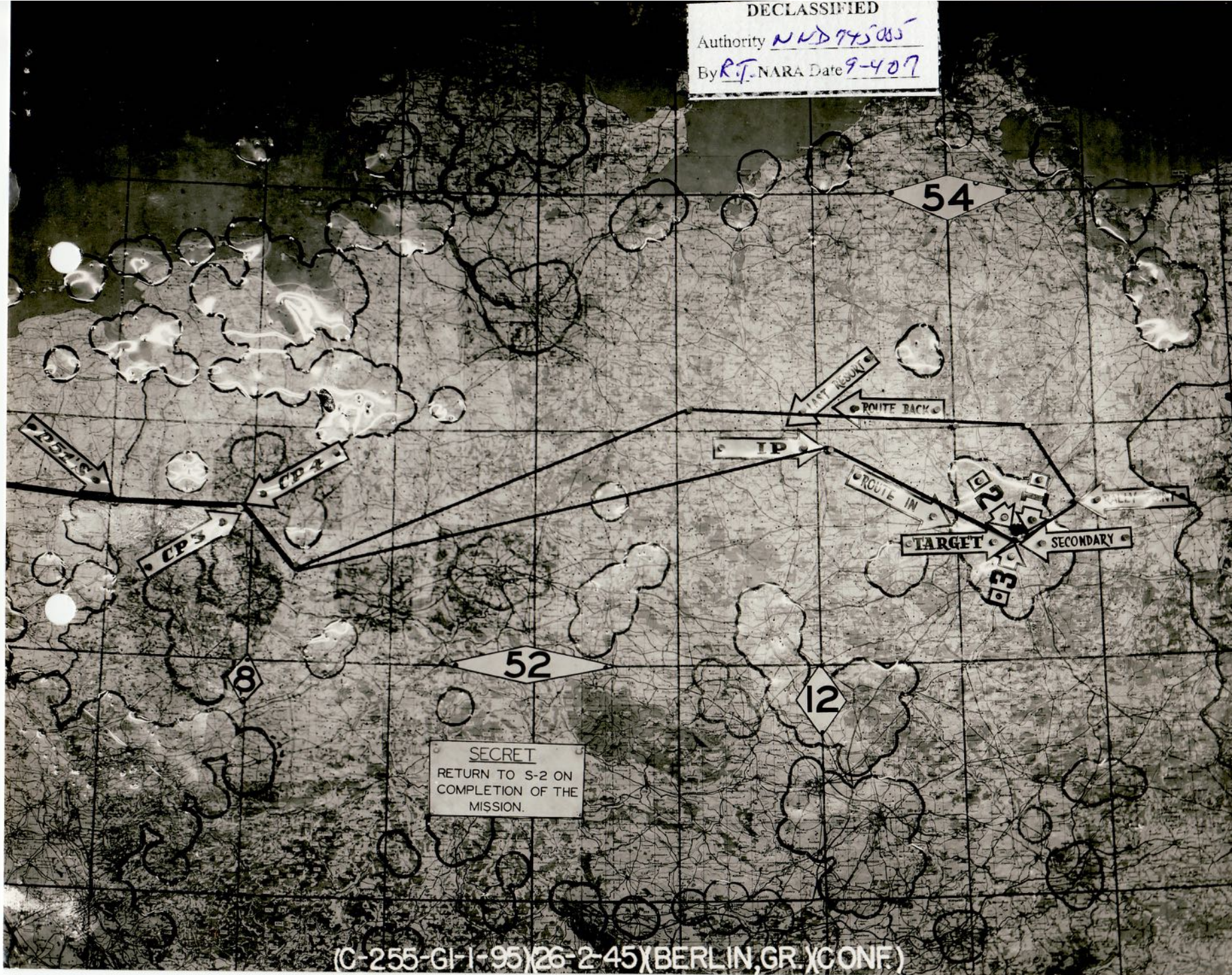


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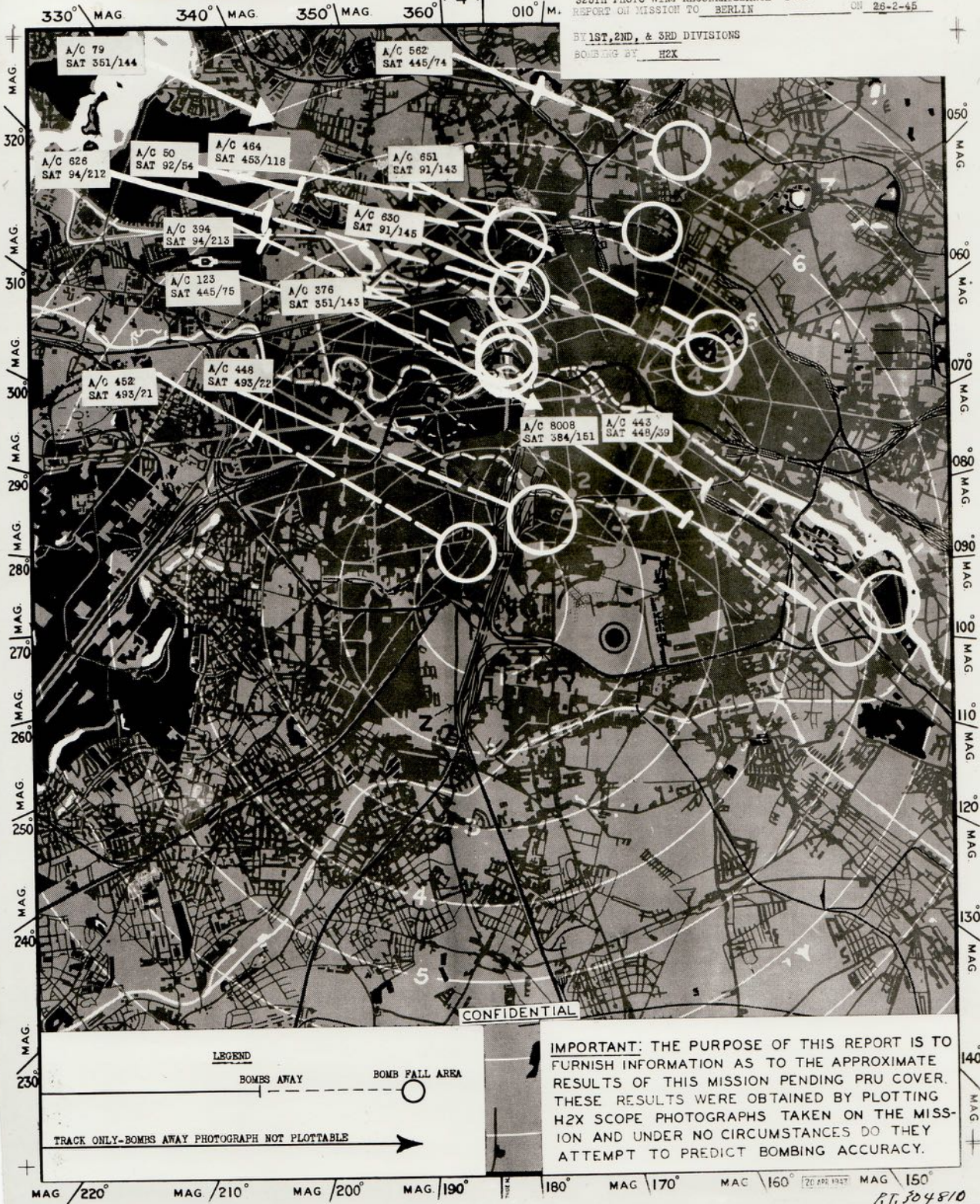
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325TH PHOTO WING RECONNAISSANCE T-58
REPORT ON MISSION TO BERLIN

ON 26-2-45

BY 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD DIVISIONS
BOMBING BY H2X



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Lead over target
ca Bomb Sp.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS
13TH COMBATTING WING (H)
100 559

Date 26 February 1945
13 CBW FO 5
13 CBW OPS 112
3 AD FO 595

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By R. NARA Date 9-4-07

SUBJECT: Tactical Report (BERLIN, GERMANY)

TO: Col. SHUCK: 95th B.G.

Information Concerning the Targets:

The primary target (visual) for all Groups was the Alexander Railway Station, situated in East Central BERLIN, GERMANY.

The secondary target was the same as the primary. H2X Technique to be used in the event of the primary target being overcast.

Narrative of the Attack:

a. 13 A Group - 390A, B, C Squadrons:

(1) Navigation: (a) Assembly: The Squadrons made a normal take off and climb to assembly altitude. The Group was quickly formed over Bucher 11. 13 A was cut off on the turn into Bucher 27 by a First Division unit which caused the 13 A Group to make a wide turn to the right. On approach into the Assembly Area the S W, rather than from the S, was briefed, was good. Bucher 27 was made good and on time. The Wing Assembly was completed at 1022, 1 minute early.

(b) Route: The briefed route was closely followed throughout most of the mission enroute to the I.P. A little difficulty was experienced by the Air Leader in maintaining Wing interval behind the Wing ahead, which had departed C.P. 1 2 minutes. The Air Leader however, was able to close up with the Wing ahead "faded over the center of the Zuider Zee Area. The I.P. was made good. The S W was good at this point. The "C" Squadron, which had H2X equipment malfunctioned, fell in formation with the lead Squadron and bled on its release; "B" Squadron, however, went on in formation and made its own release on H2X. Missing off the target the crew was quickly released. The Group had to swing wide to the East to avoid being jammed in the formation jamming at the R.P. The Group used 5200-1400 as the R.P. and intercepted the briefed course at 5300-1330. The briefed route was followed on the return to base.

(c) Weather: Practically CAVU conditions was reported by crew members to 0630Z, where a 10/10 undercast existed and prevailed over the balance of the route to the target. On the return the same conditions were observed; however, the undercast had extended over the Channel. No difficulty was encountered in the let down thru the undercast over the Channel. Winds were mainly from the NW quadrant with increasing velocities as the target area was approached.

(d) Navigational Difficulties: H2X failed in "C" Squadron. Interference by First Division Unit during assembly did not cause any serious trouble, although it forced the 13 A to make an approach from the S W rather than from the South.

(e) PFF Narrative: Three PFF aircraft were dispatched. 390C radar set was out completely due to blown fuses. 390A and B made H2X sightings on the secondary target.

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

APC 559.
26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Aircraft aborting or not attacking.

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

1. The following aircraft did not attack the assigned target in formation on the mission to Berlin, 26 February 1945.

8144 Lt. Philpott
Engine failure
Attacked assigned last resort H₂X
No abortion
Credit sortie

8140 Lt. Young
Waste gate blown out
Bombs dropped in chanel
Returning spare
No credit sortie

2. Twenty-seven wing A/C, three PFF A/C, and one spare A/C were dispatched. Thirty A/C attacked, one spare returned.

HERBERT E. WRIGHT, JR.
Capt., Air Corps.
Asst. Operations Officer.

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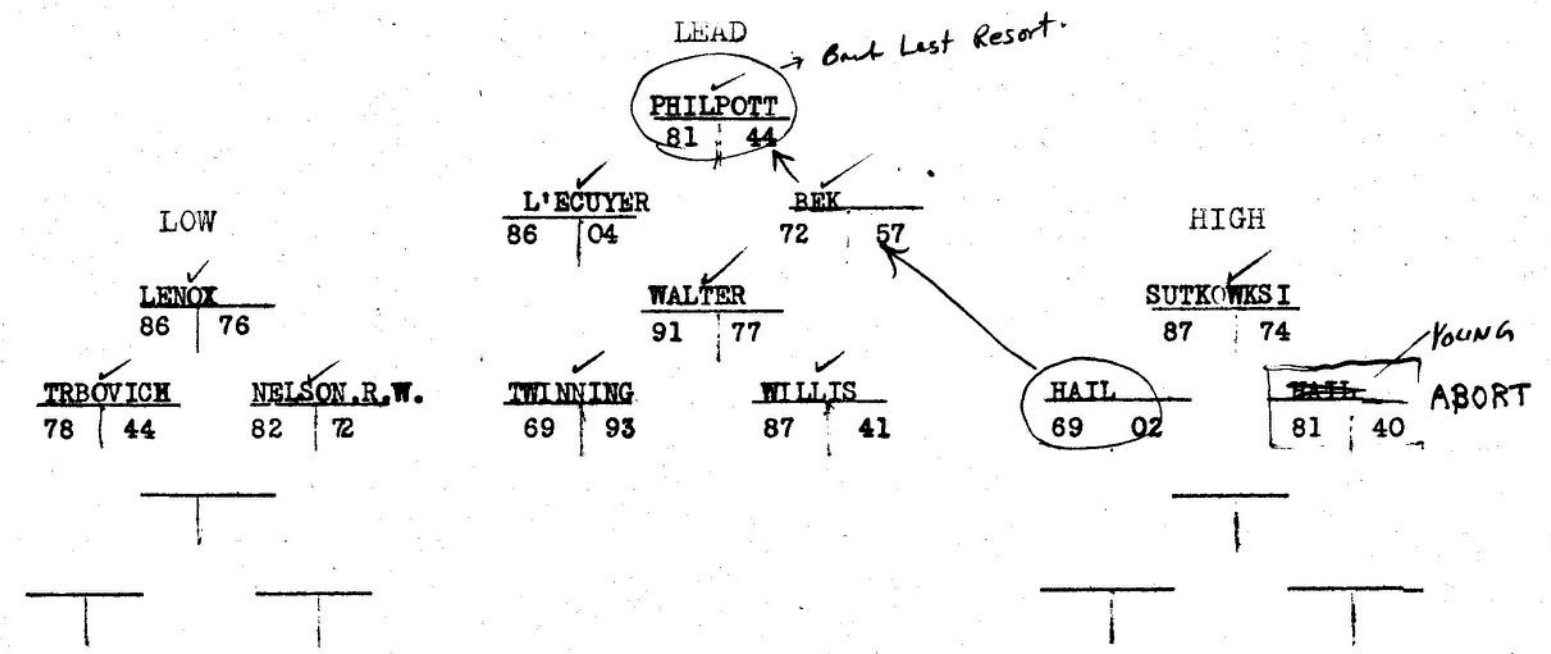
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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 26 Feb. 45



BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS
 334 _____
 335 _____
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 412 _____

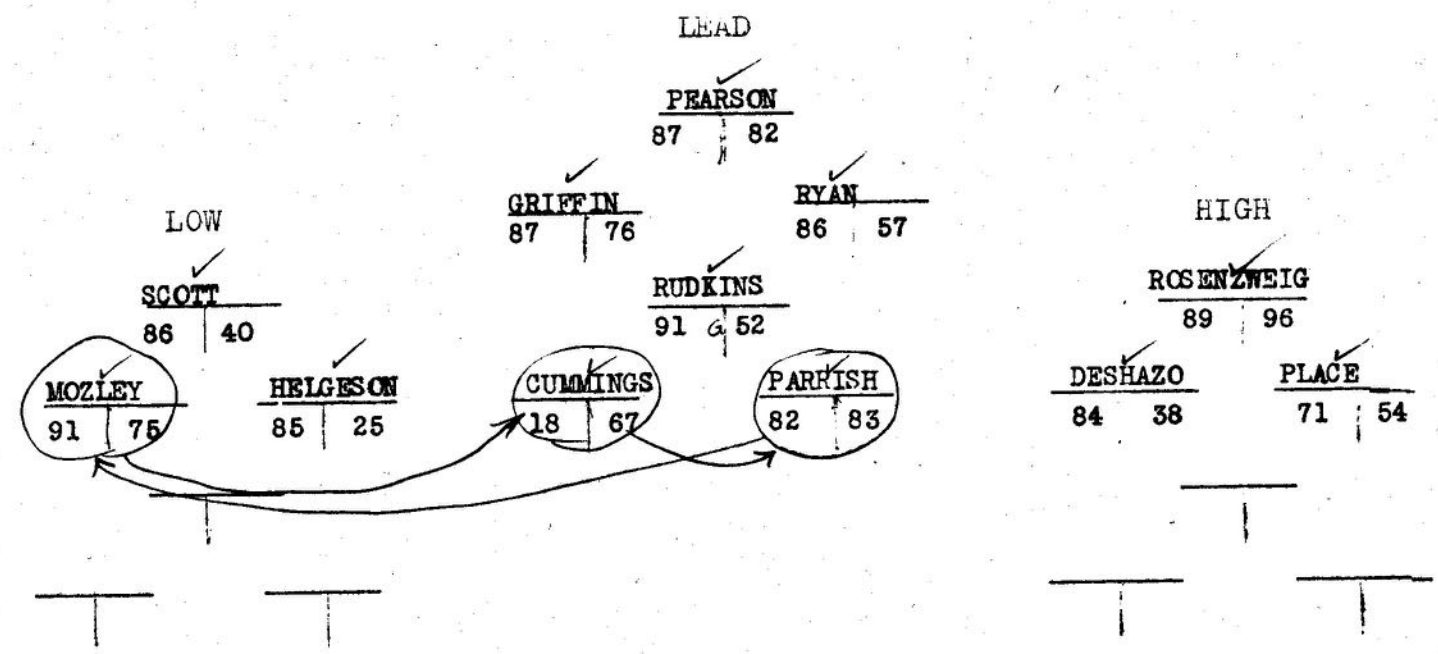
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

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BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS
 334 _____
 355 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
Office of the Operations Officer

"B"

GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 26 Feb. 45

LEAD

GILLEN

79 | 92

PURDY

24 | 55

STOTESBURY

68 | 38

HIGH

TREGONING

65 | 98

HANSEN

90 | 52

DUNCAN

89 | 42

Legg

24 | 50

LOW

100th

100th

100th

100th

100th

100th

Couldn't keep
up dropped back.
on 3rd run.

- BRIEFING _____
- READINESS _____
- STATIONS _____
- TAXI _____
- TAKE-OFF _____
- RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

- 334 _____
- 335 _____
- 336 _____
- 412 _____

F. QUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
"J" FORM

GP.
STA.

1. DATE FEB 26/44 TARGET _____ DUTY OFFICERS _____
2. CBW 13B GROUP 95A F.F. LEADER Maj. Swinney A/C 336-0 8144 W/T PRR
POSITION Lead DEPUTY LDR. Lt. Stotestorf A/C 412-L 7257 W/T JKW
3. EST. TAXI TIME _____ EST. T.O. 1ST A/C _____ ETD BASE _____
ETR BASE _____
4. NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 12 NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED _____
INCLUDED _____
5. TIME 1ST T.O. _____ LAST T.O. _____ TIME 1ST LANDING _____
LAST LANDING _____
6. SQUADRON 335 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS; W/T MYW

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A/C	:6902:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:0833:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:1652:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 336 NO. OF A/C 6 CALL SIGNS: W/T PRR

O X ~~A~~ V P R

A/C	:8144:	:8604:	:6993:	:8676:	:8272:	:7844:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:0819:	:0828:	:0838:	:0829:	:0830:	:0827:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:1541:	:647:	:1651:	:1653:	:1654:	:1651:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 412 NO. OF A/C 5 CALL SIGNS: W/T JKW

L Y M B C

A/C	:7257:	:9177:	:8741:	:8774:	:8140:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:0819:	:0831:	:0832:	:0833:	:0834:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:1631:	:1655:	:1704:	:1651:	:1231:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON _____ NO. OF A/C _____ CALL SIGNS: W/T _____

A/C	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

7. EXPLANATION: Aircraft F.T.O., R.E., Landed away from base, and Outstanding.

SQDN. LETTER	NUMBER	DESIGNATION	REMARKS	SORTIE
415	C	8140	Abol - Eng Failure	No SORTIE
336	O	8144	Abol - 30mg Ch.	eyes

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1. DATE Feb/26/44 TARGET _____ DUTY OFFICERS _____
2. GBW 138 GROUP 950 GP. LEADER Lt. Morris A/C 7992 W/T JKW
POSITION H1 DEPUTY LDR. Lt. Statesbury A/C 6838 W/T MYW
3. EST. TAXI TIME _____ EST. T.O. 1ST A/C _____ ESTD BASE _____
RTR BASE _____
4. NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 7 NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED _____
INCLUDED _____
5. TIME 1ST T.O. _____ LAST T.O. _____ TIME 1ST LANDING _____
LAST LANDING _____
6. SQUADRON 335 NO. OF A/C 6 CALL SIGNS; W/T MYW

	E	Z	N	Y	S	V										
A/C	:6838:	2455:	6598:	8942:	9052:	2450:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:0821:	0824:	0822:	0823:	0825:	0825:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:1642:	1644:	1649:	1646:	1647:	1648:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 412 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS; W/T JKW

	Q															
A/C	:7992:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	:0820:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:1645:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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A.T.O.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON _____ NO. OF A/C _____ CALL SIGNS; W/T _____

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REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

7. EXPLANATION: Aircraft F.T.O., R.E., Landed away from base, and Outstanding.

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1. DATE Feb 26/44 TARGET _____ DUTY OFFICERS 8040 412-N

2. CBW 13B GROUP 95C GP. LEADER Lt. Stanborough A/C 336-9 W/T JKW

POSITION Lo DEPUTY LDR. Lt. Ryan A/C 331-V 8657 W/T UAM

3. 1ST. TAXI TIME _____ 1ST. T.O. 1ST A/C _____ 1ST. BASE _____

2ND. BASE _____

4. NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 12 NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED _____

INCLUDED _____

5. TIME 1ST T.O. _____ LAST T.O. _____ TIME 1ST LANDING _____

LAST LANDING _____

6. SQUADRON 334 NO. OF A/C 11 CALL SIGNS; W/T UAM

	V	P	B	C	O	T	F	R	D	U	L		
A/C	:8657:	9152:	8716:	8283:	1867:	8996:	7154:	8438:	8640:	8525:	9175:	:	:
A.T.O.	:0821:	0838:	0837:	0945:	0839:	0839:	0840:	0841:	0842:	0843:	0843:	:	:
A.T.R.	:1657:	1658:	1656:	1701:	1700:	1700:	1701:	1656:	1702:	1702:	1658:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 412 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS: W/T JKW

	8040	R											
A/C	: 8040 :	8782:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0844 :	0844:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	:	1656:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
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STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 119
APO 559

T-C-2

27 February 1945

SUBJECT: Meteorological Interrogation Summary for Mission of 26 February 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, Hq., 95th Bomb Group (H), APO 559, U. S. Army.

1. Base at take-off: Time was 0819-0844 hours. 2-3/10 stratocumulus base 1500 ft., tops 2000 ft. 4-5/10 cirrus at 23,000 ft. Visibility 8 miles.

2. Route to target: Variable patchy clouds below 12,000 ft. over England and channel becoming 10/10 altostratus and altocumulus over continent below 15,000 ft. 4-5/10 cirrus above 23,000 ft. becoming nil-3/10 over the continent above 25,000 ft. Visibility unrestricted aloft.

3. Target area: Berlin, Germany. Time was 1222 hours. 10/10 altostratus and altocumulus below 15,000 ft. Nil-3/10 cirrus above 25,000 ft.

4. Return route: Reverse of route to target with few breaks over Holland. Over channel and England cirrus became 4-6/10 above 22,000 ft., middle 3-5/10 below 12,000 ft. and low 6-8/10 base 2000 ft., tops 6-7000 ft.

5. Base on return: Time was 1631-1704 hours. 6-8/10 stratocumulus base 2000 ft. 8-10/10 cirrus above 22,000 ft. Visibility 10 miles.

6. Remarks: Light non persistent contrails above 25,000 ft. over the continent.

Ralph E. Lewis
RALPH E. LEWIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Station Weather Officer.

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

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APO 559
27 February 1945

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission of 26 February 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H). Attn: Operations Officer.

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission of 26 February 1945.

- a. Thirty-seven (37) B-17 aircraft took-off as scheduled.
- b. Thirty-seven (37) B-17 aircraft returned to base after completion of combat mission.

2. There were no abortive aircraft.

3. There was no battle damage.



DONALD H. DOWLIN
Capt., Air Corps
Gp Engineering O

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

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: S-2 Report for the mission to Berlin, Germany for above date.

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

1. The Mission - the 95th group flew as 13B Combat Wing to attack a RR station in Berlin. All three squadrons bombed the secondary target on H2X.

95A leader turned back prior to IP. The lead was then assumed by the deputy leader who because they were not equipped with H2X dropped on smoke bombs of 95B. 95C because of H2X trouble also dropped on smoke bombs of 95B.

95A - Eleven A/C plus one PFF^A took off and formed the lead squadron. Ten A/C bombed the secondary target. The lead PFF A/C 8144 turned back at 5250N-1104E 1201 hours because of mechanical failure and bombed the last resort target at Wittenberge (5300N-1145E) on H2X. One spare A/C 8140 turned back at 1047 hours 5238N-0345E because of mechanical failure and returned to base.

95B - Six A/C plus one PFF^A took off and formed the high squadron. All A/C bombed the secondary target. The 100th group supplied the second element of lead section and also the low element.

95C - Eleven A/C plus the PFF^A took off and formed the Low squadron. All A/C bombed the secondary target at Berlin dropping on smoke bombs of 95B.

2. Reference is made to the Operational Narrative teletype of Intelligence Section for further information.

For the Intelligence Officer:

Francis X. Pierce
FRANCIS X. PIERCE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. S-2 Officer.

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Operations

CG, 15TH CGS
CG, 3
CG, 1

95 1 BG

XXX

XXX

12/45 1230 3-2

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INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONAL REPORT: 95TH BOMB GROUP BERLIN 26 FEB 1945

None.

B squadron attacked secondary, Berlin, XXX. Photos cloud obscured.
Notes on in section of

A squadron attacked secondary, Berlin, on B's smoke bombs.
Photos cloud obscured. Results--see E squadron.

C squadron attacked secondary, Berlin, on B's smoke bombs.
Photos cloud obscured. Results--see E squadron.

Lead A/ in 9A attacked last resort, rail junction at Witten-
berg, XXX. R/W claims bombing good.

3. None.

4. A. Damage & Losses: None.

B. Operations:

1. None
2. None
3. None

C. Amount, Accuracy & Type of Flak:

1. Target -- meagre, inaccurate, barrage.
2. Target -- moderate, inaccurate, barrage.
3. None.
4. None.
5. None.

D. Phenomena: None.

5. 10/10 undercast, 15,000 feet.

6. 541-0509 1100 hrs - Double vapor trail, plus another single trail,
40 miles away on 120 degree azimuth. Rose from ground to 30,000

541-0551 1610 hrs - 15-20 small barges.

540- 7 1700 hrs - 8 ships anchored, two large, six smaller.

7. Fighter support was judged to be very good. 95A leader experienced
operational difficulty shortly before 17, necessitated the deputy
lead A/ to assume lead position for the 95A run and return
to base. 95A squadron dropped on smoke flares of 95B, as 95A
deputy was not a PFF, as did 95C because scope picture was breaking
up.

3BD INST 45-2 (9 OCT 44)

OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

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	95A	95B	95C
1. GROUP			
2. A/C AIRBORNE <i>Sorties</i>	11+1	6+1	11+1
3. SORTIES <i>Credited</i>	10+1	6+1	11+1
4. A/C ATTACKING <i>Ft Sorties</i>	10+1	6+1	11+1
5. A/A FAILING TO ATTACK	1	0	0
a. Mechanical			
b. Weather			
c. Enemy action			
d. Other <i>Spare</i>	1		
6. A/C LOST	0	0	0
a. TO AA			
b. TO E/A			
c. TO AA AND E/A			
d. TO Accident			
e. By Reasons Unknown			
7. TIME OF ATTACK	1221	1221	1222
8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK	2600'	2700'	2550'
9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY)	<i>Berlin - Sec</i>	<i>Berlin - Sec</i>	<i>Berlin - Sec</i>
a. Number	60 60	44 36	74 66
b. Size	500 500	500 500	500 500
c. Type	GP M-17a	GP M-17a	GP M-17a
d. Number A/C Bombing	10+0	7	12
BOMBS DROPPED (SECONDARY)	<i>Wittenberge-LR by Hax</i>		
a. Number	8		
b. Size	500		
c. Type	GP		
d. Number A/C Bombing	0+1		
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)			
a. Number			
b. Size			
c. Type			
d. Number A/C Bombing			
10. BATTLE DAMAGE	0	0	0
a. Minor			
b. Major			
c. Salvage			
12. Claims	0	0	0

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