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IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. K. 3958

LOCALITY: LAINGENDREER A. Bruchstrasse
 COOKING PLANTS B. Robert Nuser

ARMED COVER D: A. Up to 1330 hours on 15 MAR 1945.
 B. 1545 hours on 19 FEB 1945 and 1330 hours on 15 MAR 1945.

ATTACHES:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>Reported Weather</u>
U.S. 8th AIR FORCE	8 MAR 1945	5350	10/10 cloud

PROVISIONAL STATEMENT ON DAMAGE.

A. BRUCHSTRASSE (Gelsonkirchner Bergwerks A.G.)

No damage is seen in this Coking Plant which at the time of photography was in unrestricted operation as evidenced by the emission of steam and smoke from various industrial units.

B. ROBERT NUSER (Harpener Bergbau A.G.)

Damage which is moderately heavy is scattered throughout all parts of this Coking Plant and other adjoining industrial buildings. There are several craters on the rail lines servicing the Plant and several railway wagons are either damaged or derailed. Several craters are also seen on roads passing through the Plant area.

Details of damage are as follows: (Numbers refer to Illustration

- (1a) Coke Oven : ^{6(b)(vi)10/7} small section destroyed; slight damage of West side by near hit.
- (1c) Coke Oven : small section destroyed by at least one direct hit.
- (2) Exhauster and Sulphate House : small section of S.W. corner of roof destroyed.
- Tank near Gas Scrubbers: damaged. (8)
- (7b) Large Gasholder : fabric on roof stripped.
- (11) Compressor House : roof destroyed revealing supporting framework; probable severe internal damage.
- Piping near Tar and Liquor Tanks (15) : section destroyed. These pipes lead to Gas Coolers (9b).
- (13) Power House. : fabric of a large condenser completely destroyed.

Unidentified Factory Buildings N.E. of target.

- Large Building : roof 2/3 destroyed revealing supporting framework.
- Medium Building : 1/4 destroyed.
- Two Small Buildings : both 1/4 destroyed.

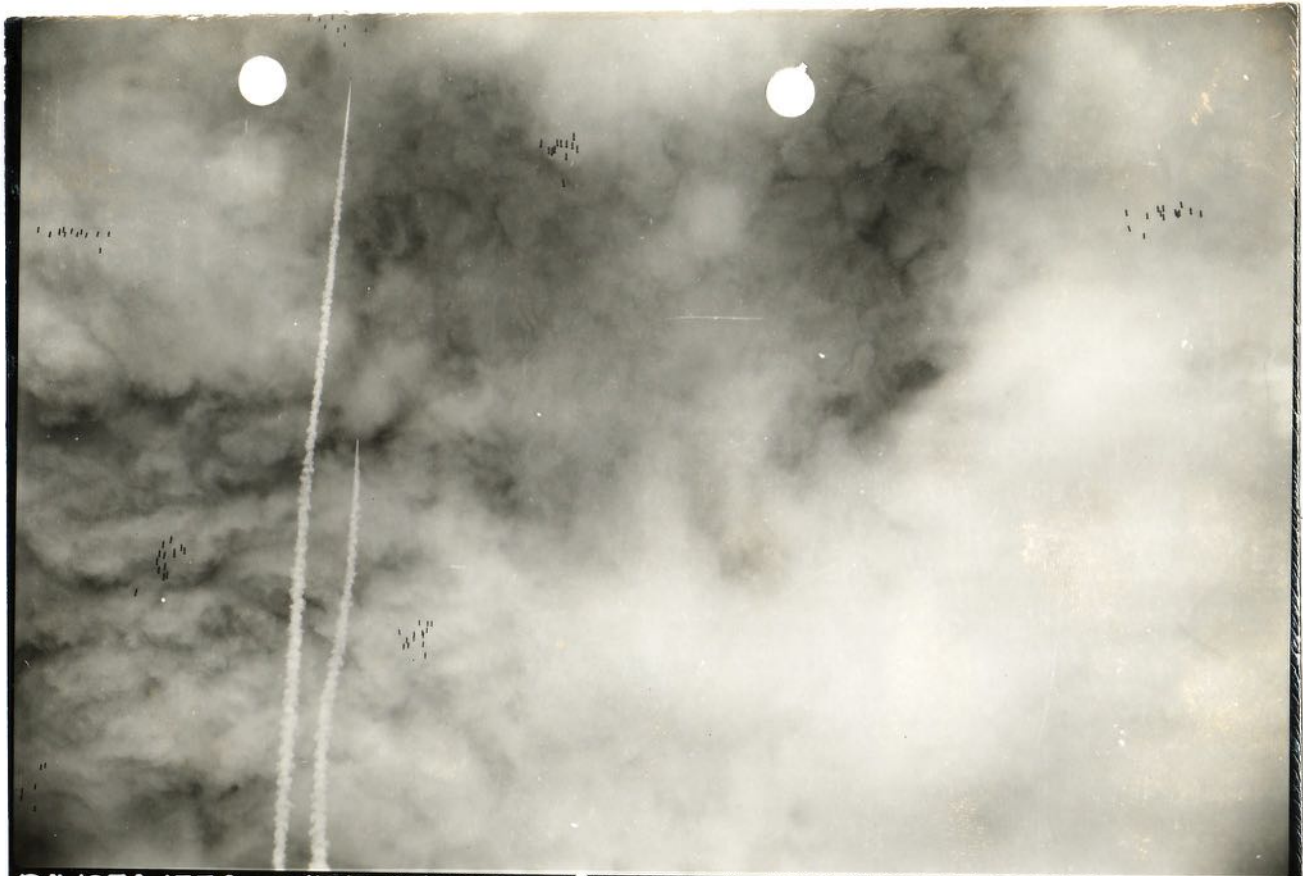
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This report is subject to correction and amplification from a more detailed assessment.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY: 542 Squadron.

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"A" SQUADRON

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 MARCH

LEAD

GILLEN (MAJ. FRANKOSKY)
86 | 67

ROSS
90 | 37

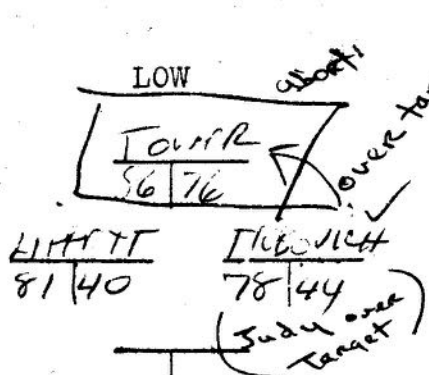
BURNS
86 | 04

HIGH

GLOVICK
81 | 06

GIBSON
85 | 25

MILLSPAUGH
64 | 75



MILLER
84 | 69

COLEMAN
69 | 93

SCHAAF
85 | 84

TRUCKS	0600	0530
AWAKE	0615	0545
EAT	0645	0615
BRIEFING	0730	0700
READINESS	0915	
STATIONS	1010	
TAXI	1025	
TAKE-OFF	1035	
RENDEZVOUS	1210	over Base at 18,000

EXTRA SHIPS

334	_____
335	_____
336	<u>8144 PFF</u>
412	<u>7992</u>

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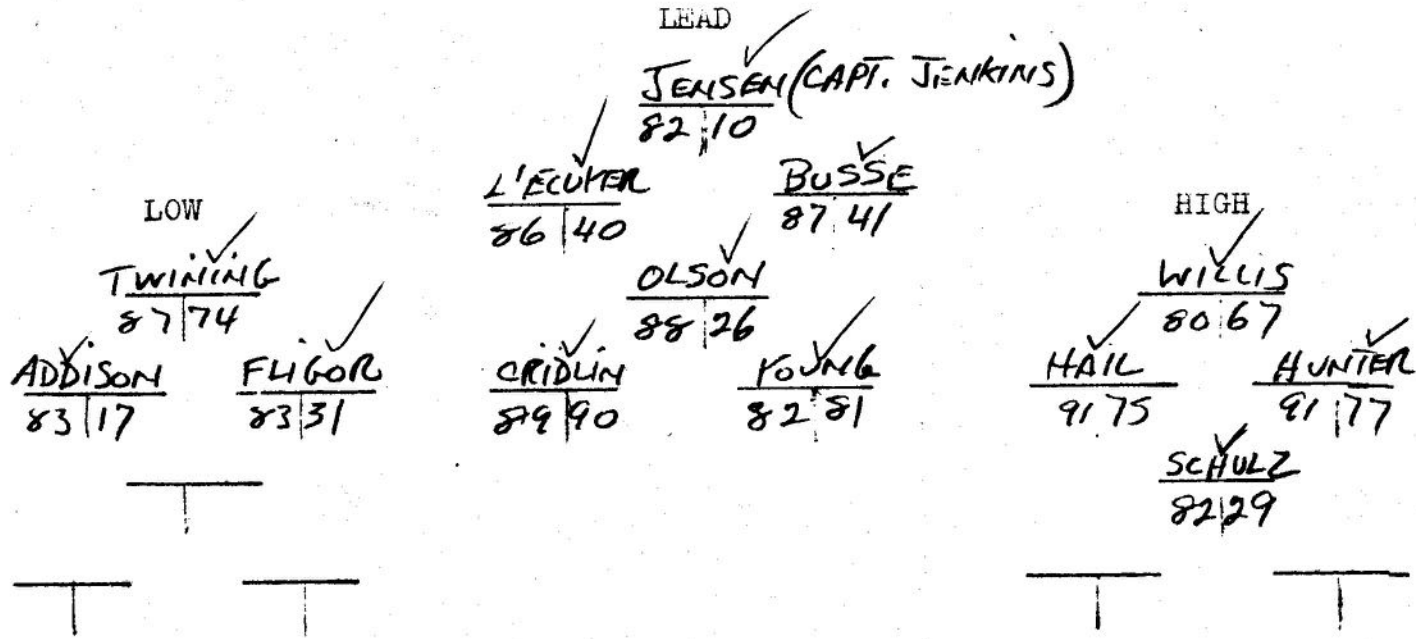
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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 MAR 45



TRUCKS	0600
AWAKE	0615
EAT	0645
BRIEFING	<u>0730</u>
READINESS	<u>0905</u>
STATIONS	<u>1000</u>
TAXI	<u>1015</u>
TAKE-OFF	<u>1025</u>
RENDEZVOUS	<u>1210</u> over Base @ 19,000

EXTRA SHIPS

334	_____
335	_____
336	<u>8144 PFF</u>
412	<u>7992</u>

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 MAR 45

LEAD

TESSIER (LT. PHILPOT)
87/54

BRAMLETT
84/38

GETCHIUS
89/42

STOTESBURG
69/02

HIGH

DILLON
90/52

LOW

PALMER
77/83

TURNER
68/38

DEARBURG
91/52

MOZLEY
71/54

CUMMINGS
72/04

NELSON, PA.
82/69

HANSEN
82/55

JUDY
82/83
overhead
in A Sqdn.

TRUCKS	0600	0530
AWAKE	0615	0545
EAT	0645	0615
BRIEFING	0730	0700
READINESS	0925	
STATIONS	1020	
TAXI	1035	
TAKE-OFF	1045	
RENDEZVOUS	1210	at 17,000' over base

EXTRA SHIPS

334	_____
355	_____
336	8144 PFF
412	7442

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FORM 3

STATION 119

DATE 8 MAR '45

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
35	L	8667	GILLEN	✓		1021		1719	
36	T	9037	ROSS	✓		1023		1719	
"	U	8469	MILLER	✓		1035		1718	
"	X	8604	BURNS	✓		1036		1728	
"	A	8584	SCHAFF	✓		1037		1721	
"	W	6993	COLEMAN	✓		1051		1728	
"	E	8106	GLOVICK	✓		1037		1724	
"	L	6475	MILLSPOUGH	✓		1040		1725	
346	U	8525	GIBSON	✓		1038		1729	
36	V	8676	TOWER	LOW ✓		1041		1456	abort (NO SORTIE)
"	R	7844	TRBOVICH	✓		1034		1726	
412	C	8140	LIPPITI	✓		1042		1726	

"B" SQUADRON

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FORM 3

STATION 119

DATE 8 MAR '45

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
35	J	8210	TENSEN	✓		1021		1710	
412	M	8741	BUSSE	✓		1024		1706	
24	D	8640	L'ECUYER	✓		1032		1709	
412	J	8826	OLSON	✓		1025		1712	
"	Z	8281	YOUNG	✓		1050		1713	
"	X	8990	CRIDLIN	✓	✓	1026		1711	
"	E	8067	WILLIS	✓		1027		1715	
"	Y	9177	HUNTER	✓		1027		1715 ⁺	
34	L	9175	HAIL	✓		1030		1714 ⁺	
"	N	8229	SCHULZ	✓		1028		1714	
412	B	8774	TWINNING	✓	✓	1029		1720	
"	G	8321	FLIGOR	✓		1030		1738	
334	K	8317	ADDISON	✓	✓	1031		1716	

"C" SQUADRON

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By SI Date 9/1/07

FORM 3

STATION 119

DATE 8 MAR '45

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
34	Z 8754	TESSIER	✓ ✓		1022		1731	
35	Y 8942	GETCHIUS	✓ ✓		1023		1731 [†]	
34	R 8438	BRAMIETT	✓ ✓		1043		1730	
35	G 6902	STOTESBURY	✓		1044		1655	
"	B 7204	TAVIS	✓		1027		1733	
34	F 7154	MOZLEY	✓ ✓		1044		1732	
35	S 9052	DILLON	✓		1045		1735	
"	A 8255	HANSEN	✓		1047		1735	
"	K 8269	NELSON,	✓ ✓		1046		1734	
"	R 7783	PALMER	✓		1047		1736	
34	P 9152	SEABURG	✓		1048		1733	
35	E 6938	TURNER	✓		1049		1737	
34	C 8283	JUDY	✓		1052		1727	

THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SIXTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) C-B-2
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
APO 559

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: Abortion of aircraft No. 8676.

TO : Commanding officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H), APO 559 U.S.Army.
(attention operations officer)

1. I took off in aircraft No. 8676 at 10:30 on mission of 8 March 1945.
2. At 12:53 hrs. at alt. 20,000 Ft. the No. 1 engine began leaking oil in such a manner as to make a fire hazard and engine failure. I lowered the wheels left the formation feathered the engine and called the lead ship giving the indicated abortion phrase and returned to the English coast. The tower gave us instructions to drop our bombs 30 miles E. of Southwold. After having dropped our bombs we returned to the field and landed at 15:00 hrs.

Tom Tower
TOM J. TOWER
1st Lt. A.C.
Pilot

1st. Ind.

336th Bomb Sqdn., 95th Bomb Gp. (H), APO 559 U.S.Army, 8 March 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H), APO 559, U.S.Army.
(attention operations officer)

1. I consider the action taken justifiable.
2. For your information.

Harold F. Gueman
Harold F. Gueman
Capt. A.C.
Operations officer

STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 119
APO 559

T-D-2

9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Meteorological Interrogation Summary for Mission of 8 March 1945.

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

1. Base at take-off: Time was 1050 hours. 3-5/10 stratocumulus and cumulus clouds base 2500 ft. Visibility 6 miles plus.
2. Route to target: Low clouds becoming 10/10 below 10,000 ft. over the channel. Middle clouds commenced at approximately 06° E becoming 10/10 below 15,000 ft. at target. High clouds commencing near continental coast and becoming 10/10 above 25,000 ft. over target. Horizontal visibility restricted to 4-8 miles in haze at I.P. improving to 10-15 miles at target.
3. Target: Langendreer, Germany. Time was 1357 hours. 10/10 middle clouds below 15,000 ft. 10/10 high clouds above 25,000 ft. Downward visibility 10-15 miles in haze.
4. Return route: 10/10 undercast below 15,000 ft. lowering to below 10,000 ft. at about 05° E. 10/10 undercast persisted to English coast becoming 5-7/10 over England. 10/10 high clouds above 25,000 ft. decreasing to nil over channel.
5. Base on return: Time was 1725 hours. 6-8/10 low clouds base 3000 ft. Visibility 10 miles plus.
6. Remarks: None.

Leroy F. Troutner
LEROY F. TROUTNER,
W/O (jg), AUS,
Asst Weather Officer.

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

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: S-2 Report for the Mission to Langendreer, Germany for the Above date.

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

1. The Mission - The 95th group flew as 13C Combat Group to attack a Coking Plant at Langendreer, Germany. The Primary target was attacked by all three squadrons in the order of 95A,B,C on Micro H. Major Frankosky was in Command.

95A - Eleven A/C plus one PFF took off and formed the lead squadron. Ten A/C plus the PFF¹ bombed the Primary target. One spare A/C 8676 turned back at 5228N-0310 at 1253 hours because of engine failure and jettisoned bombs at 5217N-0232E at 1356 Hours.

95B - Twelve A/C plus one PFF took off and formed the high squadron. All A/C bombed the primary target.

95C - Twelve A/C plus one PFF took off and formed the low squadron. All A/C bombed the primary target.

2. For further information reference is suggested to the Operational Narrative teletype of the Intelligence Section.

For the Intelligence Officer:

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

CG, 15TH CGW
CO, 100TH BG
CO, 390TH BG

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S-2 OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE 95TH BOMB GROUP LANGENBERGER, GERMANY 8 MARCH 1945

1. Leaflets - None.
2. Bombing Results -
 - A Squadron - primary - Micro-H - photos cloud covered - R/N scored the bombs on MPI though rate base on faded momentarily on bomb run. Results good.
 - B Squadron - primary - Micro-H - photos cloud covered - R/N also reported momentary fading and bombs possibly slightly left of MPI. Results good.
 - C Squadron - primary - Micro-H - photos cloud covered - R/N reports same as 95A. Results good.
3. E/A - None.
4. Flak:
 - A. None - Final.
 - B. Operations:
 1. None.
 2. None.
 3. None.
 - C. Amount, Accuracy & Type of Fire:
 1. None.
 2. Target - none, inaccurate, tracking and barrage.
 3. None.
 4. None.
 5. Two bursts in target area exploded with large burst of flame, appearing as if shells contained oil or gasoline. Reddish smoke later.
 - D. Phenomena: None.
5. Weather - 10/10ths undercast with restricted visibility because of haze.
6. Observations - None.
7. Other Information - The fighter support was good on the whole although there were times when there were none too many close to the bombers. There were no departures from the briefed route and the mission was flown primarily as planned.

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OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

1. GROUP	95A	95B	95C
2. A/C AIRBORNE SORTIES	11+1	12+1	12+1
3. SORTIES CREDITED	10+1	12+1	12+1
4. A/C ATTACKING EFF SORTIES	10+1	12+1	12+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	1356 1/2	1357	1358 1/2
8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK	23,400	23,600	22,480
9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY)	LARGENDREER	Same	Same
a. Number	150	178	178
b. Size	500	500	500
c. Type	GP	GP	GP
d. Number A/C Bombing	11	13	13
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)			
a. Number			
b. Size			
c. Type			
d. Number A/C Bombing			
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	0-0-0	0-0-0

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 in Channel*

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