

100th BG

General narrative

SUBJECT: Operations officer's narrative for mission of 24 December 1944.

TO: Commanding officer, 100th bombardment group, (H), Army Air Force.

1. General narrative: Fifty-three aircraft plus nine PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0910-0953 hours. The 100th bomb group furnished five squadrons. The 100th "A", "B", and "C" squadrons flying as the 13th "C" group. The 100th "D" squadron flying as the low squadron in the 13th "B" group and the 100th "E" flying as the low squadron in the 13th "E" group.

A. Squadron assembly: Good. According plan.

B. Group assembly: Excellent. When squadrons were assembled the group was assembled.

C. Formation: Group and squadron formation was excellent throughout assemblies.

D. Division assembly: Wing and division assembly good and on time.

E. Climb to bombing altitude: As briefed.

F. Route in: according to plan. Wind not as briefed causing the whole division to be late at control points.

G. Target: Primary, Biblis A/F, bombed with good results.

H. Rally point: over ran to allow low squadron to catch up.

I. Descent: Normal.

J. Fighter support:

2. Aircraft not attacking: Fifty-three aircraft plus nine PFF aircraft departed this base in formation as shown on the attached chart marked "AFTER ASSEMBLY".

	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"
A/C scheduled to take off	10 & 3	10 & 2	11 & 2	11 & 1	11 & 1 PFF
A/C Dispatched	10 & 3	10 & 2	11 & 2	11 & 1	11 & 1 PFF
A/C Attacking	10 & 3	10 & 2	9 & 2	11 & 1	11 & 1 PFF
A/C not attacking	0	0	2	0	0

100th "C" squadron: Aircraft #43-38681 returned early due to #3 supercharger inoperative. Leaving formation at 1140 hours position 51 22N 02 35E, latitude 12,000 feet. Bomb returned.

Aircraft #43-37972 flew over target, but due to rack trouble returned bombs.

3. Summary of losses: None.