

# 34th BG

## General narrative

SUBJECT: Command Pilot's narrative, 93A - mission of 24 December 1944.  
Target: Frankfurt, Germany.

TO: Commanding officer, 34th bombardment group (H).

- 1 General narrative:
  - a. took off at 0940; made a normal individual climb and assembly over Buncher 19 at 10,000 feet and proceeded to Buncher 28. Group assembly was as briefed.
  - b. Wing assembly was as briefed. The time varied not more than 30 seconds at each point. Division assembly was good and as briefed except that the group ahead of us was two thousand feet too high on assembly and during climb to altitude.
  - c. Weather over England was excellent with cloud coverage nil and visibility very good.
  - d. The winds changed so all groups were 20 to 25 minutes late at I.P.. Groups ahead were 12 miles left of course going around box near I.P. and we had to "S" to stay behind. Fighter support was not too good and they were forced to leave at I.P. due to gas shortage.
  - e. Arrived at I.P. at 1500, and made a right turn onto target. Bombing was visual by squadron formation. Ground haze was very bad on target run. The target was sighted at last point of run, so large corrections had to be made putting lead and high squadrons abreast at target. High squadron dropped 30 seconds before lead.
  - f. The primary target, Frankfurt, was attacked at 1506 from an altitude of 25,000 ft. on a true heading of 275°. Results were good. There was no undercast and flak in target area was very meager.
  - g. Made a left turn from target and maneuver to R.P. and back was as briefed. There were no unusual occurrences enroute back.
  - h. Fighter support was fair and there were not enough groups. They were forced to leave before I.P. due to shortage of gas. There was no enemy fighter opposition.
  - i. recommend that take-off time be early enough to enable aircraft to return to base before dark.