

# 95<sup>th</sup> BG

## General narrative

**SUBJECT:** Operations officers narrative, mission 24 December 1944  
Biblis, Germany.

**TO:** Commanding officer. 95<sup>th</sup> Bomb group (H), APO 559.

1. General narrative: three squadrons of B-17's took-off to form 13 "D" combat group and attack Biblis, Germany. 95 "A" squadron took-off at 0852-0901 hours and assembled over the base at 10,000 feet by 1010 hours. 95 "B" squadron took-off at 0845-0902 hours and assembled at 11,000 feet by 1010 hours. 95 "C" squadron took-off at 0904-0911 and assembled at 9,000 feet by 1010 hours.

After assembly, the squadrons effected group formation and proceeded to buncher #11, where wing assembly was completed at 1051 hours, with the lead squadron at an altitude of 10,000 feet. Division assembly was made over buncher #12 at 1102 hours, and 13 "D" group departed the English coast at 1117 hours over Felixstowe at 10,000 feet. Here a climb to bombing altitude was begun. The group crossed the enemy coast at 1154 hours at an altitude of 12,500 feet and from there to the I.P., followed the briefed course.

I.P. was crossed at 1424 hours, the lead squadron at 25,000 feet. Bombing interval was taken between squadrons and all three squadrons bombed the primary target, although visibility in the area was very poor. Bombs for the lead squadron were away at 1438 hours from an altitude of 25,000 feet. Group rally was effected at 1441 hours and route out followed as briefed except for being slightly north of course. Let down to minimum altitude was begun at 1502 hours and the enemy coast recrossed at 1616 hours at 8,000 feet of altitude. Reached English coast at 1641 and base at 1648. Land for group was made at 1650-1728 hours.

2. Aircraft not attacking: 95 "A" squadron - eleven A/C plus one PFF left base in formation. All A/C attacked primary target and are credited with sorties. 95 "B" squadron - eleven A/C plus one PFF left base in formation. All A/C attacked primary target and are credited with sorties. 95 "C" squadron - twelve A/C plus one PFF left base in formation. All A/C attacked primary and are credited with sorties.

3. Lost aircraft: none

### 13<sup>th</sup> "E" Group

1. General narrative: 95 "E" group was composed of the 95<sup>th</sup> D and 95<sup>th</sup> E squadrons flying lead and high positions respectively and a squadron from the 100<sup>th</sup> group flying low position.

95 "D" squadron took off at 0922-0931 hours and assembled over the base at 6,000 feet by 0950.

95 "E" squadron took off at 0910-0918 hours and assembled over the base at 7,000 feet by 1014 hours.

The two squadrons effect group formation after assembling and were joined over the base by the 100<sup>th</sup> squadron; from here the "E" group proceeded to buncher #11, making wing assembly at

0925 hours, altitude 10,000 feet. The formation departed the English coast at 1119 hours and began climb to altitude.

Briefed course was followed to I.P. which was crossed as briefed but due to poor visibility, the "E" group was unable to bomb primary target. Instead, the group continued in division formation and on the route out, 95 "D" squadron dropped on the secondary target at 1437 hours from an altitude of 25,000 feet. 95 "E" squadron bombed target of opportunity at 1505 hours. Route out was followed, crossing the enemy coast at 1620 hours and the English coast at 1644. Base was reached at 1651 and landing effected at 1707-1732 hours.

2. Aircraft not attacking: 95 "D" squadron - eleven A/C plus one PFF left base in formation. All A/C attacked secondary target and are credited with sorties.

95 "E" squadron - eleven A/C plus one PFF left base in formation. All A/C attacked T/O and receive sorties.

3. Aircraft lost: Aircraft #43-38760 left formation after bombs away and slowly straggled from sight. No chutes were seen.