

MISSION BRIEFING NOTES

Two Air Task Forces consisting of 960 B-17's and B-24's, will attack important railway and ship building targets in Germany, today.

The First Force, composed of 120 B-17's, will bomb railway junctions at Munster.

The 2nd Task Force, composed of 600 B-17's and 240 B-24's, from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bomb Divisions, will attack the Krupp submarine and ship building installations at Kiel. We, along with the 55th Group and a Group of P-51's, will provide target area support to the limit of our endurance for this force. We are to arrive over the target 20 minutes after the 55th Group, and 20 minutes prior to the arrival ~~XXXXXX~~ of the P-51's. Our withdrawal will, if possible, be over the incoming bomber tract.

Since the greater part of our route is over the sea, few friendly planes other than P-38's and P-51's in the target area will be seen. Caution must be taken to identify the P-51's which may possibly be seen coming in as we leave the German coast enroute out. Beaufighters and Typhoons will be operating in the Den Helder-Terschelling area at 5,000 feet on route out.

FLAK

Light Flak may be encountered at any time after making landfall in Germany. Strong heavy Flak is concentrated over the target area and on the island of Heligoland, located just south of the planned route home, 40 miles west of German Coast. Light Flak <sup>is</sup> both sides of the Kiel Canal, to be seen entering the city of Kiel from South West.

FIGHTERS

35 Single Engine and 55 Twin Engine Fighters may be operating off the Frisian Islands on the in or out route.

A total of 40 Single Engine and 90 Twin Engine aircraft might be vectored into the target area for its defense.