

BRIEFING NOTES

and Halberstadt.

1ST FORCE - 300 B-17s, 1st Div. Attacks Oschersleden, Aschersleden, Bernburg/
2ND FORCE - 360 B-17s, 3rd Div. Attacks Ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt
3rd FORCE - 180 B-24s, 2nd Div. Attack a/c works at Gotha.
4th FORCE - 60 B-17s, 1st Div. Attack unspecified target in Denmark.
Total 900~~0~~

THIS GROUP - supports 2nd FORCE in attack on Schweinfurt. Escort will begin at a point approximately 120 miles north of the target. Group will cover rear units (3 combat Wings) of the force, while 55th A group will support lead units of the force. Relief on withdrawal will be provided by the 4TH Group 15 miles Northeast of Koblenz.

The first 3 Forces of Bombers will penetrate along approximately the same route to our rendezvous point near Gottingen, and will arrive at that point within seven minutes of each other. OUR BOMBERS TURN S.E. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT OUR RENDEVOUS POINT. The B-24s turn due south, and 1st Div. B-17s continue eastward.

The first 3 forces of bombers will withdraw along the same route from a point near (SW) of Gissen. They are scheduled to arrive at that point within 5 minutes of each other.

P-47s will be encountered as we approach the bomber course going in. P-51s may be seen momentarily at the rendezvous point. ~~the~~ P-38s of the 55th Group will be met at R/V, one half on our bombers, the other half ~~x~~ on the B-24s. 51s may be seen again on the point where the forces rejoin on withdrawal. 47s, joined by Spits east of Brussels, will be seen all along Bomber track coming out.

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