

Briefing Notes

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The 20th Group will escort the 2nd Air Task Force to Schweinfurt. The 2nd A.T.F. will be the 1st Bomb.Div. consisting of 300 B-17s. The 20th will R/V with the 1st and 2nd Task Force and the 55th Group; The 354th Gp (P-51s) and the 357th Gp (P-51s) will be escorting the bombers at R/V. The 2nd Task force escorted by the 55th Gp. and the 357th Gp. will ~~break~~ break away and bomb Furth.

The 20th Gp. will fly close escort with the 354th as top cover.

Every effort should be made to avoid engagement with E/A before R/V.

360 B-17s will be bombing targets in northern Germany and will not be seen.

Friendly Fighters: P-51s will be sighted at R/V, plus 38s of the 55th Gp. P-47s will be seen on the way in and on the way out. Spits are giving withdrawal support to the bombers. Medium bombers escorted by Typhoons will be operating in the Calais area. Typhoons are attack targets in Holland. P-51s of the RAF are furnishing W/D.

Enemy Fighters: 210 S.E. ~~E/A~~ enemy fighters may be vectored in and 180 T.E. fighters may be vectored in.

Flak: Heavy Concentrated flak areas to be avoided at the Ruhr Valley; Kassel Bonn, Koblenz, and Antwerp, and enemy coast on way in and out.

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