Briefing Notes, F. O. 251

There will be 3 task forces the first consists of 5CW 300 B 17s with triangle
the 2nd " " 3 " 180 B 24s with circle
The 3rd " " 6 " 360 B 17s with square.
All three go on the same course, practically at the same time. The 3rd flies in the center with the 1st on its right and the 2nd on its left, leading sections of each abreast, and combat wings astern within each force.
~~The job is with 3 combat wings of the 3rd.~~

All three task forces go along together and split in the vicinity of 8° 22' East. The first goes south to bomb 2 targets at Augsburg and Stuttgart, the 2nd goes north to Furth and the 3rd goes straight on to bomb 2 different targets in Regensburg. Our job is with 3 cw's of the 3rd. B-17s with squares, 180 of them. When we R/V at 1424 the 3rd has already split into 2 forces of 3 wings each and will bomb 3 minutes after R/V. We then cover bombers around until they rejoin with the rest of the third force and proceed to take them back until P-47s r/V with them for withdrawal support. Our withdrawal will be at a point where all 840 bombers regroup on course out.

There is a diversionary raid in the North Sea by 60 B-24s and 17s who will go out and come back without fighter support. They will leave English coast at 1210.

Check points are:

L	St. Quentin
E	Luxumbourg
M	Germersheim
O	Ansbach
N	Nordlingen

Fighter-Bomber Intercom: 3rd Div. Goldsmith 11 to 16. Our 3 boxes are 1-4, 1-5, 1-6

20th Fighter Group is Denver One Ten

Fighter Recall is Oldsmobile.

RAF Spitfires and 51s will provide withdrawl support.

Marauders, Mosquitoes, Bostons, Mitchells may be seen on entering and leaving French territory.

P-38s of 55th are with 1st task force and one group of 51s are with 2nd task force but other group of 51s are with our task force so we must watch out for them. The will cover the half of our force which breaks away just before target.

Flak should be watched out for on
- COast on way in and out
- Ghent
- Liege
- Trier
- Mannheim and Ludwigshaven
- Heilbronn
- Crailsheim
- Target
- Nurmberg
- Koblenz

Fighters

300 single enging
300 twin enging mostly in target area.

Runway
Time
Climb 32-21
Cruise 30-20
P.W.
Recall - Oldsmobile

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