

BRIEFING NOTES. F.O. 262 - 6 March 44

THE ATTACK: 14 combat wings of heavies attack targets in Berlin and vicinity as follows:

1st ATF - 5 CWs B-17s, 1st Div. - Ballbearing plant ~~SE~~ Berlin

2nd ATF - 6 CWs B-17s, 3rd Div. - electrical equipment-in Berlin

3rd ATF - 3 CWs B-24s, 2nd Div. - a/c engines - South Berlin

All 3 forces penetrate along the same route to ~~Salzwedel~~ ~~Bruck~~ a point near the city of Burg, 60 miles West of Berlin. On penetration forces will be 12 minutes apart.

All 3 forces withdraw along substantially the same route from a point north of Havelburg, 60 miles NW of Berlin. All forces are timed to pass a point north of Dummer lake, on withdrawal, within 5 minutes of each other.

20TH GROUP: Provides withdrawal support to 2nd ATF from 5258 - 124CE, 30 miles NW of Berlin, to limit of endurance.

FIGHTER SUPPORT: 14 Groups of p-47's will provide penetration support to Gelle, and withdrawal support from Dummer Lake vicinity.

3 Groups of P-51s provide penetration and target support from 1110 E (20 miles NE of Brusswick.

3 Groups of P-38s provide withdrawal support from points 30 to 40 miles NW of Berlin - 55th Group on 1st ATF, 20th Group on 2nd ATF, and 364th Group on 3rd ATF.

RAF Mustangs will support the withdrawal of the 1st ATF from a point 80 miles West of our R/V.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: The enemy can vector 400 SE and 300TE fighters into this attack.

FLAK: There are no serious flak concentrations along the planned course.

HOWEVER BEWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SOUTH OF COURSE: HANNOVER, OSNABRUCK

NORTH OF COURSE: BREMEN - you will just skipt the city on penetration.

AND, NATURALLY, BERLIN

Time	carb air
Weather	20000'
Runway	Temp
D channel	Drop down to 10000'

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