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BRIEFING NOTES

1. 20th Group will sweep in behind the last bomber formation of all task forces fifteen minutes after the last unit has reached the point marked R/V. Particular attention will be paid to stragglers and bomber formations that may be late or off course. Will be at "R/V" pt. at 1202.
2. Bombers:
 - 1st Task Force penetrates to Brunswick and will be the last to withdraw. Consists of 4 CWS 3rd Div. squares - Goldsmith 1-1 to 1-4 incl. This task force will be escorted through the target by P51s. 4th Group will free lance in target area. Target: Bomber Factory.
 - 2nd Task Force: GAF Controlling Stations in Munster and Osnabruch area. Goldsmith 2-1, to 2-4 incl. 4 CWS B24s, 2nd Div. Circles. Escorted by P47s. 1st to leave the area.
 - 3rd Task Force: GAF Controlling Stations at Gutersloh, Lippstadt and Werl. Will withdraw 15 minutes ahead of 1st Task Force. Escorted through target area by 55th Grp and 364th Gp. and by 356th.
3. Fighter Recall : Horseplayer
4. Fighter Calls:
 - 20th - Denver ~~3~~ 3-6.
 - 364 - D3-3
 - 55 - 3-4
 - 354 - 1-4
 - 357 - 1-5
 - 4 - 1-6
5. Geographical Check Points:
 - P- Osnabruck
 - L- Hannover
 - O- Ruhr
 - N- Nujmegen
 - K- Namur
6. Flak Concentrations:
 - Ruhr flak area extends to the north as far as the planned course.
 - Flak also at Nujmegen on course home.
7. Enemy Fighters:
 - Mainly single engine fighters in this area - approx. 300.
 - From F. O. "WATCH FOR THE ELUSIVE HUN BENEATH THE BOMBER FORMATIONS WELL HIDDEN BY NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE."
8. Reference Base Altitude: 20,000 ft. Bombers will be at 21,000 ft.