BRIEFING NOTES

TODAY, 820 B-17'S and B-24's IN 3 ATF'S ARE BOMBING INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN GERMANY. We PROVIDE ESCORT FOR THE 1ST. ATF.

THE 1ST. ATF, CONSISTING OF 4 CW'S, 70 EACH, B-24's, hits AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY AND ENGINE FACTORIES AT BRUNSWICK. THESE ARE OF THE 2ND DIVISION-O. THE 2ND. AND 3RD. ATF'S, 9 CW'S. OF 1ST AND 3RD DIVISION B-17's, 60 EACH, ATTACK MAINLINE UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS IN THE HEART OF BERLIN. ALL EXXXX ATF'S. FLY THE SAME COURSE TO THE POINT NORTHWEST OF BRUNSWICK WHERE THE AST ATF. TURNS TO ATTACK ITS TARGET.

P-47's of the 359TH AND 356TH GROUPS WILL PROVIDE PENETRATION SUPPORT FOR THE 1ST ATF, BEING RELIEVED BY P-51'S OF THE 352ND WHO WILL ESCORT THROUGH THE TARGET AND ON WITHDRAWAL TO HILDESHEIM WHERE THEY WILL LEAVE AND SWEEP BACK TO THE MAGDEBURG AREA IF ESCORTED BOMBERS ARE NOT UNDER ATTACK AT MEME THIS POINT.

WE R/V WITH THIS FORCE AT THE TARGET AND PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO THE LIMIT OF ENDURANCE. P-47's OF THE 78TH GROUP WILL PROVIDE LATE WITHDRAWAL.

AT OUR R/V TIME, THE 9TH AIR FORCE WILL BE ATTACKING TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ALL EXCORT WILL BE TO LIMIT OF ENDURANCE EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED OTHERWISE. GPS. WILL NOT LEAVE BOMBERS WHEN RELIEVED BUT WILL CONTINUE ESCORT TO LIMIT OF ENDURANCE. PENETRATION GPS. WILL FALL TO REAR OF ATF ON BEING RELIEVED. RELIEVING GPS. WILL MOVE TO FRONT. WITHDRAWAL GPS. ON BEING RELIEVED WILL MOVE TO FRONT OF ATF RELIEVING WITHDRAWAL GPS WILL TAKE UP ESCORT OF REAR UNITS. RELIEVING GP LEADER IS RESPONSIBLE THAT ENTIRE ATF IS ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED. ON WITHDRAWAL PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO REAR UNITS.

ALL FIGHTERS WILL KEEP OUT OF .50 CAL. RANGE OF BOMBERS UNLESS NECESSARY TO GET IN CLOSER TO PRESS HOME AN ATTACK ON AN E/a.

REFERENCE BASE ALTITUDE **** 22,000 FT. CALL SEGNS****** 1ST ATR.--2nd DIV. B-24's BOMBERS**VINEGROVE 11,12,13,14. FIGHTERS*

> 359--BALANCE 11 356--12 13 352--14 20--78B--15

FIGHTER RECALL-ISOBELL

GEOGRAPHICAL CHECK POINTS M**ZWOLLE O**DUMMER LAKE N**STEINHUDER LAKE K**BRUNSWICK E**STENDAL Y**BERLIN

FIGHTER PILOTS ARE CAUTIONED TO USE CHANNEL "B" AND "C" ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY ARE INTENDED. CHANNEL "B" IS TO BE USED ONLY IN CASES OF ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY. CHANNEL "C" IS TO BE USED FOR NECESSARY F/B INTERCOM AND F/F INTERCOMONLY WHEN NECESSARY FOR ONE GP TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ANOTHER. HOMINGS ON CHANNEL "C" ARE TO BE REQUESTED ONLY IN CASES OF DIRE EMERGENCY. OTHERWISE FIXES ON CHANNEL "D" WILL BE OBTAINED. KEXXXXXXXXX RESPONSIBLEXTHATXALLXRIKGTSXARKXRRIKKEXX