

BRIEFING NOTES

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480 B-17's AND 240 B-24'S ARE BOMBING FW. AIRCRAFT PLANTS, OIL REFINERIES AND POWER STATIONS IN GERMANY AND POLAND.

WE WILL PROVIDE WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT FOR THE LAST TWO CW'S. OF THE 1ST ATF, COMPOSED OF 5 CW'S. OF 1ST DIVISION Δ B-17'S, WHICH WILL BOMB OIL REFINERIES AT POLITZ. THE 1ST 3 CW'S. OF THIS FORCE WILL NOT BE SEEN AT OUR R/V AS THEY CONTINUE ON TO HIT TARGETS AT POSEN, POLAND, AND WITHDRAW AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER. OUR BOMBERS ARE TO BE AT 12,000 FEET.

~~R/V~~ P-51's OF THE 354TH GROUP MAY STILL BE WITH OUR BOMBERS WHEN WE R/V.
THE 56B GROUP TAKE OVER AS, OR BEFORE, WE WITHDRAW.

4 CW'S. OF THE 2ND ATF. (2ND. DIVISION B-24'S) MAY BE SEEN WITHDRAWING AS WE R/V. THEY ARE BOMBING TUTOW, GERMANY.

THE 3RD. ATF, 3 CW'S. OF 3RD. DIVISION B-17'S MAKE A DIVERSIONARY ATTACK ON OSNABRUCK.

DOPE

FIGHTERS WILL NOT ACT IN A HOSTILE MANNER TOWARD THE BOMBERS AND WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BEFORE TAKING UP POSITION TO THE REAR OR FAR OUT TO THE SIDE OF THE FORMATIONS.

FIGHTERS WILL IDENTIFY AIRCRAFT BEFORE BOUNCING. IN THE PAST, BOUNCING FRIENDLY FIGHTERS HAS CAUSED UNNECESSARY DELAY AND OFTEN LOSS OF RANGE BY GROUPS DROPPING TANKS TOO SOON, KNOW WHO IT IS BEFORE YOU BOUNCE!!!!

REFERENCE BASE ALTITUDE----- 20,000.

FIGHTER RECALL--BUMPERGUARD

BOMBERS-- 1ST ATF.---- VINEGROVE 11,12,13,14,15. 2ND ATF**B-24's*** VINEGROVE 21,22, 23,24

FIGHTERS

354--BALANCE 14
20-- " 111
56B-- " 112

GEOGRAPHICAL CHECK POINTS

M**ZWOLLE M--ZWOLLE
I**DUMMER LAKE I--DUMMER LAKE
S**ARNHEIM S--ARNHEIM
E**HAMBURG
R--STETTIN
Y--POZNAN