

BRIEFING NOTES

F.O. 353

3RD AIR TASK FORCE, 5 COMBAT WINGS 1ST DIVISION B-17s -

20TH GROUP SUPPORTS LEAD COMBAT WINGS OF FIVE COMBAT WINGS BOMBING SORAU IN EASTERN GERMANY AND POZNAN AND KRZESINKI IN POLAND. ESCORT WILL BE TO ABSOLUTE LIMIT OF ENDURANCE. 20TH R/Vs ON PENETRATION NORTHEAST OF I STEINHUDER LAKE. BOMBERS AT 22,000 FEET. FORCE WITHDRAWS OVER NORTH SEA.

1ST FORCE OF FIVE COMBAT WINGS B-24s (4 2nd Div., 1 3rd Div.) BOMB TUTOW AND POLITZ. FORCE PENETRATES AND WITHDRAWS OVER NORTH SEA AND JUTLAND PENINSULA

2ND FORCE OF 4 COMBAT WINGS 3rd DIV. B-17s BOMBS LIEPZIG, PENETRATING ALONG SAME ROUTE AS OUR BOMBERS, AHEAD OF THEM, TO 12 DEGREES EAST.

FRIENDLY FIGHTERS:

55TH GROUP SUPPORTS REAR COMBAT WINGS OF OUR FORCE, R/V'ing SAME PLACE AS 20TH.

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20TH RELIEVES 78TH GROUP - 55TH RELIEVES 353RD.

357 and 339TH GROUPS R/V SW OF BERLIN 31 MINUTES AFTER OUR R/V

ENEMY FIGHTERS ENEMY CAN VECTOR 300 PLUS S/E and 100 PLUS T/E into THIS ATTACK FROM OUR R/V POINT EASTWARD.

FLAK (SEE BRIEFING MAP)

REFERENCE BASE ALTITUDE: 20,000 FEET.

FIGHTER RECALL: LEAMINGTON

GEOGRAPHICAL CHECK POINTS:

CALL SIGNS:

P - ZWOLLE
I - DUMMER LAKE
N - CELLE
K - STENDAL
F - COTTBUS
L - POZNAN
C - STETTIN
W - HAMBURG
E - LEIPZIG
R - FRANKFURT
S - NAMUR

BOMBERS: VINEGROVE, 31,32,33,34,35.

FIGHTERS: 353- 78TH GROUP-BALANCE 3-2
20TH GROUP- " 3-4³³
55TH GROUP- " 3-5
357TH GROUP- " 3-6
339TH GROUP- " 3-7