

1262 heavy bombers are attacking targets in northern Germany in vicinity of Hamburg and Bremen. These are broken into 3 task forces and our job is with the 2nd task force which is made up of B-24s of the 2nd Division with circles on tail.

The 2nd task force is made up of 6 CWs of approximately 72 B-24s each, flying combat wings in trail. We R/V with the 5th and 6th boxes which bomb GAF control station at Stade near Hamburg. We give them penetration, target and withdrawal support to the limit of our endurance. The 359th and the 361st, both P-51 groups R/V at the same place as we do with the other 4 boxes of our task force, 9 and 15 minutes earlier however. They escort the Libs around Luneburg and Fassberg.

The 55th Group R/V in the same place as we do, with the 1st task force B-17s however and their R/V is approximately 20 minutes before ours. P-47s will also be in our general area as they are working with the 3rd ATF.

Reconnaissance Mosquitoes will arrive in each target area before the bombers to report weather conditions. Gps will keep a lookout for these friendly a/c.

Reference base altitude is 21,000 ft.

Fighter bomber intercom:

Bombers --- Vinegrove 21 to 26; our two boxes are 25 and 26
Fighters --- 359th support 1st 2 boxes are Balance 21
 361st " 3rd and 4th boxes are " 22
 20th " last 2 boxes " " 23

Check points: T Hamburg
 R Bremen
 I Hannover
 P Hamm
 S Apeldoorn

Fighter Recall: Potato

125 T/E and 100 S/E may be vectored in our areas.

Watch out for flak along Elbe Estuary, Stade, Hamburg, Heligoland and East Prussian Islands.