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MISSION SUMMARY
(AFTERNOON MISSIONS)

19 APRIL 1944

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### CONCLUSIONS

In an afternoon of intense bombardment activity every single one of our groups hit its primary target, and all scored excellent to good results.

Of 300 aircraft dispatched against three Noball targets and an important H.A.V., only eight failed to drop bombs.

General results of these attacks strongly illustrate the high degree of efficiency in planning and accuracy in execution of medium bombardment operations maintained by this command.

Bois Des Huit Rues:

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Perforating the target area of this Noball with a fine concentration of bombs, the 416 bomb group scored many possible hits and near misses on buildings and all three skiis.

No flak fire was reported, the formation returning without losses or casualties.

Foret Nationale De Tournhem:

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Excellent coverage of the target was accomplished on this Noball by most of the 409 bomb group aircraft.

Five aircraft of the second box dropped 1 mile short of the target because of a premature release by a flight leader due to a malfunction.

There was no flak experienced, all aircraft and personnel returning safely.

Malines H/Y/V
CONCLUSIONS

The results of medium bomb group activity during single-occasion operations involving dropping bombs against three medium targets and an important railway only slightly failed to drop bombs.

General results of these attacks strongly illustrate the high degree of efficiency in planning and accuracy in execution of medium bomb group operations maintained by this command.

DOIS DE HUIT RUES:

Perforating the target area of this medium with a fine concentration of bombs, the 416 Bomb Group scored many possible hits and near misses on buildings and all three targets.

No flank fire was reported, the formation returning without losses or casualties.

FOREST NATIONAL DE TOURNIEN:

Excellent coverage of the target was accomplished on this medium by most of the 409 Bomb Group aircraft.

Five aircraft of the second box dropped a mile short of the target because of a premature release by a flight leader due to a malfunction.

There was no flank experienced by all aircraft and personnel returning safely.

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V. In a devastating saturation attack by 182 Marauders of five groups, 114.600 tons of bombs were poured accurately and with devastating effect on this important center of Axis transport.
SOME TO FURTH VERB SCORED ON USINE-HEROTHEE AERO ENGINE WORKS.

THE LAST THREE FORMATIONS OVER THE TARGET EXPERIENCED WEAK TO
MODERATE HITS, ALTHOUGH NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM
THE MISSION.

THERE WAS AN INDICATED REACTION OF 20 TO 30 ENEMY AIRCRAFT TO
OUR OPERATIONS IN THE MALINES AREA. NO COMBATS OCCURRED.

COCOVA:

HITTING THE TARGET AREA WITH A HEAVY ACCURATE CONCENTRATION OF
BOMBS, THE 544 BOMB GROUP SCORED ENOUGH DIRECT HITS TO PLACE THIS
NOBALL IN THE SUSPECTED CATEGORY.

FLAK CAUSED AIRCRAFT OF THE 2ND BOX TO WAVE, SCATTERING THEIR
BOMBS SOMEWHAT.

ALTHOUGH 16 AIRCRAFT SUFFERED FLAK DAMAGE THERE WERE NO LOSSES
OR CASUALTIES.

NO ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED BY THE THREE GROUPS
ATTACKING NOBALL TARGETS.

GROUP NARRATIVE

416 BG: 35 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST BOIS DE HUIT RUES (NOBALL), AND
DROPPED 157 X 500 GP, PLACING A HEAVY CONCENTRATION WITHIN TARGET AREA.
1 A/C DROPPED A X 500 GP INTO CHANNEL DURING BOMBY DOOR
CHECK, NO TURNBACKS, NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES, NO BATTLE
DAMAGE.

409 BG: 37 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST FORET NATIONALE DE TOURNEHEM
(NOBALL), AND DROPPED 144 X 500 GP, REPORTING MANY BURSTS IN
TARGET AREA. 5 A/C DROPPED THEIR BOMBS 2 MILES SHORT OF TARGET
WHEN BOMBS WERE RELEASED PREMASTURELY BY FLIGHT LEADER OF 2ND
FLIGHT OF 2ND BOX, CAUSED BY MALFUNCTION. NO LOSSES, NO
CASUALTIES, NO BATTLE DAMAGE.

387 BG: 38 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST MALINES M/Y AND REPAIR SHOPS.
36 A/C DROPPED 144 X 1000 GP, GOOD RESULTS. 2 A/C RETURNED
EARLY BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL FAILURE. NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES,
NO BATTLE DAMAGE.

397 BG: 38 A/C WERE DISPATCHED MALINES M/Y AND REPAIR SHOPS, AND DROPPED
262 X 250 GV AND 559 X 100 I.B. WITH VERY GOOD RESULTS. NO
TURNBACKS. NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES, NO BATTLE DAMAGE.

322 BG: 36 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST MALINES M/Y AND REPAIR
SHOPS, AND DROPPED ENTIRE BOMBLOAD OF 144 X 1000 GP, A HEAVY
CONCENTRATION ON TARGET. NO LOSSES NO CASUALTIES, NO BATTLE
DAMAGE.

391 BG: 39 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST MALINES M/Y AND REPAIR SHOPS.
36 A/C DROPPED 144 X 1000 GP, WITH GOOD RESULTS. 1 A/C FAILED
TO BOMB DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE. NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES. 1
A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK (CAT. A). GROUP REPORTS STATES THAT FIGHTER
SUPPORT WAS ONE OF BEST JOBS DONE TO DATE.

366 BG: 37 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST MALINES M/Y AND REPAIR SHOPS. 34
A/C DROPPED 144 X 1000 GP. WITH GOOD RESULTS. 2 A/C TURNED
BACK DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES. 1 A/C Landed away
FROM BATTLE, ABOUT WHICH NO DETAILS ARE YET KNOWN. NO LOSSES,
NO CASUALTIES, 4 A/C WERE DAMAGED BY FLAK (CAT. A).
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391 BG 39 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST MALINES M/Y AND REPAIR SHOPS.
38 A/C DROPPED 125 X 1000 GP; WITH GOOD RESULTS. 1 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO ENGINE FAULT. NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES. 1 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK (CAT A). GROUP REPORTS STATES THAT FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS ONE OF BEST JOBS DONE TO DATE.

386 BG 37 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST MALINES M/Y AND REPAIR SHOPS. 34 A/C DROPPED 1019 X 100 Lb. WITH GOOD RESULTS. 2 A/C TURNED BACK DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES, AND 1 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE, ABOUT WHICH NO DETAILS ARE YET KNOWN. NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES. 4 A/C WERE DAMAGED BY FLAK (CAT A).

344 BG 40 A/C WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST COCOVE (NO BALL). 36 A/C DROPPED 294 X 500 GP AND 4 X 1000 GP. AN EXCELLENT BOMB PATTERN AROUND MPI AND LARGE PERCENTAGE OF BOMBS IN TARGET AREA.
RESULTED IN THE PLACING OF THE TARGET IN "SUSPENDED" CATEGORY. 1 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO ENGINE FAILURE OVER TARGET, AND THE BOMBARDEER OF 1 A/C DID NOT RELEASE FOR FEAR OF HITTING SHIP OUT OF FORMATION BECAUSE OF ENGINE FAILURE. NO LOSSES, NO CASUALTIES. 18 A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK (1 CAT B-A/C, 17 CAT A).

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER, BOIS DE HUIT RUES:
2 TO 3 LOW CLOUDS WITH TOPS AT 3,000 TO 4,000 FEET OVER TARGET AT 1909 HOURS. VISIBILITY 8 TO 10 MILES.

WEATHER, FORTE NATIONALE DE TOURNEHEIM:
OVER TARGET AT 1815 HOURS WITH 2 LOW CLOUDS, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.

WEATHER, MALINES M/Y:
ALL GROUPS REPORT TARGET CLEAR WITH VISIBILITY RANGING FROM 10 TO 20 MILES AT 1852 HOURS TO 4 TO 8 MILES AT 1910 HOURS.

WEATHER, COCOVE:
TARGET CLEAR WITH VISIBILITY AT 20 MILES.

ENEMY FIGHTERS:
MALINES AREA: INDICATED REACTION OF 20 TO 30 A/C. NO COMBATS.

FLAK:
BOIS DE HUIT RUES:
FLAK NIL THROUGHOUT MISSION.

FORTE NATIONALE DE TOURNEHEIM:
FLAK NIL THROUGHOUT MISSION.

MALINES M/Y:
FLAK AT TARGET WAS REPORTED AS NIL BY ONE GROUP: HEAVIER, ACCURATE BY ONE GROUP, AND HEAVIER TO MODERATE, FAIRLY ACCURATE, BY ONE GROUP. HEAVIER INACCURATE XFT. XFT WAS REPORTED OBSERVED FROM NE TIP OF HELLING.

ALL
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FORET NATIONALE DE TOURNEMIÈRE:
FLAK NIL THROUGHOUT MISSION.

MALINES M/Y:
FLAK AT TARGET WAS REPORTED AS NIL BY ONE GROUP, MEAGER, ACCURATE BY TWO GROUPS, AND MEAGER TO MODERATE, FAIRLY ACCURATE, BY ONE GROUP.

GRANEDEUR DE BATELLE: LF WAS REPORTED EXCEEDING FORMATION DISCARDED ON SHORE OF MALINES ISLAND, OR ROYAL OF SHORE OF ISLAND, ILLE VECHIEN M/Y AND TURNOUT.

COCOVE:
FLAK AT TARGET WAS DESCRIBED AS MODERATE ACCURATE AND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM VICINITY OF WATEN FORET, 4 MILES WEST OF TARGET.

ONE BOX MADE ENTRY INTO ENEMY COAST 4 MILES SOUTH OF BOULOGNE, ENCOUNTERING MODERATE ACCURATE HFP FROM THE BOULOGNE DEFENSES, WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE FORMATION MADE ENTRY AT BRIEVED LANDFALL 4 MILES SOUTH OF HARDELLOT, ENCOUNTERING MEAGER INACCURATE HFP FROM HARDELLOT. FORMATION ALSO ENCOUNTERED MEAGER INACCURATE HFP FROM DESVRES AND GRAVELINES.

SHIPPING:
7-6 SHIPS 6 MILES NORTH CALAIS. DESTROYER CIRCLING. LARGE WAKES OBSERVED.
TEN E/R BOATS OFF DUNKIRK.
NINE "T" BOATS AT 51 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH-01 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST.
DINGY AT 51 DEG. 20 MIN. NORTH-01 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST.
24 SHIPS IN CONVOY NEAR NORTH FORELAND.
LONG SHIP OF NARROW BEAM (EST. LENGTH 200') LOW IN WATER OF INLET AT LEPANNE. DARK BROWN OR BLACK IN COLOR.
5 MEDIUM FREIGHTERS IN BAY OFF DJINTELOORD.
3 LARGE FREIGHTERS WITH FAST ESCORT OFF GRAVELINES.
51 DEG. 07 MIN. NORTH-01 DEG. 57 MIN. EAST, AT 1854.
BARGE IN CANAL BETWEEN DIEST AND MALL.
SMALL SHIPS IN HARBOR AT DUNKIRK, IN RIVER NEAR MORELijk.
9 TO 10 SMALL BOATS MANEUVERING IN CHANNEL ABOUT 10 MILES WEST OF DUNKIRK.
3 MINESWEEPERS AND 3 LARGER SHIPS 51 DEG. 00 MIN.
NORTH-01 DEG. 35 35 MIN. EAST.
BARGES IN CANALS AT FURNES, OSTEND, TURNOUT, OOSTMALLE, TERMONDE, AND BETWEEN ANTWERP AND TURNOUT.

RAILROAD:
HEAVY RR ACTIVITY IN M/Y 3 ROOSENDAAL, THEIL, AND GEN.
MANY GOODS WAGONS IN SIDINGS AT MALL, TURNOUT, ROULERE DIEST, TERMONDE.
CONCENTRATION OF CARS AND TRAINS AT M/Y AT HERENTALS.
ROULERE M/Y, SIDING ON RR FROM GENT EAST, M/Y 6 MILES DUE EAST OF BIXMUE.
2 TRAINS, ABOUT 20 CARS EACH, ON FURNES-DUNKIRK RR.
2 TRAINS, HEADING EAST FROM OOSTMALLE, 25-CAR TRAIN STATIONARY ON RR, JUST SOUTH OF FURNES.
TRAIN HEADING TOWARD TERMONDE FROM GENT.

HIGHWAYS:
MOTOR CONVOY 2 MILES LONG HEAD TOWARD ROULERE.
TRUCK CONVOY (10 OR 12) ON ROAD FROM TERMONDE.
MANY MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON ROAD LEADING INTO DUNKIRK FROM FURNES.
ABOUT 50 VEHICLES IN CONVOY HEADING WEST ON HIGHWAY BETWEEN ROOSENDAAL AND BERINGEN OF ZOO.
Camps:
Large camp in woods just east Roulers, with blast walls or revetments.

Constructions:
Large gun position just west Schouwen.
Possible ammunition dump 4 miles Se Dixmude.
36 deg; 55 min. North; 04 deg; 16 min. East.
Six-gun battery directly south Alprech A/D.
Red Cross hospital 2 miles northeast same.
Concrete construction work with sloping embankment from shore to river near Moerdijk.
6-gun position 1 mile to right of landfall, near Cortade A/D.
Possible large camouflaged gun emplacement on beach west of Furnes.

Defenses:
Balloon barrage at Rotterdam - 25 balloons at 3000 feet.
13 to 20 balloons in barrage over Flushing.
Three smoke pots in city at Malines, west of primary, smoke having drifted into target area.
Planes low over Dunkirk being fired at by flak.

General:
Bronze smoke from explosion in target area.
Column of smoke rising from Bourbourg, south of Dunkirk, to approx. 3000 feet.
Roads leading into Dunkirk clearly visible, in spite of floods.
Flooded area extends from near Knocke on south inland to Hulst, then n covering most of Walcheren, Nord Beveland, Suid Beveland, Thalen, Schouwen and Overflaak.
Only house tops above water level in many places.
Also along canal in vicinity of Berghues, se of Dunkirk.

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FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION

416 BG - BOX I. CONCENTRATION OF BURSTS EXTENDING FROM 250 FEET SOUTH OF TARGET AREA INTO SOUTH CORNER OF TARGET. 15 BURSTS IN TARGET AREA AND 21 IN FIELDS SOUTH OF TARGET. 4 BURSTS IN NORTH EDGE OF TARGET, 2 BEING NEAR MESS ON B BUILDING.

BOX II 31 BURSTS IN TARGET AREA, 6 IN WOODS 200 FEET WEST OF AREA AND 16 EXTENDING 600 FEET NORTHWEST OF TARGET IN FIELDS AND WOODS. 2 POSSIBLE HITS OR NEAR MESS ON A SKI, AND POSSIBLE HITS AND NEAR MESS ON 2 OTHER SKIS.

409 BG - EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET. 5 PLANES OF 2ND BOX DROPPED IN AREA 1 MILE SW OF TARGET NEAR ALQUINES.

322 BG - BOX I. THE RESULTS ARE EXCELLENT. FIRST BOMBS HIT THE A-P. SQUARELY AND ALL HITS WERE WITHIN AN AREA 2,000 FEET X 1200 FEET, ALL ON THE LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOPS. DIRECT HITS ON THE POWER STATION, ON TRACKS JUST IN FRONT, ON AND NEAR THE AREA OF SMALL BUILDINGS, SHOPS, AND POSSIBLE RESIDENCES LINING THE NW-SW STREETS. WITH A FEW HITS ON OR VERY NEAR THE CARRIAGE AND WAGON SHOPS AND THE TRACKS TO THE W OF THESE SHOPS.

BOX II EVERY BOMB OF THE 2ND BOX HIT IN THE TARGET AREA, LANDING IN THE SMOKE OF BOX I BOMBS. ON THE LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOPS, POWER STATION AND TRACKS IN FRONT.

391 BG - 100 PER CENT OF BOMBS HIT IN TARGET AREA. HITS OBSERVED IN YARDS AND ON REPAIR SHEDS.

394 BG - BOX I. LARGEST CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA. A FEW BOMBS APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET SHORT AND TO RIGHT (NNW) OF A-P.

BOX II L-B.S DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 500 YDS SHORT AND TO LEFT (NNW) OF A-P. IN CITY.

387 BG - BOX I. CONCENTRATION AROUND A-P. ABOUT 6 DIRECT HITS ON CARRIAGE AND WAGON SHOPS AND NEAR HITS TO BRIDGE AT INTERSECTION OF ELEVATED AND LOWER TRACKS DIRECTLY EAST. NORTH CHORD POINT AND ENGINE REPAIR SHOPS ALSO RECEIVED MANY HITS.

BOX II DIRECT HITS ON THROUGH TRACKS RUNNING N AND S, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DIRECT HITS FURTHER N ON RR BRIDGE OVER CANAL. OTHER BURSTS STRUNG NE INTO TARGET AREA CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SIDINGS AND LOCO REPAIR WORKS. 3-4 HITS ON THE USINE BOXMEYER AERO ENGINE WORKS. HUGE COLUMNS OF SMOKE, APPARENTLY FROM VIOLENT EXPLOSION, CAN BE SEEN RISING FROM A-P. CARRIAGE AND WAGON SHOPS APPEAR TO BE FILLED WITH GOODS WAGONS.

386 BG - BOX I. MAIN CONCENTRATION FELL 1500 FEET NW OF A-P. LOW FLIGHT DROPPED 3000 FEET NW OF A-P. IN CITY OF MALINES. LEAD AND HIGH FLIGHTS CARRIED INTO TARGET AREA.


344 BG - BOX I. BOTH BOXES HIT PRIMARY TARGET AREA.

BOX I. HEAVY CONCENTRATED PATTERN ON W SIDE OF TARGET AREA SCORING DIRECT HITS ON 2 SKI SITES. 1 PLANE, BOMBING SHORT, SCORED A POSSIBLE HIT AND CERTAIN NEAR HITS ON ANOTHER SKI. THE SQUARE BUILDING RECEIVED A POSSIBLE DIRECT HIT, AT LEAST 2 STICKS WALKED ACROSS COMPLETE PLATFORM WITH DIRECT HITS. AN ESTIMATED 85 PER CENT OF THE BOMBS ARE IN THIS AREA.

BOX II BOMBS IN SCATTERED PATTERN DUE TO FLAK, CAUSING FORMATION TO WAVER, NO. 3 FLIGHT HIT 300 FEET W OF TARGET. THE OTHER FLIGHTS HIT N EDGE OF TARGET, PONTOON BOMBS FALLING IN SEVERAL PLACES JUST N OF TARGET AREA. THIS BOX MAY HAVE HIT RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS.
322 BG – BOX I. THE RESULTS ARE EXCELLENT. First Bombs hit A.P. squarely and all hits were within an area 2,000 feet x 1,500 feet. All on the locomotive repair shops, direct hits on the power station, on tracks just in front, on and near the area of small buildings, shops, and possible residences lining the NW/SE street, with a few hits on or very near the carriage and wagon shops and the tracks to the W of these shops.

BOX II EVERY BOMB OF THIS BOX HIT IN THE TARGET AREA, LANDING IN THE SMOKE OF BOX I BOMBS, ON THE LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOPS, POWER STATION AND TRACKS IN FRONT.

391 BG – 100 PER CENT OF BOMBS HIT IN TARGET AREA. Hits observed in yards and on repair sheds.

394 BG – BOX I. LARGEST CONCENTRATION IN TARGET AREA. A FEW BOMBS APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET SHORT AND TO RIGHT (NNE) OF A.P. BOX II B.B.'S DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 200 YDS. SOUTH AND TO LEFT (W) OF A.P. IN CITY.

387 BG – BOX I. CONCENTRATION AROUND A.P. ABOUT 6 DIRECT HITS ON CARRIAGE AND WAGON SHOPS AND NEAR HITS TO BRIDGE AT INTERSECTION OF ELEVATED AND LOWER TRACKS DIRECTLY EAST. NORTH CHOKE POINT AND ENGINE REPAIR SHOPS ALSO RECEIVED MANY HITS.

BOX II DIRECT HITS ON THROUGH TRACKS RUNNING N AND S, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DIRECT HITS FURTHER N ON RR BRIDGE OVER CANAL. OTHER BURSTS STRUNG NE INTO TARGET AREA CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SIDINGS AND LOCO REPAIR WORKS.

386 BG – BOX I. MAIN CONCENTRATION FELL 1500 FEET NW OF A.P. LOW FLIGHT DROPPED 3000 FEET NW OF A/P IN CITY OF MALINES. LEAD AND HIGH FLIGHTS CARRIED INTO TARGET AREA.

BOX II MAIN CONCENTRATION CENTERS AROUND THE PASSENGER STATION 1500 FEET W OF A.P. PATTERN COVERS THE A.P. AND ALSO MOST OF THE TARGET AREA. ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE FROM ZP I CANNOT BE MADE FROM 5/A PHOTOS.

384 BG – BOTH BOMBS HIT PRIMARY TARGET AREA.

BOX I. HEAVY CONCENTRATED PATTERN ON W SIDE OF TARGET AREA SCORING DIRECT HITS ON 2 SKI SITES. 1 PLANE, BOMBING SHORT, SCORED A POSSIBLE HIT AND CERTAIN NEAR HITS ON ANOTHER SKI. THE SQUARE BUILDING RECEIVED 1 POSSIBLE DIRECT HIT. AT LEAST 2 STICKS WALKED ACROSS CONCRETE PLANTFORM WITH DIRECT HITS. AN ESTIMATED 65 PER CENT OF THE BOMBS ARE IN THIS AREA.

BOX II BOMBS IN SCATTERED PATTERN DUE TO FLAK, CAUSING FORMATION TO WAVER. NO. 3 FLIGHT HIT 300 FEET W OF TARGET. THE OTHER FLIGHTS HIT N EDGE OF TARGET, SCATTERED BOMBS FALLING IN SEVERAL PLACES JUST N OF TARGET AREA. THIS BOX MAY HAVE HIT RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
SECRET SENT IN CLEAR AUTH, MAJ. MC GLYNN BT
99TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING
A. P. O. 140
19 APRIL 1944
FIELD ORDER NO. 13-272
MAPS: NORMAL
1. SPITFIRE ESCORT FOR THIS WING.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.
   ZERO HOUR: 1915 COB
3. A. 322ND GROUP:
   (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB-916A - M.P.: 064062 ILL. 55266/2
       (B) SECONDARY: ZH-54
       (C) ALTERNATE: ZH-1011
   (2) RENDEZVOUS:
       (A) WITH 391ST GROUP AT MERNE BAY AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 11 MIN
           AT 12,000 FEET, THE 322ND GROUP WILL LEAD.
       (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET, AT
           ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.
   (3) RALLY POINT: 4 MILES WEST OF OOSTMALLE.
B. 391ST GROUP:
   (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB-916A - M.P.: 064062 ILL. 55266/2
       (B) SECONDARY: ZH-54
       (C) ALTERNATE: ZH-1011
   (2) RENDEZVOUS:
       (A) WITH 322ND GROUP AT MERNE BAY AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO
           HOUR PLUS 11 MIN, THE 322ND GROUP WILL LEAD.
       (B) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO
           HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.
   (3) RALLY POINT: 4 MILES WEST OF OOSTMALLE.
C. 386TH GROUP:
   (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB-916A - M.P.: 064062 ILL. 55266/2
       (B) SECONDARY: ZH-54
       (C) ALTERNATE: ZH-1011
   (2) RENDEZVOUS:
       (A) WITH FIGHTERS AT NORTH FORELAND AT 12,000 FEET, AT
           ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES.
D. 361ST GROUP:
   (1) TARGET: (A) PRIMARY: ZB-8063 - M.P.: 062046 ILL. XI/A/70/1
   (2) RENDEZVOUS:
       (A) WITH FIGHTERS AT RENDEZVOUS AT 12,000 FEET, AT ZERO HOUR
           PLUS 15 MINUTES
       (3) ROUTE OUT: RENEWS TO 2 MILES NORTH OF RENDEZVOUS TO STOGLOWE (2 MILES EAST OF RENSOREN) TO TARGET.
       (4) ROUTE BACK: 2 MILES WEST OF GRESLEINS TO NORTH FORELAND TO
D. 344TH GROUP

(1) FORCES ATTACK AT 12,000 FEET AT ZER0 HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES.

(2) ROUTE WITH FIGHTERS TO BASELINE TO 5 MILES EAST OF BASE.

(3) INITIAL POINT: SHELBYVILLE.

(4) AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY SOUTH TO NORTH.

E. 366TH GROUP

(1) A/C REQUIRED: 36 PER GROUP.

(2) BOMBER LOAD: 25 TON AND 391ST 4X1000 LB GP 344TH 3X500 LB GP.

(3) INTERVALS BETWEEN ATTACKERS: 1000 FEET SOUTH AND 344TH.

(4) ROUTE OUT (EXCEPT 344TH) SOUTHEAST TO NORTH FORELAM.

(5) ROUTE BACK (EXCEPT 344TH) TO NORTH FORELAM.

(6) INITIAL POINT: SHELBYVILLE.

(7) AXIS OF ATTACK: WEST TO EAST.

(8) RALLY POINT: 5 MILES WEST OF GOETHAL.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 344TH GROUP

(1) BOMBER C/S: HAYBUSH.

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: NO. 56.

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NO. 56.

B. 344TH GROUP

(1) BOMBER C/S: YAMeworthy.

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: NO. 92.

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NO. 92.

C. 366TH GROUP

(1) BOMBER C/S: LADYMAN.

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: NO. 61.

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NO. 61.

D. 344TH GROUP

(1) BOMBER C/S: GRILLROOM.

(2) RECALL CODE WORD: NO. 97.

(3) VERIFICATION CODE: BOX NO. 97.

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(1) WEATHER CODE: VAST.

(2) SPLINTER BEACONS: NORMAL.

(3) W/Y/T.

(4) EC INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING - SOUTHERN UTAH.

(5) EMERGENCY BOXING TO: BROADWELL BAY, CHANNEL D.

EMERGENCY BOXING TO: HANSTON (USLH D/F) CHANNEL B.

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