

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

1 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 124)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack LE POUZIN OIL STORAGE (44° 45'N, 04° 45'E) and LES VALENCES M/Y and TORPEDO FACTORY (44° 55'N, 04° 54'E); target time 1100B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack PORT INSTALLATIONS at GENOA (44° 24'N, 08° 56'E); target time 1300B. 47th Wg and 304th Wg stand down.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide escort for all Wgs.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 484th BG will attack AVIGNON R.R. BRIDGE (43° 57'N, 04° 47'E); 461st BG will attack AVIGNON R.R. BRIDGE (43° 55'N, 04° 48'E) and 451st BG will attack LE LONTET OIL STORAGE (43° 58'N, 04° 52'E) on 2 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th and 461st BGs will line rendezvous behind 451st BG when 451st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 269° at 0950B.

Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000, 6,000, and 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead - 484th BG - 461st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Turn Point #1 to Control Point to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to IP to Target.

CONTROL POINT: REVALATTA POINT (42° 35'N, 08° 42'E) Bombing Alt: 16,000 at 1153B.

TURN POINT #1: S. VELICE CIRCEO (41° 14'N, 13° 04'E).

TURN POINT #2: (43° 20'N, 06° 40'E).

TURN POINT #3: VINON (43° 44'N, 05° 49'E).

INITIAL POINT: CAVAILON (43° 51'N, 05° 02'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 451st BG: 316° TC. 484th BG: 300° TC. 461st BG: 295° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional. 451st Target Chart 6-80-NA. 484th and 461st BGs target chart 6-57-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 451st BG - Center of Impact at J-13/14. 484th BG - J/K-3. 461st BG - B-7.

TARGET TIME: 1300B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG 21,000 ft), (484th BG - 22,000 ft), (461st BG 23,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 451st BG - 785 ft. 484th BG and 461st BG - 50 ft.

RALLY: 451st BG - Right avoiding flak at CAMARET. 484th BG and 461st BG - rally right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #3 to Turn Point #2 to Control Point to Turn Point #1 to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: TARASCON R.R. BRIDGE (43° 48'N, 04° 38'E). Axis of attack: 141° TC. Rally: right. IP: VZES (44° 01'N, 04° 25'E). Bombing altitude: (451st - 21,000), (484th - 22,000), 461st - 23,000). Area to be bombed: Center of Bridge at approximately G-10 on target chart 6-43-NA. Target elevation: 20 ft.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: ARLE R.R. BRIDGE (43° 41'N, 04° 37'E). Axis of attack: 155° TC. Rally: right. IP: VZES (44° 01'N, 04° 25'E). Bombing altitude: (451st - 21,000), (484th - 22,000), 461st - 23,000). Area to be bombed: Center of Bridge between L-15 and L-15/16. Target chart 6-133-NA. Target elevation: 15 ft.

3. a. 451st BG will load 500# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail.
- b. 461st BG will load 500# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail.
- c. 484th BG will load 500# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail.
- x. (1) All PFF "Stand Down".
- (2) Lead attack units of Gps load three cartons Window. Dispensing will begin two minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak at the rate of six units every 20 seconds.
- (3) Gps will fly at least 30 miles away from ROME onroute out and back.
- (4) Bombing will be done only on Primary or Alternate targets. If Primary or Alternate cannot be bombed Gps will return bombs to base.
- (5) Crews will be briefed that bombers needing to refuel in CORSICA will use BORGO and GHISONACCIA.
- (6) Air Sea Rescue control provides a launch and A/C patrols 20 miles northwest of Calvi.
- (7) Gps will be at bombing altitude at Turn Point #3 and Gps will go into a close left echelon at Turn Point #3.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Cartload"), (55th Wg, "Lacework"), (451st BG, "Brewer 1"), (461st BG, "Brewer 3"), (484th BG, "Brewer 2").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (5th Wg escort "Pusscat"), (55th Wg escort "Greenherd", (49th Wg escort "Encore").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Wolf"), (55th Wg, "Deer"), 49th Wg, "Comic"), (306th Wg, "Tavern").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Eaton.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Young.

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