

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

5 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 127)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Max effort Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack LE POUZIN OIL STORAGE and RR BRIDGE (44° 45'N, 04° 45'E) and PORTES LES VALENCE M/Y (44° 56'N, 04° 54'E); target time 1100B. Max effort Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack SUBMARINES and DRYDOCKS in TOULON HARBOR (43° 06'N, 05° 58'E); time at target 1300B. Max effort Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack ARLES RR BRIDGE (43° 41'N, 04° 38'E), TARASCON RR BRIDGE (43° 48'N, 04° 39'E), AVIGNON WEST RR BRIDGE (43° 50'N, 04° 47'E) and LE POUTET OIL STORAGE (43° 58'N, 04° 52'E); time at target 1200B. Max effort Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack LYON HERRIOT OIL STORAGE (45° 43'N, 04° 50'E), LYON VAISE OIL STORAGE (45° 47'N, 04° 49'E), GIVORS RHONE RR BRIDGE (45° 36'N, 04° 46'E) and ST. RAMBERT RR BRIDGE (45° 17'N, 04° 48'E); time at target 1130B. Fighters will dive bomb A/C on ORANGE PLAN DE DIEU (44° 11'N, 04° 55'E) and VALENCE/LA TRSORERIE A/Ds (44° 55'N, 04° 58'E).

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide target area cover for 5th, 55th and 304th Wgs and chaff dispensing A/C for 47th Wg.

2. Maximum effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack MIRAMAS M/Y (43° 35'N, 04° 59'E) on 6 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG and 451st BG will line rendezvous behind 484th BG when 484th BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 269° at 0857B.

Rendezvous altitudes: 8,000, 9,000, and 10,000 feet.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2).

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None. All Wgs going to Southern FRANCE are at 30 minute intervals in the following order: 5th, 304th, 55th, 49th, 47th.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Turn Point #1 to C.P. to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 Turn Point #4 to IP to Target.

CONTROL POINT: REVALLATA POINT (42° 35'N, 08° 42'E) 16,000 at 1101B.

TURN POINT #1: CAPE S. FELICE CIRCEO (45° 38'N, 12° 34'E).

TURN POINT #2: (43° 03'N, 04° 30'E).

TURN POINT #3: (43° 28'N, 04° 15'E).

TURN POINT #4: LAKE SCAWANTRE (43° 37'N, 04° 22'E).

TURN POINT #5: (42° 57'N, 05° 15'E).

INITIAL POINT: ARLES (43° 41'N, 04° 38'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 110° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional. Target Chart 6-22-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Between H-4 and K-4, Center of Impact: 484th - J/K-4;
461st - I/J-4; 451st - H/I-4.

TARGET TIME: 1230B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 484th - 22,000; 461 23,000; 451 - 24,000 .

TARGET ELEVATION: 150 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #5 to Turn Point #1 to bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE: LA VOULTZ RR BRIDGE (44° 48'N, 04° 47'E). Axis of attack:
336° TC. Rally: Optional. IP: BEGUDEDE (44° 33'N, 04°
57'E). Bombing altitude: 484 - 20,000; 461 - 21,000; 451 -
22,000. Area to be bombed: Center of impact at
approximately N-2. Target chart 6-52-NA. Target elevation:
300 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE: VAR RIVER BRIDGE (43° 40'N, 07° 12'E). Axis of attack:
145° TC. Rally: Slight right. IP: PUGET THENIERS (43° 58'N,
06° 54'E). Bombing altitude: 484 - 20,000; 461 - 21,000;
451 - 22,000. Area to be bombed: Center of impact E-11.
Target chart 6-77-NA. Target elevation: Sea level.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
(2) PF A/C will stand down or at the direction of the Gp CO, one
(1) PF A/C may be used for navigational purposes only.
(3) No window will be employed by 49th Wg. Only the 47th Wg is
using Window on this mission.
(4) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #2 and go into left
echelon at TP #2.
(5) Only specified repeat specified alternates may be bombed. No
targets of opportunity may be attacked. No bombs will be
jettisoned over FRENCH territory. Bombing by visual means only. Do
not bomb unless target is positively identified. Care will be
exercised to avoid dropping bombs on town of MIRAMAS.
(6) The Mediterranean Air Command-in-Chief has directed that every
bomber capable of participation in this attack will be airborne.
(7) CORSICA A/Ds will be used in emergency only. Every effort will
be made to land at home bases.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Headtop 1"), (47th Wg, "Headtop 2"),
(304th Wg, "Headtop 5"), (55th Wg, "Headtop 4"), (451st BG,
"Headtop 33"), (461st BG, "Headtop 32"), (484th BG, "Headtop
31").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: (5th Wg escort, "Pumpup"), (55th Wg escort,
"Daylong"), (304th Wg escort, "Mayflower").
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Hound"), (47th Wg,
"Leroy"), (304th Wg, "Proudfoot"), (55th Wg, "Tavern"), 49th Wg,
"Snob"), (306th Wg, "Feather").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Busch.
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