

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

11 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 133)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack GUN POSITIONS IN GENOA AREA (44° 23'N, 08° 58'E); time at Target 1100B to 1140B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack GUN POSITIONS IN MARSEILLES AREA (43° 18'N, 05° 23'E); time at Target 1135B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack GUN POSITIONS IN SETE AREA (43° 24'N, 03° 42'E); time at Target 1100B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack GUN POSITIONS IN MARSEILLES AREA (43° 18'N, 05° 23'E); time at Target 1110B. Eighth Air Force bomber now at 5th Wg bases will attack TOULOUSE/FRANCAZAL AIRDROME INSTALLATIONS and then return to their bases in ENGLAND.

(2) Escort: Seven Gps, 306th Wg, will provide Light Target cover for SETE, MARSEILLES, AND GENOA BOMBER FORMATION and will strafe Radar Stations. Eighth Air Force Bombers will use their own escort.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack GUN POSITIONS IN GENOA AREA (44° 23'N, 08° 58'E) on 12 August 1944. This is Plan "B".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: None.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Individual Gps in loose column.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG, 484th BG, 461st BG.

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

KEY POINT: LIDO (41° 44'N, 12° 16'E) Base altitude: 12,000 ft.

TURN POINT #1: CAPRAIA ISLAND (43° 03'N, 09° 50'E).

TURN POINT #2: CUNEO (44° 24'N, 07° 33'E).

TURN POINT #3: SALUZZO (44° 39'N, 07° 29'E).

TURN POINT #4: ASTI (44° 54'N, 08° 12'E).

INITIAL POINT: ACQUI (44° 41'N, 08° 28'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 451st - 154° TC. 484th - 175° TC. 461st - 179° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 451st - Gun positions on Grid Sheet 82 (GENOA) at Grid Coordinates 771481. 484th - Gun positions on Grid Sheet 82 (GENOA) at Grid Coordinates 643421. 461st - Gun positions on Grid Sheet 82 (GENOA) at Grid Coordinates 609424.

TARGET TIME: 451st - 1030B. 484th - 1040B. 461st - 1050B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Optional.

TARGET ELEVATION: 451st - Sea Level. 484th - Sea Level. 461st - 490 ft.
RALLY: Optional.
ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to bases.
ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .025 tail.
(2) PFF will Stand Down.
(3) Lead attack units of 484th BG and 461st BG will load two (2) cartons Window. Dispensing to begin at IP and continue until clear of flak at the rate of 4 units every twenty (20) seconds.
(4) Any convoys of ships encountered along route will be avoided.
(5) Only briefed targets will be bombed and will be bombed by visual means only.
(6) If primary target cannot be bombed, bombs will be returned to base.
4. No Change.
5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Goway 2"), (47th Wg, "Encore 1"), (304th Wg, "Encore 2"), (55th Wg, "Headtop"), (451st BG, "Goway 11"), (461st BG, "Goway 13"), (484th BG, "Goway 12").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: 5th Wg and 49th Wg escort will use "Coalman", 47th Wg and 304th Wg escort will use "Kiddies", 55th Wg escort will use "Surething".
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Hurricane"), (47th Wg, "Temple"), (304th Wg, "Whistle"), (55th Wg, "Portrait"), 49th Wg, "Orange"), (306th Wg, "Comic").
(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: Capt. Winski.

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