

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

12 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 134)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack GUN POSITIONS IN GENOA AREA (44° 23'N, 08° 58'E) and One Gp will attack PETCH (42° 39'N, 20° 18'E); target time 1335B to 1414B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack GUN POSITIONS IN THE TOULON AREA (43° 06'N, 05° 57'E); target time 1300B to 1330B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack GUN POSITIONS IN SETE AREA (43° 24'N, 03° 42'E); target time 1300B to 1310B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack AVIGNON RR BRIDGES (43° 56'N, 04° 47'E), CREST RR BRIDGE (44° 44'N, 05° 01'E), ORANGE RR BRIDGE (44° 09'N, 04° 48'E) and PONT ST. ESPRIT RR BRIDGE (44° 16'N, 04° 39'E); target time 1300B. Fighters will dive bomb A/C on VALENCE/LA TRESORERIE A/D (44° 55'N, 04° 58'E); target time 1245B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide cover for dive bombers and light general area cover for 47th, 55th and 304th Wgs. There will be no escort for 5th and 49th Wgs.

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 13 August 1944. This is Plan "D".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

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

WING FORMATION: Loose column of Gps.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Individual Gps in loose column.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #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° 30'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: 461 - 179 deg. TC. 451 - 154 deg TC. 484 - 175 deg. TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

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

TARGET TIME: 461 - 1300B; 451 - 1310B; 484 - 1320B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Optional.

TARGET ELEVATION: 461 - 490 ft.; 451 - Sea level; 484 - Sea level.

RALLY: Optional.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #1 to KP to bases.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .025 tail.
- (2) PFF Stand Down.
- (3) Lead attack units of 484th and 461st will load two (2) cartons of Window. Dispensing to begin at IP and continue until clear of flak at the rate of four (4) units every twenty (20) seconds.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Gway 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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