

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

14 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 136)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack BEACHES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE (43° 15'N, 06° 40'E); target time 0715B. One Gp will attack HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT VALENCE (44° 56'N, 04° 54'E); target time 1300B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack BEACHES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE (43° 20'N, 06° 40'E); target time 0705B to 0720B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack HIGHWAY BRIDGE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE (44° 16'N, 04° 39'E); target time 1300B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack BEACHES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE (43° 20'N, 06° 40'E) and (43° 24'N, 06° 51'E); target time 0710B to 0725B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide escort for 55th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 461st BG and 484th BG will attack BEACH 264A between U-565332 and U-585345. 451st BG will attack ROAD FROM BEACH 264A to TOWN OF FREJUS, U-561351 on 15 August 1944., This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will line rendezvous behind 461st BG over Bovino at 0932B. Altitudes at discretion of GP COs. No rendezvous for 451st BG. 451st BG will depart from base at 0940B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

WING FORMATION: 461st and 484th BG in one wave; 451st will be in 2nd wave.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Column of waves.

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

ROUTE OUT: BOVINO to Control Point to IP to Target.

CONTROL POINT: CAPE BIANCO (43° 00'N, 09° 20'E). 461st BG and 484th BG at 1127B. 451st BG at 1137B. Base altitude all Gps: 12,000 ft.

TURN POINT #1: LANTOSQUE (43° 58'N, 07° 19'E).

TURN POINT #2: ALCIOLO POINT (42° 41'N, 09° 03'E).

INITIAL POINT: (43° 10'N, 07° 05'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 315° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 461st BG - Right half of Beach, from water 300 yards inland. 484th BG - Left half of Beach, from water 300 yards inland.

TARGET TIME: 461st BG and 484th BG- 1210B. 451st BG - 1220B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 15,000 ft.); (484th BG - 16,000 ft.); (451st BG - 15,000 ft.).

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Base.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) There will be no PF bombing.
- (2) No targets of opportunity will be attacked.
- (3) No targets will be attacked unless positively identified.
- (4) No bombs will be jettisoned over land.
- (5) Briefing will be conducted with extraordinary care.
- (6) Group Commanders with sharpest crews available will lead all Groups.
- (7) IFF will be on at all times.
- (8) All pilots, navigators and bombardiers will set time pieces by extremely accurate time tick immediately prior to take off on the mission.
- (9) Due to the close proximity of friendly aircraft and surface craft in unprecedented quantities, gunners will not fire guns on this mission for practice or any other reason unless enemy A/C are engaged.
- (10) No bombs will be jettisoned in the sea between France and Italy. Bombs not dropped on the target will be returned to base or, if necessary, jettisoned in the Adriatic.
- (11) Lead attack units will load three cartons Window dispensing to begin thirty (30) seconds before IP at the rate of six units every twenty (20) seconds until thirty (30) seconds after bombs away. These beginning and stopping points will be rigidly observed as they have been carefully coordinated with friendly fighters and anti-aircraft control.
- (12) 461st BG and 484th BG will load 100# GP bombs clustered with instantaneous nose and non-delay tail fusing. 451st BG will load clustered 250# GP bombs with instantaneous nose and non-delay tail fusing.
- (13) 461st BG and 484th BG will carry propaganda leaflet bombs. 461st BG and 484th BG will substitute leaflet bombs for two clusters. Leaflet bombs will be dropped simultaneously with other bombs.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Mayflower"), (55th Wg, "Pixie"), (451st BG, "Mixtub 3"), (461st BG, "Mixtub 1"), (484th BG, "Mixtub 2").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: 55th Wg escort "Firtree".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Mortar"), (55th Wg, "Grease"), (49th Wg, "Lockjaw"), (306th Wg, "Comic").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Glantzberg.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Hoermann.

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