

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

17 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 257)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg will destroy PARKED A/C AND INSTALLATIONS ON AVIANO AIRDROME (46-02N, 12-36E); TIME AT TARGET 1100A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy PARKED A/C AND INSTALLATIONS ON UDINE AIRDROME (46-02N, 13-11E); time at KP 1105A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy PARKED A/C, INSTALLATIONS and POSTHOLE RUNWAY ON VICENZA AIRDROME (45-34N, 11-32E); time at KP 1002A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will conduct medium altitude sweep to hold the enemy fighters on the ground at AVIANO, UDINE AND VILLAFRANCA AIRDROMES and top target cover for all Wgs.

2. Maximum effort B-24s (all available A/C) each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack PARKED A/C ON VILLAFRANCA AIRDROME (45-23N, 10-51E) on 18 November 1944. This is Plan Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0757A until 0817A. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter and depart from BOVINO. 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, 461st BG and 484th BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: GORGONA (43-26N, 09-53E) Base altitude 18,000 ft at 0944A.

TURN POINT #1: LEVANTO (44-10N, 09-38E).

TURN POINT #2: S.PIETRO (45-19N, 12-19E).

TURN POINT #3: (44-00N, 13-10E).

INITIAL POINT: CARPENEDOLO (45-21N, 10-26E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 88°.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional, Minimum of 175 ft.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: See annotated photos.

TARGET TIME: 1100A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG- 24,000), (461st BG- 26,000), (484th BG- 25,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 190 ft.

RALLY: Sharp right South of BOUOLONE.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #2 to TP #3 to Bases.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None. Maribor

3. x. (1) All Gps load Clustered Frags.
(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into Left Echelon five
(5) minutes before IP.
(3) PFF A/C will lead for navigation only.
(4) Gps will strictly adhere to route back to avoid 5th Wg which
will be on route out.
(5) 55th Wg KP is S. DONA (45-38N, 12-34E).

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (47th Wg, "Shortbread"), (451st BG, "Butler
1"), (461st BG, "Butler 2"), (484th BG, "Butler 3"), (55th WG,
"Pixie"), (304th Wg, "Betty").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: "Sadler" with numbered suffixes in order
of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: "Mixtub 2".
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: 47th Wg, "Flatbush"), (49th
Wg, "Pingpong"), (55th Wg, "Frontier"), (304th Wg,
"Poorbred"), (15th Ftr Cmd "Convertible").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG
and 461st BG load four (4) cartons Windows (CHA-3). Dispensing
will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of
six (6) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak. All
A/C of 484th BG load two (2) carton Window CHA-3-(3). Dispensing
will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of
three (3) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Colonel Knapp.
(2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Moran.

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