

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

28 April 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 24)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack TOULON Munitions Factory; time at KP 1114B. Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack TOULON Harbor Installations; time at KP 1031B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack TOULON Harbor Installations; time at KP 1102B. Three Gps Composite Wg will attack TOULON Harbor; time at KP 1053B.

(2) Escort: Four (4) Gps Fighters will provide general target support over TOULON Harbor from 1130B to 1220B or until Bomber Formation has left the target. One Gp will sweep the route from IP and over target area five to ten minutes ahead of the 5th Wg. Each Gp will provide withdrawal cover for one Bomber Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 461st BG and 451st BG will attack TOULON Harbor on 29 April 1944. This is Plan "B".

ALTERNATE TARGET: VAR RIVER BRIDGE, Target #2 on Target Chart 6-2-NA; target elevation Sea Level (43 deg 40 min N, 07 deg 11 min E).

SECOND ALTERNATE: ANTHEOR VIADUCT at K-15/16 on Target Chart 6-131-NA; target elevation 7 ft. (43 deg 00 min N, 06 deg 10 min E).

THIRD ALTERNATE: RR Bridges at VENTIMIGLIA, I-15-on J/K-7/8 on Target Chart 4-103-NA; target elevation 10 ft. (43 deg 47 min N, 07 deg 21 min E).

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will line rendezvous with 461st over TORRETTO at 5,000 ft at 0836B on TC of 128 degrees. 55th Wg (460th BG) will line rendezvous with 49th Wg when 49th Wg flies over SPINAZZOLA at 5,000 ft. on a TC of 269 degrees at 0848B. Gps will establish a three (3) minute interval west of Key Point on route out.

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

WING FORMATION: Column of Gps stepped down.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Column of Wgs: 5th Wg lead-Composite Wg-47th Wg-304th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead-451st BG-460th BG with three (3) minute interval between Gps.

ROUTE OUT: Base to SPINAZZOLA to TP #1 to KP to TP #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: BUDVA (41 deg 52 min N, 08 deg 36 min E) Base altitude 15,000 ft at 1053B.

TURN POINT #1: PONZA ISLAND (40 deg 55 min N, 12 deg 58 min E).

TURN POINT #2: (42 deg 20 min N, 06 deg 10 min E).

INITIAL POINT: (42 deg 50 min N, 05 deg 45 min E).
INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 461st BG- 130 ft; 451st BG-90 ft.
AXIS OF ATTACK: 30 degrees TC.
AIMING POINT: Small boats under construction at M/N-4/5 on Target Chart 6-101-NA. Aiming point both Gps M-4.
TARGET TIME: (461st BG- 1148B) (451st BG- 1151B) (460th BG- 1154B).
BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 23,500 ft).
(451st BG - 22,500 ft).
(460th BG - 21,500 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.
RALLY: Right off Target.
ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #1 to Base.

3. x. (1) Lead attack units of Gps will load four (4) cartons Window in each A/C. Dispensing begins two (2) minutes before IP and will continue until clear of Flak.
(2) Two Gps load 1000# GPs, fused .1 sec nose and .01 tail fusing.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: 6440 Kc.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Roastlamb 1"), 461st BG, "Roastlamb 21"), 451st BG, "Roastlamb 22"), (55th Wg, "Roastlamb 3"), (47th Wg, "Roastlamb 4"), (304th Wg, "Roastlamb 5").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: 306th Wg Gps will be "Tankstop 1, 2, 3 and 4" in order of interception.
(4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORDS: (5th Wg, "Riot"), 47th Wg, "Rusty"), (49th Wg, "Remedy"), 55th Wg, "Pepper"), 304th Wg, "Lovebird"), 306th Wg, "Dandy").
(5) VHF Channel: "B".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg. Red-Red flare will be used. Red-Red flare for abandoning Primary and on starting run on alternate.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg. 460th BG Amber Letter "G".

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Colonel HAWES.

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