

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

10 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 103)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
 - b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack BRESCIA M/Y (45° 33'N, 10° 13'E) and BRESCIA FIAT PLANT; time at KP 0945B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack OIL STORAGE at PORTO MARGHERA (45° 28'N, 12° 15'E); time at KP 0955B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack OIL STORAGE at TRIESTE (45° 38'N, 13° 46'E) and FIUME (45° 19'N, 14° 28'E); time at KP 1005B. 47th Wg and Azon Force stand down.
 - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for individual Wgs.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack SUBMARINES at TOULON (43° 06'N, 05° 59'E) on 11 July 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: THEOULE RR BRIDGES (43° 32'N, 06° 56'E). Axis of attack: 100° TC. Rally: Very sharp right. Bombing Altitude: 484th BG - 20,000; 451st BG - 21,000 ft; 461st BG - 22,000. Area to be bombed: Center of impact - L-8/9. Target Chart 6-85-NA. Target Elevation: Sea level.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: VAR RIVER BRIDGE (43° 40'N, 07° 12'E). Axis of attack: 110° TC. Rally: Right and then left. Bombing Altitude: 484th BG - 20,000; 451st BG - 21,000 ft; 461st BG - 22,000. Area to be bombed: All Gps center impact at E-11. Target Chart 6-77-NA. Target Elevation: 50 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0847B until 0907B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at CANDELA and depart from BOVINO making 1½ turns around rectangle. 484th will be at 5,000 ft; 451st BG at 6,000 ft; 461st - 7,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None for 49th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to TP #1 to TP #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: (42° 23' N, 08° 43' E). Base altitude 13,000 ft at 1115B.

TURN POINT #1: (42° 35' N, 05° 35' E).

TURN POINT #2: (42° 50' N, 05° 25' E).

INITIAL POINT: (43° 02' N, 05° 33' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 71° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

IINTERVALOMETER SETTING: Primary: 484th - 75 ft. 451st and 461st - 50 ft.

Optional for alternates.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: See Annotated photos.

TARGET TIME: 1226B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 22,000 ft).
(451st BG - 23,000 ft).
(461st BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea level.

RALLY: Sharp right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Key Point to Bases.

3. x. (1) Three Gps will load 500# GO, with .1 nose and .01 tail.
- (2) All Pathfinder A/C stand down.
- (3) Lead attack units of Gps load two (2) cartons Window.
Dispensing will begin two minutes before IP and continue at the rate of four (4) units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
- (4) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #2.
- (5) Gps will go into left echelon at TP #2.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Cartload"), (304th Wg, "Impish"), (55th Wg, "Pixie"), (451st BG, "Betty 2"), (461st BG, "Betty 3"), (484th BG, "Betty 1").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (5th Wg escort, "Thickrug"), (49th Wg escort, "Greenherd"), 55th Wg escort, "Trueman"), (304th Wg escort, "Bellbouy").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Hurricane"), (304th Wg, "Snob"), (55th Wg, "Thrill"), 49th Wg, "Venison"), 306th Wg, Leroy").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Colonel Keese.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Riddle.

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