

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

11 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 104)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy THEOULE SUR RR VIADUCT (43° 32'N, 06° 55'E) and VAR RIVER RR Bridge (43° 10'N, 07° 12'E); time at KP 1002B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy CENTRAL ONE THIRD NOMES M/Y (43° 49'N, 04° 22'E); time at KP 0952B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy MIRIMAS M/Y (43° 35'N, 05° 00'E); time at KP 1022B. 5th Wg stand down.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide adequate penetration, target and withdrawal cover for each Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack NIMES M/Y (43° 51'N, 04° 23'E) on 12 July 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: AVIGNON RHONE RIVER RR BRIDGE (43° 56'N, 04° 46'E). Axis of attack: 280° TC. Rally: Slight left around flak. Be careful not to interfere with other Wgs coming in. Area to be bombed: Tgt #1C on briefing chart 6-57-NA. Target Chart: 6-57-NA. Target Elevation: 50 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: TARAASCON RHONE RIVER RR BRIDGE (43° 48'N, 04° 39'E). Axis of attack: 140° TC. Rally: Right. Area to be bombed: Center at approximately G-10. Target Chart 5-43-NA. Target Elevation: 20 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: ARLES RHONE RIVER RR BRIDGES (43° 41'N, 04° 38'E). Axis of attack: 150° TC. Rally: Sharp right. Area to be bombed: Center between L-15 and 15/16. Target Chart 6-133-NA. Target Elevation: 15 ft.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will depart from BOVINO at 0755B on course to TP #1. 484th BG and 451st BG will rendezvous behind 461st in vicinity of BOVINO. "B" Channel will be used to facilitate rendezvous. 461st will be at 5,000 ft; 484th at 6,000 ft; 451st - 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: Column of Wgs - 49th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 47th Wg - 304th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Turn Point #1 to Key Point to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: POINT REVELLATA (42° 35' N, 08° 43' E). Base altitude 15,000 ft at 0942B.

TURN POINT #1: LIDO (41° 44' N, 12° 17' E).

TURN POINT #2: (45° 09' N, 06° 26' E).

TURN POINT #3: MIRABEAU (43° 43' N, 05° 39' E).

TURN POINT #4: (43° 00' N, 04° 40' E).

INITIAL POINT: (43° 55' N, 04° 45' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 252° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 6-121-NA.

IINTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: L/K-24 to M/N-19/20. Center of impact for all Gps L-22/23.

TARGET ELEVATION: 250 ft.

TARGET TIME: 1100B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: For all targets:
(461st BG - 20,000 ft).
(484th BG - 21,000 ft).
(451st BG - 22,000 ft).

RALLY: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #4 to Turn Point #1 to Base.

3. x. (1) All Pathfinder A/C stand down.
- (2) Each Gp will load 500# GPs with .1 nose fuse and mixed .01 and .025 tail fuse.
- (3) Care must be exercised to prevent undue bombing of civilian populous. Only specified alternates will be attacked.
- (4) Bombs will not be jettisoned over land.
- (5) No Window will be employed.
- (6) Do not fly over ROME.
- (7) Gps will be at bombing altitude before reaching TP #3 in order to determine an accurate wind.
- (8) Gps will go into right echelon at TP #3.
- (9) Gps will maintain assigned altitudes on bombing run.
- (10) Names of staging fields will be furnished later. Staging will be done only if necessary.
- (11) When the Wg Commander is flying with the 49th Bomb Wg in combat operations he will use call name "JERRY". This will be SOP and there will be no future reference to it.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (47th Wg, "Playfair"), (304th Wg, "Shortbread"), (55th Wg, "Bookclub"), (451st BG, "Clearsoup 3"), (461st BG, "Clearsoup 1"), (484th BG, "Clearsoup 2").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (Escort 47th Wg will be "Headtop (Escort 49th Wg will be "Somegirl"), (Escort 55th Wg will be "Pulpwood"), (Escort 304th Wg will be "Ringway").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (47th Wg, "Banker"), (304th Wg, "Whistle"), (55th Wg, "Ocean"), (49th Wg, "Crime"), (306th Wg, "Sailor").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Hawes.

(2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Tallant.

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