

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

24 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 86)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy SETE OIL STORAGE and M/Y (43° 24'N, 03° 41'E); time at KP 0841B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy TOULON SUBMARINE DRY DOCKS (43° 06'N, 05° 58'E); time at KP 0856B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy SETE OIL REFINERY (43° 24'N, 03° 41'E) and BALARUC OIL REFINERY (43° 26'N, 03° 36'E); time at KP 0856B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy AVIGNON WEST M/Y and BRIDGES in same area (43° 56'N, 04° 47'E); time at KP 0850B. Azon Force will destroy TARASCON RR BRIDGE (43° 48'N, 04° 40'E); time at KP 0858B.

(2) Escort: Six Gps fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 461st BG and 484th BG will attack AVIGNON EAST M/Y (43° 56'N, 04° 49'E). 451st BG will attack GERMAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE and REPEATER STATION at LE PONTET (43° 58'N, 04° 52'E) on 25 June 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: MIRAMAS M/Y (43° 35' N, 05° 00' E).

LAST RESORT TARGET: PORT DU BOUC OIL STORAGE AND REFINERY (43° 23' N, 05° 00' E).

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0622B until 0642B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Rendezvous altitudes 451-12,000 ft.; 461st - 13,000 ft.; 484th - 14,000 ft. 451st BG will enter rendezvous rectangle at BOVINO and Wg will depart from rectangle at BOVINO.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two columns of Wgs. Left column: 5th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 47th Wg -. Right column: 49th Wg lead - 304th Wg - Azon Force.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead - 461st BG - 484th 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: REVELLATA POINT (42° 35' N, 08° 42' E) Base altitude 17,000 ft at 0840B.

TURN POINT #1: LIDO (41° 44' N, 12° 16' E).

TURN POINT #2: CAPE LARDIER (43° 10' N, 06° 38' E).

TURN POINT #3: MIRABEAU (43° 42' N, 05° 39' E).

TURN POINT #4: LEVANT (43° 48' N, 05° 03' E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: AVIGNON: 310° TC; LE PONTET: 320° TC; 1st Alt: 140° TC. LRT: 330° TC.

AIMING POINT: AVIGNON: Optional on Target Chart 6-57-NA. LE PONTET: Target Chart 6-80-NA. 1st Alt: Target Chart 6-22-NA. LRT: Target Chart 6-106-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: AVIGNON: To cover: 484 - H/I-19; 461 - I-18. LE PONTET: 451 - K-10 and J/K-10/11. 1st Alt: 451 - N/M-5/4; 461 and 484 - I-5/4. LRT: 451 - H-6/7; 461 - G-10; 484 - G-13.

TARGET TIME: 0946B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Primary and LRT:

(451st BG - 20,000 ft).

(461st BG - 21,000 ft).

(484th BG - 22,000 ft).

1st Alternate:

(451st BG - 22,000 ft).

(461st BG - 23,000 ft).

(484th BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: AVIGNON: 50 ft. LE PONTET: 785 ft. 1st Alt: 50ft. LRT: 25 ft.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #3 to TP #4 to Key Point to TP #1 to Base.

3. x. (1) PF A/C will lead 451st BG and will be used as a navigational aid only. Bombing will be done by visual means only.
- (2) Three Gps will load 500# GP with .1 nose fuse and .025 tail fuse.
- (3) No bombs will be jettisoned over FRENCH territory. If neither the assigned PRIMARY or assigned ALTERNATES can be attacked by visual means, bombs will be returned to base. This point will be emphasized at briefing.
- (4) Do not fly over ROME.
- (5) No Window will be employed.
- (6) Only targets assigned to the Air Force for this mission will be attacked.
- (7) Axis of attack will be carefully followed in order to avoid most of flak.
- (8) Fly west of flak located at TP #2 on route in over coast.
- (9) After crossing mountains, Wg may descend to a better cruising altitude at the discretion of Combat Wing Commander.
- (10) The rally on MIRAMAS will be straight ahead with evasive action to rally point MARIGNANE (43° 37' N, 05° 12' E) and then south to clear flak area.
- (11) Rally left on Last Resort Target.
- (12) 461st BG and 484th BG will remain north of OFANTO RIVER on take off and assembly.
- (13) If bad weather is encountered at target, Gps will maintain Wg formation and hit one of the alternates as assigned.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Crawford 1"), (47th BG, "Shockproof"), (304th Wg, "Schoolroom 2"), (55th Wg, "Crawford 2"), (451st BG, "Schoolroom 11"), (461st BG, "Schoolroom 12"), (484th BG, "Schoolroom 13"), (Azon Force, "Sandsail").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort 5th Wg and 55th Wg will use "Mayflower". Escort 49th Wg and 304th Wg will use "Greenherd". Escort 47th Wg will use "Boulder". Escort Azon Force will use "Roosevelt".
- (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Grease"), (47th Wg, "Moretar"), (304th Wg, "Whistle"), (55th Wg, "Venison"), 49th Wg, "Thrill"), (306th Wg, "Banker").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wg Commander: Colonel Eaton.
- (2) Deputy Wg Commander: Capt. Kauerauf.

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