

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

16 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 47)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack PORTO SAN STEFANO and ORBETELLO MOLE; time at KP 1252B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack PIOMBINO Harbor, roads and M/Y; time at KP 1232B.
  - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide escort for three Wgs attacking West Coast of Italy and will conduct strafing attacks on GHEDI and VILLAFRANCO A/Ds.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG and will attack PORTO FERRAJO Harbor on 17 May 1944. This is Plan "D".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Dock Facilities, roads and railroads at SAN STEFANO.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451<sup>st</sup> BG over CASTELLUCIO on a TC of 247 degrees at 1140B. 484th BG will line rendezvous behind 461st BG when the 451st BG and 461st BG fly over BOVINO on a TC of 229 degrees at 1145B. 451st BG will be at 5,000 ft; 461st BG will be at 6,000 ft; 484th BG will be at 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). Additional information will be telephoned later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs, 55th Wg lead - 49th Wg - 47th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to TP #1 KP to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: PALMAROA (40 deg 58 min N, 12 deg 52 min E) Base altitude 12,000 ft at 1242B.

TURN POINT #1: Isle of Capri.

TURN POINT #2: (42 deg 10 min N, 09 deg 50 min E).

TURN POINT #3: (42 deg 50 min N, 09 deg 30 min E).

TURN POINT #4: CAPRAIA (43 deg 02 min N, 09 deg 50 min E).

TURN POINT #5: Island of MONTE CRISTO (42 deg 20 min N, 10 deg 23 min E).

INITIAL POINT: (43 deg 02 min N, 10 deg 04 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 140 degrees for both primary and alternate targets.

AIMING POINT: (Primary: 13-0/p on Target Chart 3-121-NA), (Alternate: 9-Q on Target Chart 4-218-NA).

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: (Primary: 451st BG - 100 ft; 461st BG - 110 ft; 484th BG - 110 ft.), (Alternate Target: 451st BG - 150 ft; 461st BG - 155 ft; 484th BG - 155 ft.).

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 20,000 ft).

(461st BG - 21,000 ft).

(484th BG - 22,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.

RALLY: Right off Target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #5 to KP to TP #1 to Base.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# GP, .1 sec nose fuse and mixed .01 and .025 tail fusing.

(2) Leading attack units of all Gps will load three (3) cartons of window. Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 Kcs.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (47th Wg, "Bookclub 3"), (55th Wg, "Bookclub 1"), (451st BG, "Bookclub 21"), (461st BG, "Bookclub 22"), (484th BG, "Bookclub 23").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: Fighter escort is ENCORE with suffix numbers in order of contact.

(5) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: 47th Wg, "Football"), (55th Wg, "History"), (49th Wg, "Fuel"), (306th Wg, "Market").

(4) VHF Channel "A".

(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. Yellow-yellow flare will be used on leveling off. Red-green will be used on starting descent. Red-yellow flare will be used on starting climb.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Colonel Eaton.

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