

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

25 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 56)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack LYONS RENISSIEUX M/Y; time at KP 1220B. 47th Wg, Same as Plan "B". Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack GIVORS and AMHERIEN M/Y; time at KP 1210B. 304th Wg, Same as Plan "B".

(2) Escort: Escort will be provided for all bombers except those attacking MONFALCONE. 49th Wg will rendezvous with escort at IP. Other Wgs attacking French M/Y will rendezvous with fighters at LA CALIFORNIA near CANNES. Same escort and fighter call signs as Plan "B".

2. Normal effort each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG, will attack and destroy CARNOULES M/Y on 25 May 1944. This is Plan "C".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: VAR River Bridge on Target Chart 6-2-NA.

LAST RESORT TARGET: None.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind the 451st BG over CASTELLUCCIO on a TC of 245 degrees at 0917B. 484th BG will line rendezvous behind 451st and 461st Gps over BOVINO on a TC of 270 degrees at 0922B. 451st BG will be at 5,000 ft; 461st BG will be at 6,000 ft; 484th at 7,000 ft or above overcast.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Column of Wgs, 49th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 5th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: CANARI (42 deg 50 min N, 09 deg 18 min E) at 1120B at 15,000 ft.

TURN POINT #1: SAN FELICE CICEREO (41 deg 14 min N, 13 deg 04 min E).

INITIAL POINT: I du LEVANT (43 deg 03 min N, 06 deg 30 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary - 315 deg TC; 1st Alternate - 135 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary: All Gps H/I-10/11 all on Target Chart 6-56-NA. 1st Alternate - 451st BG D-20, 461st and 484th I-19 on Target Chart 6-2-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 1212B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 18,000 ft).

(461st BG - 19,000 ft).

(484th BG - 20,000 ft).

Add 2,000 ft to all altitudes if attack is made on 1st

Alternate.

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary - 613 ft; 1st Alternate - 50 ft.

RALLY: Right.

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

3. x. (1) Bomb load same as for Plan "B".
 - (2) It is emphasized that every precaution must be taken to avoid needless casualties among civilians during attacks against French targets.
 - (a) The best lead bombardier will be used.
 - (b) No indiscriminate bombing will be condoned.
 - (c) Pathfinder bombing will not be used and all crews must be impressed with rigid air discipline.
 - (3) Radar counter measures will not be used.
 - (4) One Pathfinder A/C will lead the 451st BG to be used for navigational purposes only. All other Pathfinder A/C stand down.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 Kcs.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: Same as Plan "B".
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Same as Plan "B".
 - (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: Same as Plan "B".
 - (5) VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

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

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