

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

26 May 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 58)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack AVIGNON M/Y and Locomotive repair facilities; time at KP 1012B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack MARSEILLES M/Y; time at KP 1022B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack NIMES M/Y; time at KP 0952B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack MONTPELLIER-FREJORGIES A/D installation; time at KP 0942B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for the main force at the coast of France.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 461st BG, 484th BG, and 451st BG, will attack SALON A/D installations on 27 May 1944. This is Plan "A".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: ANTHEOR Viaduct.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: VAR River Bridges.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will line rendezvous behind the 461st BG over BOVINO on a TC of 258 degrees at 0721B. 451st BG will line rendezvous behind 484th when the 461st and 484th BG fly over BENEVENTO on a TC of 258 degrees at 0732B. 461st BG will be at 5,000 ft; 484th BG will be at 6,000 ft; 451st at 7,000 ft.

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: Column of Wgs, 304th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 49th Wg - 5th Wg - 47th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: CAPE ROUX (43 deg 27 min N, 06 deg 55 min E) Base altitude 20,000 ft at 1002B.

TURN POINT #1: NORTH of VOLTURNO RIVER (41 deg 02 min N, 13 deg 56 min E).

TURN POINT #2: PONZA ISLAND (40 deg 55 min N, 12 deg 58 min E).

TURN POINT #3: VOLX (43 deg 53 min N, 05 deg 50 min E).

TURN POINT #4: BARJOLS (43 deg 33 min N, 06 deg 00 min E).

INITIAL POINT: API (43 deg 52 min N, 05 deg 24 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: Primary - 217 deg TC; 1st Alternate - 210 deg TC. 2nd Alternate: 135 deg TC.

AIMING POINT: Primary: Optional on Target Chart 6-18-NA. 1st Alternate - on Target Chart 6-131-NA. 2nd Alternate - on Target Chart 6-2-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 1032B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: Primary - 194 ft; 1st Alternate - 50 ft. 2nd Alternate -  
50 ft.

RALLY: Left off Target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #4 to Turn Point #2 to Bases.

3. x. (1) Lead attack units will load three (3) cartons Window. Dispensing to begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.
  - (2) CORSICA Bases are available for refueling on return route.
  - (3) No bombs will be jettisoned in France.
  - (4) Three Gps load 500# GP with .1 sec nose fuse and mixed .01 and .025 tail fuse.
  - (5) One Pathfinder A/C will lead 461st BG and will be used as a navigational aid only. All other Pathfinder A/C stand down. If satisfactory visual bombing of M/Y, A/Ds, or alternate target cannot be obtained bombs will be returned to bases. Pathfinder and ETA bombing will not be used in France.
  - (6) All A/C landing in CORSICA will contact 205th Wing in order to notify 15th AF that they have landed in Corsica.
  - (7) If the Combat Wing Commander finds that he is ahead of schedule on route out, he will fly a dog-leg in order to hit KP and KP time.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 Kcs.
  - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Lacework 4"), (47th Wg, "Lacework 5"), (304th Wg, "Lacework 1"), (55th Wg, "Lacework 2"), (451st BG, "Lacework 33"), (461st BG, "Lacework 31"), (484th BG, "Lacework 32").
  - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will be "Playfair" with suffix numbers in order of interception.
  - (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "Looselip"), (47th Wg, "Kind"), (304th Wg, "Hotdog"), (55th Wg, "Holdtight"), (49th Wg, "Keeper"), 306th Wg, "Hotseat").
  - (5) VHF Channel: "A".
  - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

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

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