

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

10 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 195)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) BOMBERS: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy MESTRE M/Y (45° 29'N, 12° 14'E) and TREVISO M/Y (45° 40'N, 12° 15'E); target time 1000A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy VICENZA M/Y (45° 32'N, 11° 32'E) and PADUA M/Y (45° 25'N, 11° 52'E); target time 1030A. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy PIAVE S. DONA BRIDGE (45° 18'N, 12° 02'E) and PIAVE SUSEGANA BRIDGE (45° 49'N, 12° 15'E); target time 1130A. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy TAGLIAMENO-LATISANA R/R BRIDGE (45° 46'N, 12° 59'E) and TAGLIAMENTO CASARA BRIDGE (45° 58'N, 12° 54'E); target time 1000A.

(2) Escort: No Escort.

2. Normal (28 A/C per Gp) effort B-24s, each 451st BG, and 461st BG, and (21 A/C per Gp) for 484th BG will attack CASTELFRANCE VENETO M/Y (45° 40'N, 11° 56'E) on 10 October 1944. This is Plan "George".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0837A until 0900A. 451st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA, make 1½ turns and leave at BOVINO enroute to KP via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 8,000, 9,000, 10,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP (44° 40'N, 13° 30'E) to TP #1 to TP #2 to IP to target.

KEY POINT: (44° 40'N, 13° 30'E). Base altitude: 17,000 ft at 1017A.

TURN POINT #1: PORDENONE (45° 58'N, 12° 40'E).

TURN POINT #2: FARRA (46° 07'N, 12° 21'E).

INITIAL POINT: MIANE (45° 57'N, 12° 05'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 204° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: MPI - All Gps I-13 on Target Chart 4-128-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1100A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 50 ft.

RALLY: Slight left to RP PIOVE DI S. (45° 18'N, 12° 02'E).

ROUTE BACK: Target to RP to KP to Bases.

ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.
 - (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #1 and go into right echelon at TP #1.
 - (3) PFF A/C will lead for navigation only.
 - (4) On rally be carefu to avoid flak at VENICE and the area south of CHIOGGIA.
 - (5) Timing must be stressed to avoid collision with other Wgs in same area.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Bellbuoy 1"), (304th Wg, "Bellbuoy 4"), (451st BG, "Bellbuoy 32"), (461st BG, "Bellbuoy 31"), (484th BG, "Bellbuoy 33"), (55th Wg, "Bellbuoy 2"), (304th Wg, "Bellbuoy 6").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: No escort. WX Recon A/C: (Route out: "Tankstop 3"), (Route back: "Tankstop 4").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Abbott"), (47th Wg, "Dogface"), (49th Wg, "Panhandle"), (55th Wg, "Pickpocket"), (304th Wg, "Barfly").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

- (7) No Window will be employed.

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