

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

11 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 202)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BIVOUAC AREA (44° 27'N, 11° 22'E); Target time H Hour. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy STORAGE DEPOT AND BARRACKS (44° 31'N, 11° 19'E); Target time H Hour. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy AMMUNITION DUMP AND STORES DEPOT (44° 31'N, 11° 26'E); Target time H Hour plus 30 minutes. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy STORAGE DEPOT AND MUNITION FACTORY (44° 30'N, 11° 19'E); Target time H Hour plus 2:00.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide 8 A/C to drop Chaff for lead of each Bomb Wg. Then these 8 A/C will provide Target cover.

2. Maximum effort B-24s, (minimum 36 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG will attack VEHICLE WORKSHOPS, STORES DEPOT AND BARRACKS IN BOLOGNA AREA on 12 October 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from H Hour minus 1:34 until H Hour minus 1:14. 484th BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Lead Gp will enter rectangle at BOVINO and leave at BOVINO. Rendezvous altitudes: 6,000, 7,000, and 8,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Column of individual Wgs at thirty (30) minutes interval: 5th Wg - 55th Wg - 49th Wg - 47th Wg and 304th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: SESTRI (44° 17'N, 09° 23'E). Base Alt: 20,000 ft at H Hour plus 35 minutes.

TURN POINT #1: GORGONA (43° 26'N, 09° 54'E).

TURN POINT #2: (44° 20'N, 12° 40'E).

INITIAL POINT: CASTELFRANCO (44° 36'N, 11° 03'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: (451st BG 115°), (484th BG 115°), (461st BG 113°).

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: (451st - Barracks, Target #97 at 927475 on Sheet 87), (484th - Vehicle Work Shops, Target #1 at 918481 on Sheet 87), (461st - Stores Depot, Target #3 at 902503 on Sheet 87). All Gps also see Annotated Target Material.

TARGET TIME: H Hour plus 1:00.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 22,000 ft), (484th BG - 23,000 ft), (461st BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: (451st BG - 164 ft), (484th BG - 164 ft), (461st BG - 164 ft).

RALLY: For all Gps - left off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to RP VALLI DI COMACCHIO (44° 36'N, 12° 10'E) to TP #2 to Bases.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 100# Clustered GP fused .1 nose and non delay tail.
 - (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude five (5) minutes before IP and go into left Echelon five (5) minutes before IP.
 - (3) PFF A/C will lead for navigation only.
 - (4) Special care will be exercised to avoid flying over Friendly troops. Every effort will be made to insure proper target identification to avoid bombing of friendly troops.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Boulder"), (47th Wg, "Daylong"), (451st BG, "Scanty 1"), (484th BG, "Scanty 2"), (461st BG, "Scanty 3"), (55th Wg, "Pulpwood"), (304th Wg, "Moses").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Mayhill" with numbered suffizes in order of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: (Route out: "Pumpup 1"), (Route back: "Pumpup 2").
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Poorbred"), (47th Wg, "California"), (49th Wg, "Bootlegger"), (55th Wg, "Darkhorse"), (304th Wg, "Skipper"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Trumpet").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and lead attack unit of 461st BG load four (4) cartons Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six (6) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak. Lead attack unit of 484th BG load two (2) cartons Window (CHA-3-(3)). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of three (3) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Anderson.
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