

CO ATTN S-3 451, 461, 484

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OPERATIONS ORDER #155

1. A. SEE LATEST INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.

B. 5th, 47th, 55th, AND 304th WGS ARE ATTACKING TARGETS IN VIENNA AREA.

2. 36 B-24s EACH 461st BG, 451st BG, AND 484th BG WILL CONDUCT SUPPLY MISSION TO BRON A/D. LYON, FRANCE (L/M-13/14 ON BRCH 6-47-NA) ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1944. THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

WING FORMATION: LOOSE COLUMN OF WAVES ONE (1) HOUR APART

AIR FORCE FORMATION: NONE FOR 49th WG

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461 - 451 - 484.

ROUTE OUT: BASE TO LIDO DE ROMA (41° 44N, 12° 14'E) TO (42° 30N, 08° 45'E) TO (43° 00N, 05° 00'E) TO BRON A/D (45° 45N, 04° 55'E)

ROUTE BACK: RECIPROCAL OF ROUTE OUT.

3. AAA. 461st BG WILL SEND TWO WAVES OF EIGHTEEN (18) AIRCRAFT EACH, FIRST WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0600B. SECOND WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0700B.

BBB. 451<sup>st</sup> BG WILL SEND TWO WAVES OF EIGHTEEN (18) AIRCRAFT EACH, FIRST WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0800B. SECOND WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0900B.

CCC. 484<sup>th</sup> BG WILL SEND TWO WAVES OF EIGHTEEN (18) AIRCRAFT EACH, FIRST WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 1000B. SECOND WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 1100B.

XXX. (1) GPS WILL TAKE OUT BALL TURRETS, GUNS AND AMMUNITION IN WAIST AND TAIL TURRET POSITIONS.

(2) GPS WILL LOAD EACH AIRCRAFT WITH TWELVE (12) 500# G.P. BOMBS USFUSED WITH .1 NOSE AND .025 TAIL FUSINGS PACKED IN SEPARATE CONTAINER AND SLINGS TO UNLOAD BOMBS: ALSO A MINIMUM OF FOURTEEN (14) EMPTY GASOLINE DRUMS AND A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) BOXES OF BELTED 50 CALIBRE AMMUNITION.

(3) EACH AIRCRAFT WILL CARRY A PORTABLE REFUELING UNIT AND ON ARRIVAL WILL UNLOAD DRUMS AND FILL THEM WITH AS MUCH GASOLINE AS CAN BE SPARED FROM AIRCRAFT, ALLOWING ENOUGH GASOLINE TO REMAIN IN AIRCRAFT FOR RETURN TRIP.

(4) GO COMMANDERS WILL LEAD ALL GPS.

(5) AIRCRAFT WILL CARRY COMPLETE COMBAT CREWS IN ORDER TO AID IN THE UNLOADING AND TRANSFER OF GAS. NO OUTSIDE HELP MAY BE EXPECTED.

(6) ON ARRIVAL AT BRON A/D, AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS WILL EXPEDITE THE UNLOADING OF BOMBS AND AMMUNITION AND PUMP AS MUCH GASOLINE AS POSSIBLE INTO EMPTY DRUMS AND THEN TAKE OFF INDIVIDUALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR RETURN TO BASE.

(7) BRON A/D CONTROL TOWER MAY BE CONTACTED ON CHANNEL CHARLIE.

(8) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL PERSONNEL TAKE BEDDING ROLLS, MESS KITS AND WARM CLOTHES FOR COOL CLIMATE IN THAT AREA.

(9) IF POSSIBLE, EXTRA 50 CALIBRE BELTED AMMUNITION WILL BE LOADED WITHIN SAFE LOAD LIMITS.

(10) AIRCRAFT OF EACH WAVE WILL TAKE OFF AT ONE (1) MINUTE INTERVALS AND FLY IN TRAIL.

(11) CRUISING ALTITUDE WILL BE 9000 FEET AND SOP INDICATED AIRSPEED OF 160 MPH WILL BE USED.

(12) ALL CREWS WILL CARRY LUNCHES.

(13) BRON RUNWAY IS 3500 FEET OF CEMENT AND 2500 FEET OF GRAVEL. IT IS RECOMMENDED AIRCRAFT BE BRAKED AND SPEED KILLED ON CEMENT, SO NO SLIPPING WILL OCCUR ON GRAVEL.

(14) AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS MUST BE INSTRUCTED TO GO WEST OF MARSEILLES AND FOLLOW BRIEFED ROUTE OUT EXACTLY.

(15) AIRCRAFT THAT CANNOT RETURN TO BASES BEFORE DARK WILL ROLL IN S. FRANCE.

(16) BOMBS WILL NOT BE UNLOADED ON GROUND BY TOGGING. SLINGS WILL BE USED TO UNLOAD ALL BOMBS.

4. NO CHANGE

5. A. (1) COMMAND RADIO: SOP

(2) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: MOONGLOW.

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(4) VISUAL SIGNALS: SOP

(5) ALDIS LAMP: SOP

B. (1) COMBAT WING COMMANDER: COLONEL GLANTZBERG.

(2) DEPUTY COMBAT WING COMMANDER: MAJOR WORD.

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