

CO ATTN S-3 451, 461, 484

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OPERATIONS ORDER #157

1. A. SEE LATEST INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.

B. (1) BOMBERS: 5th, 47th, 55th, AND 304th WGS ARE ATTACKING TARGETS IN MUNICH AREA.

(2) ESCORT: NONE FOR 49TH WG

2. EIGHTEEN (18) B-24s EACH 451st BG, 461st BG, AND 484th BG WILL CONDUCT SUPPLY MISSION TO BRON A/D. LYON, FRANCE (L/M-13/14 ON BRCH 6-47-NA) ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1944. ALL AIRCRAFT WILL UNLOAD AT LYON AND THEN PROCEED TO ISTRES LE TUBE A/D (43° 32N, 04° 57'E) WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN FOR EXTENDED SUPPLY OPERATIONS IN S. FRANCE. THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

WING FORMATION: LOOSE COLUMN OF 9 SHIP WAVES FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES APART.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: NONE FOR 49th WG.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451ST BG - 461ST BG - 484ST BG.

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) THENCE TO ISTRES LE TUBE A/D (43° 32N, 04° 57'E)

ROUTE BACK: RECIPROCAL OF ROUTE OUT.

3. AAA 451st BG WILL SEND TWO WAVES OF NINE (9) A/C EACH, FIRST WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0600B. SECOND WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 00615B.

BBB 461st BG WILL SEND TWO WAVES OF NINE (9) A/C EACH, FIRST WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0630B. SECOND WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0645B.

CCC 484th BG WILL SEND TWO WAVES OF NINE (9) A/C EACH, FIRST WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0700B. SECOND WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0715B.

XXX (1) EIGHTEEN (18) A/C EACH OF 461ST BG AND 484TH BG WILL INSTALL BOMB BAY TANKS, FILL THEM WITH 100 OCTANE GASOLINE AND IN ADDITION LOAD ONE (1) FULL DRUM OF 120 GRADE OIL, 16-18 EMPTY GASOLINE DRUMS AND A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) BOXES OF 50 CALIBRE BELTED AMMO.

(2) 451ST BG WILL INSTALL BOMB BAY TANKS, FILL THEM WITH 100 OCTANE GASOLINE LOAD ONE (1) FULL DRUM OF 120 GRADE OIL, 16-18 EMPTY GASOLINE DRUMS AND A MINIMUM OF TWO BOXES OF 50 CALIBRE BELTED AMMO IN ELEVEN (11) A/C. FOUR (4) A/C WILL LOAD 50 CALIBRE BELTED AMMO TO MAXIMUM CAPACITY WITH AS MANY EMPTY GASOLINE DRUMS AS POSSIBLE THROWN IN. ONE (1) AIRCRAFT WILL LOAD 500 GALS. OF SAE 30 OIL, IN 5 GALLON CANS. ONE (1) AIRCRAFT WILL LOAD 200 GALS. SAE 30 AND 300 GAL OF SAE 90 OIL, ALL IN 5 GAL. CANS. ONE A/C (1) A/C WILL LOAD 250 LBS OF AUTOMOTIVE PUMP GREASE AND 500 LBS OF 20107 GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE. ALL A/C CARRYING OIL AND GREASE WILL LOAD IN AS MANY EMPTY GASOLINE DRUMS AS POSSIBLE.

(3) EACH A/C WILL CARRY A PORTABLE REFUELING UNIT AND ON ARRIVAL WILL UNLOAD EMPTY DRUMS AND FILL THEM WITH GAS FROM BOMB BAY TANKS AS WELL AS GAS THAT CAN BE SPARED FROM MAIN FUEL SYSTEM, BEARING IN MIND THAT A/C ARE NOT RETURNING TO BASES IN ITALY, BUT ARE MAKING ONLY SHORT HOP TO VICINITY OF MARSEILLES AFTER LEAVING BRON A/D.

(4) A/C WILL CARRY COMPLETE COMBAT CREWS IN ORDER TO AID IN THE UNLOADING AND TRANSFER OF GASOLINE. NO OUTSIDE HELP MAY BE EXPECTED.

(5) ON ARRIVAL AT BRON A/D, A/C COMMANDERS WILL EXPIDITE THE UNLOADING AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO TAKE OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(6) BRON A/D CONTROL TOWER MAY BE CONTACTED ON CHANNEL CHARLIE. ISTRES LE TUBE A/D CONTROL TOWER MAY BE CONTACTED ON CHANNEL CHARLIE.

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

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

(9) A/C COMMANDERS MUST BE INSTRUCTED TO GO WEST OF MARSEILLES. FOLLOW BRIEFED ROUTE EXACTLY.

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

(11) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL PERSONNEL CARRY BEDDING ROLLS, MESS KITS, PERSONAL ITEMS, AND CLOTHES SUFFICIENT FOR STOPOVER OF 10 DAYS IN S. FRANCE, AND RATIONS FOR FOUR (4) MEALS.

(12) IT IS INTENDED THAT EACH GP WILL KEEP EIGHTEEN (18) A/C OPERATING OUT OF S. FRANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS. REMAINING A/C IN EACH GP WILL STAND BY FOR POSSIBLE SUPPLY MISSIONS AND WILL CONDUCT MAXIMUM TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE.

(13) AIRFIELDS IN CORSICA WILL BE USED ONLY RPT ON IN CASES OF EMERGENCY.

4. NO CHANGE
5. RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: CATWALK.

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