

CO ATTN S-3 451, 461, 484 BGs (Attention S-3); CG XVAF (Attention A-3)

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OPERATIONS ORDER #158

1. A. SEE LATEST INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.

B. (1) BOMBERS: BOMBERS: SIX GPS B-17s 5TH WG WILL DESTROY BLECHHAMMER NORTH OIL REFINERY; FOUR GPS B-24s 47TH WG WILL DESTROY AVISIO VISDUCT, ORA RIVER R/R BRIDGE AND MEZZOCORONA R/R BRIDGE ALL IN NORTH ITALY. FOUR GPS B-24s 55TH WG WILL DESTROY OSWEICEM OIL REFINERY. FOUR GPS B-24s 304TH WG WILL DESTROY ODERTAL OIL REFINERY.

(2) ESCORT: NONE FOR THE 49TH WG.

2. EIGHTEEN (18) B-24s EACH 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG WILL CONDUCT SUPPLY MISSION TO BRON A/D. LYON, FRANCE (L/M-13/14 ON BRCH 6-47-NA) ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1944. ALL AIRCRAFT WILL UNLOAD AT LYON AND THEN PROCEED BACK TO BASE. 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: 484ST BG - 451ST BG - 461ST 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 484TH BG WILL SEND TWO (2) WAVES OF NINE (9) A/C EACH, FIRST WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 0600B. SECOND WAVE TO TAKE OFF AT 00615B.

BBB 451ST 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 461ST 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) 484TH BG: EIGHTEEN A/C EQUIPPED WITH BOMB BAY TANKS TO CARRY 100 OCTANE GASOLINE. NINE OF THE EIGHTEEN WILL CARRY SEVENTEEN (17) EMPTY DRUMS AND ONE DRUM OF 1120 OIL, THE REMAINING NINE

(9) WILL CARRY SIXTEEN EMPTY DRUMS AND TWO DRUMS OF 1120 OIL. ALL A/C WILL CARY ONE (1) PORTABLE REFUELING UNIT. EIGHT HUNDRED GALLONS OF 100 OCTANE GASOLINE WILL BE PUMPED OUT OF THE BOMB BAY TANKS AND 700 GALLONS OUT OF THE WING TANKS AT DESTINATION.

451ST BG: TEN (10) AIRPLANES TO CARRY TEN 500# GP BOMBS, ONE DRUM OF 1120 OIL, SEVENTEEN EMPTY DRUMS, AND ONE PORTABLE REFUELING UNIT. SEVEN HUNDRED GALLONS OF 100 OCTANE GASOLINE WILL BE PUMPED OUT OF THE WING TANKS AT DESTINATION. EIGHT (8) AIRPLANES TO CARRY 100 OCTANE GASOLINE IN BOMB BAY TANKS. FOUR OF THE EIGHT TO CARRY SEVENTEEN EMPTY DRUMS AND ONE DRUM OF 1120 OIL, THE REMAINING FOUR TO CARRY SIXTEEN (16) EMPTY DRUMS AND TWO DRUMS OF 1120 OIL. ALL EIGHT AIRPLANES WILL CARRY ONE PORTABLE REFUELING UNIT. EIGHT HUNDRED GALLONS OF 100 OCTANE GASOLINE WILL BE PUMPED OUT OF THE BOMB BAY TANKS AND 700 GALLONS OUT OF THE WING TANKS AT DESTINATION.

461ST BG: SAME AS FOR 484TH BG.

(2) ALL GROUPS WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) AIRCRAFT EACH EQUIPPED WITH BOMB BAY TANKS BY 0600 HOURS 13 SEPTEMBER 1944.

(3) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: TO BE FURNISHED LATER BY TELEPHONE.

(4) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS SAME AS IN OPERATIONS ORDER FOR 11 AND 12 SEPTEMBER 1944.

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