

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

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OPERATIONS ORDER #161

1. A. See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

B. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s 5th Wg will destroy MEZZOCORONA RR Bridge, ADICE/ORA RR BRIDGE, and AVISO VIADUCT. B-24s 47th Wg will conduct operations freedom as planned. Four Gps B-24s 55th Wg will have same target as 5th Wg. Four Gps B-24s 304th Wg same target as 5th Wg.

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

2. 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 16 September 1944. This is Plan "A".

WING FORMATION: Loose column of 9 A/C waves 15 minutes apart.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None for the 49th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to LIDO DI 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 9 A/C each. First wave to take off at 0615B. Second wave to take off at 0630B.

BBB 461st BG will send two waves of 9 A/C each. First wave to take off at 0645B. Second wave to take off at 0700B.

CCC 484th BG will send two waves of 9 A/C each. First wave to take off at 0715B. Second wave to take off at 00730B.

XXX (1) Loading of A/C of all Gps will be as stated in teletype from the Hqs: SUBJECT: Schedule of Supplies to be shipped to France on 16 September 1944 except for the following change. Each A/C carrying bombs will in addition load fir crates for each bomb.

- (2) Recall Identification codeword: ABBOTT.
- (3) Decision to execute or not execute this plan will be rendered at 2400B.
- (4) General Instructions same as in Operations Order for 11 and 12 September 1944.

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