

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

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OPERATIONS ORDER #165

1. A. See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

B. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s 5th Wg will attack STEYER-DIAMLER PUNCH AND STEYWAFFEN WALZLAGER WERK TANK WORKS. Four B-24s 47th Wg will attack ST. VALENTINE TANK WKS. Four Gps B-24s 55th Wg will attack LETTON BB PLANT NEAR STEYR and BOGLER WERK FACTORY AT WAIDHOFFEN. Four Gps B-24s 304th Wg will frag A/C and destroy INSTALLATIONS ON HORSCHING A/D.

(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 22 September 1944. All A/C will unload at Lyon. 451st BG and 461st BG will proceed back to base. The 484th BG will proceed to ISTRES LE TUBE A/D for future operations. This is Plan Able.

WING FORMATION: Loose column of 9 ship waves 15 minutes apart.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None for the 49th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG - 451st 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 461st BG will send two waves of 9 A/C each. First wave to take off at 0515B. Second wave to take off at 0530B.

BBB 451st BG will send two waves of 9 A/C each. First wave to take off at 0545B. Second wave to take off at 0600B.

CCC 484th BG will send two waves of 9 A/C each. First wave to take off at 0615B. Second wave to take off at 0630B.

XXX (1) Loading of A/C of all Gps will be same as that for 17 September 1944. Each A/C carrying bombs will in addition load fir crates for each bomb.

(2) Recall Identification codeword: To be furnished later.

(3) Decision to execute or not execute this plan will be rendered at 2400A.

(4) General Instructions same as in Operations Order for 11 and 12 September 1944.

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