

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
APO 520 U S ARMY

23 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 166)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: Three Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy a/c parked on ATHENS/ELEUSIS A/D (38° 03'N, 23° 33'E); target time 1230A. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy SALONIKA M/Y (40° 35'N, 23° 00'E) West of Town and SUBMARINE located in SCARAMANGA HARBOR (38° 01'N, 23° 35'E); target time 1115A. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy parked a/c on ATHENS/TATOI A/D (38° 07'N, 23° 48'E); target time 1200A. 5th Wg Stand Down.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide cover over ATHENS A/Ds 45 minutes preceding bomber formation attack to prevent enemy a/c being airborne and conduct fighter sweep from SALONIDA to ATHENS arriving SALONIKA 5 minutes prior to bomber attack.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG will destroy A/C PARKED ON ATHENS/ELEUSIS A/D (38° 03'N, 23° 33'E) and 484th BG will conduct supply mission from southern FRANCE. This is plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG when 451st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 74° at 1040A. Rendezvous altitudes: 7,000 and 8,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). To be furnished later by telephone.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: None.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to TP #1 to KP to TP #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: LAKE VULTRINTES (39° 47'N, 20° 02'E) Base altitude: 18,000 ft at 1201A.

TURN POINT #1: (41° 30'N, 16° 30'E).

TURN POINT #2: LIKHA (38° 51'N, 22° 52'E).

INITIAL POINT: SKHIMATARION (38° 21'N, 23° 36'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 185° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: See annotated photos.

TARGET TIME: 1300A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 22,000), (461st BG - 23,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 55 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to KP to Bases.

3. x. (1) 451st BG and 461st BG will load 100# GP clustered with instantaneous fusing.

- (2) PFF A/C will lead for navigational purposes only.
- (3) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #2.
- (4) Carpet will be used by 451st BG and lead attack units of 451st BG and 461st BG will load 2 cartons window. Dispensing will begin 2 minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak at rate of 6 units every 20 seconds.
- (5) No unassigned targets in GREECE or ALBANIA will be attacked. No bombs will be jettisoned over land areas.
- (6) Weather A/C will proceed bomber effort as described in recent letter from this Hqs.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (47th Wg, "Ringway"), (304th Wg, "Shockproof"), (55th Wg, "Rubbish"), (451st BG, "Mayflower 1"), (461st BG, "Mayflower 2").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: (Escort will use FLYWHEEL with numbered suffixes in order of contact.
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (47th Wg, "Flatbush"), (304th Wg, "Pooltable"), (55th Wg, "Rotation"), (49th Wg, "Snakebite"), (15th F. Comm., "Sailfish").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Younkin.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Knapp.

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