

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

24 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 167)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: 5th Wg, 47th Wg, 55th Wg and 304th Wg will stand down. One Gp P-38s will dive bomb same targets assigned 49th Wg; target time 1300A.
  - (2) Escort: None.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG will attack SUBMARINES IN ATHENS AREA as pinpointed by fighter search unit and 484<sup>th</sup> BG will conduct supply mission from SOUTHERN FRANCE on 25 September 1944. This is Plan Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG when 451st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 74° at 1112A. Rendezvous altitudes: 7,000 and 8,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

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 1232A.

TURN POINT #1: (41° 30'N, 16° 30'E).

TURN POINT #2: CAPE KINION (38° 45'N, 23° 03'E).

INITIAL POINT: CAPE KINION for AREA #4 or THIVE (38° 19'N, 23° 19'E) for AREA 1, 2, or 3.

AXIS OF ATTACK: Areas #1 - 164°; #2 - 145°; #3 - 147°; #4 - 123°.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: The four probable targets to be attacked will be submarines located in four areas. Area #1: SALAMIS HARBOR; Area #2: SCARMANGA HARBOR; Area #3: PIRAEUS HARBOR; Area #4: KAHLKIS STRAITS. Target Chart: See annotated prints.

TARGET TIME: 1330A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.

RALLY: Right to 210°.

ROUTE BACK: Target to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: HARBOR INSTALLATIONS AT SALAMIS AND SCARMANGA.

3. x. (1) 451st BG and 461st BG load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
  - (2) PFF A/C will lead for navigational purposes only.

(3) 451st BG will use carpet and lead attack units of 451st and 461st BGs load 3 cartons window. Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 6 units every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

(4) The proximity of buildings marked with hospital crosses to probable mooring point of cargo submarines in KAHLKIS STRAITS will necessitate caution on the part of attacking crews. This point will not be bombed unless presence of Submarine is absolutely certain.

(5) No unassigned targets in GREECE or ALBANIA will be bombed.

(6) A fighter search unit will precede the Bomber Formation and report on VHF Channel "A" the pinpoint location of submarines. This report will be given 20 minutes before target time. If only one target is to be attack the combat Wg commander will pass this information to the other Gp. If more than one target is to be attacked, combat Wg Commander will make target assignment on VHF Channel "B". Gp leaders will notify box leaders of target assignment over Gp command frequencies. After target information is received from the search unit Gps will continue on to TP #2 and from there to target. The search unit will designate targets by area number and pinpoint targets within the areas by use of special grid charts.

(7) There will be no weather A/C reporting route weather.

(8) Under no circumstances will any ships or submarines be attacked outside of the assigned Harbors and Straits.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (Dive Bombers, "Daylong"), (Search Unit, "Firtree"), (451st BG, "Pusscat 1"), (461st BG, "Pusscat 2").

(3) Recall Identification Codeword: (49th Wg, "Panhandle"), (15th PFC, "Pickpocket").

(4) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".

(5) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Wilson.

(2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Janensch.

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