

26 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER # 306  
WEATHER ANNEX.

SYNOPTIC SITUATION: 0600Z.

Ridge of high pressure from Azores high to Russia weakening slightly and tending to separate into cells over North Sea and southeast Balkans. Series of minor surface lows moving east through deep upper trough over Mediterranean. These lows will continue to pass south of Sicily.

FORECAST:

BASE: Sky: 5-7/10 low clouds, base 2500' ISL, tops not above 4500' ISL. Broken cirrus above 15,000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: 15 miles or better in light haze.

Upper Data: 5000' 080 deg. 15 kts. minus 06 C.  
10000' 090 deg. 10 kts. minus 12 C.  
15000' Light, variable. minus 23 C.

ROUTE: Sky: all clouds decreasing along route to Yugoslav coast, with cirrus continuing to decrease to nil over north Yugoslavia. Over Yugoslav mountains 8-10/10 stratus and fog, tops 7,000'. Over northern Yugoslavia these clouds will decrease to 5-7/10.

Air-Ground Visibility: 10-15 miles in fog, haze, and snow glare.

Upper Data: 10000' 090 deg. 10 kts. minus 12 C.  
15000' 090 deg. 15 kts. minus 23 C.  
20000' 090 deg. 20 kts. minus 34 C.

TARGET: Sky: 6-7/10 low clouds, tops 6,000' over hills just west of target, decreasing to 3-4/10 to east of target.

Air-Ground visibility: 10-15 miles in haze and snow glare.

Surface Wind: Southeast at 05 mph.

Upper Data: 15000' 090 deg. 15 kts. minus 23 C.  
20000' 090 deg. 20 kts. minus 34 C.  
25000' 090 deg. 27 kts. minus 45 C.

RETURN: Same as route out. 3-5/10 cumulus, base 4000' ISL, over bases on return.

ALTERNATE FIELDS: All areas will remain open. Cerignola best.

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