

1 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER # 268  
WEATHER ANNEX.

SYNOPTIC SITUATION 0600Z. Elongated high over Europe with cold air at surface and warmer air aloft. Shallow low over Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas. Russian high very strong with corresponding deep low off Iceland. Azores high has ridge aloft over W. Europe.

FORECAST:

BASE: Sky: 8/10-10/10 low cloud, base 1200' MSL with top of overcast at 7000' and 5-7/10 broken cloud immediately above the low deck with tops to 13,000'. 3-4/10 cirrus, base 18,000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: 0-2 miles in fog and haze.

Upper Data: 5000' 050 deg. 10 kts. plus 01 C.  
10000' 040 deg. 10 kts. minus 06 C.  
15000' 020 deg. 15 kts. minus: 16 C.

ROUTE: Sky: Base conditions breaking to 6-8/10 low cloud, base 2500' MSL, tops to 15,000' over east Italy and Adriatic. Dalmatian coast and east Adriatic nearly clear. Yugoslavia and Hungary 8-10/10 low clouds, tops 12,000'. Czechoslovakia and S. Poland 7-9/10 stratocumulus, tops 10,000'. Cirrus at 16,000' over base dissipating to scattered over Yugoslavia, becoming 6-8/10 over N. Czechoslovakia, base 26,000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: 4-6 miles in fog and haze.

Upper Data: 10000' 040 deg. 15 kts. minus 06 C.  
15000' 030 deg. 10 kts. minus 16 C.  
20000' 330 deg. 15 kts. minus 26 C.

TARGET: Sky: 7-9/10 stratocumulus, tops 10,000', with few middle clouds at 13,000'. 7-9/10 cirrus, base 26,000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: 6-10 miles in haze.

Surface Wind: Southwest at 04-07 mph.

Upper Data: 15000' 350 deg. 15 kts. minus 17 C.  
20000' 330 deg. 15 kts. minus 27 C.  
25000' 320 deg. 20 kts. minus 37 C.

RETURN: Similar to route out with slightly improved visibility on route. Bases as at takeoff.

ALTERNATE FIELDS: Best alternates in San Severo and Cerignola areas.

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