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NEPTUNE BIGOT

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SIXTY FIRST TROOP CARRIER GROUP
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 133, U. S. Army,
6 June, 1944.

FIELD ORDER)
NUMBER 2)

OPERATION - NEPTUNE.

MAPS: No change.

REFERENCES: No change.

1. No change. Any additional intelligence information will be forwarded immediately.

2. The 61st T C Gp will resupply by parachute, elements of 82nd Airborne Division on DZ "N", D plus 1 day at 0611 B hours.

a. ROUTES: Command corridors will be adhered to. Route out will be ATLANTA - CLEVELAND - ELKO - FLATBUSH - GALLUP - SPOKANE - (No post) - PADUCAH - DZ "N" - RIGHT OR LEFT 180 DEGREE TURN AND RECIPROCAL ROUTE BACK TO HOME BASES.

b. Wing Assembly Point: ATLANTA 1500' MSL.

c. Command Assembly Point: ELKO 1500' MSL.

d. Command Departure Point: FLATBUSH 1000' MSL.

e. ALTITUDES:

- (1) FLATBUSH to DZ - 500' MSL.
- (2) Drop Zone - 500' MSL.
- (3) DZ to GALLUP - below 500' MSL.
- (4) Upon reaching GALLUP formations will start climbing to 3000' MSL and maintain that altitude to home bases.

f. Command decision to postpone, cancel or alter the mission may be announced at any time prior to DZ time.

3. The 61st T C Gp will transport serial 38 to DZ "N" in the following order:

Squadron	Chalk Number
53rd T.C.	1 - 14
59th T.C.	15 - 26
15th T.C.	27 - 40
14th T.C.	41 - 52.

X. (1) Each aircraft will carry twelve (12) bundles, six (6) bundles inside the ship and six (6) bundles in parachutes. 717 aircraft will carry only six (6) bundles inside the ship.

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- (2) Load manifests will be completely filled in and will include - name, rank and serial number of all crew members and passengers on board, and will be collected and held in Group Operations Office.
- (3) Schedules for this operation have been based on indicated air speeds as follows:
 - (a) Aircraft enroute - - - - - 140 MPH
 - (b) Returning aircraft - - - - - 150 MPH
 - (c) Drop speed - - - - - 120 MPH
 - (d) Serials will be spaced six (6) minutes head to head.
- (4) Formation: nine (9) ship V of Vees.
- (5) Correct wing departure time will be announced 0100 hours D (plus) 1.
- (6) Recall of aircraft enroute will be accomplished over Command Liaison frequencies, in accordance with instructions contained in Signal Annex, Field Order No. 1 - Operation NEPTUNE. Upon receipt of recall, serials will execute 180 degree turn to the left, climb to 3000 feet and return to base.
- (7) Prescribed corridors, altitudes and constant air speeds will be complied with as all air, ground and naval units have been notified of types, numbers and timing of aircraft over the route, and all corridors will be covered by day fighters.
- (8) Lights during darkness hours will be the same as laid down in Field Order No. 1 - Operation "NEPTUNE".
- (9) IFF will not be turned on during this operation except in case of emergency.
- (10) A white panel tes, violet smoke and BUFB beacon coded 1/2 will mark DZ "N". However, the tactical situation may cause the DZ to be changed and drop should be made on the navigation aids, if visible. If no aids are visible, then drop will be made on geographical location of DZ "N" as determined by dead reckoning.
- (11) After drops have been made a 180 degree turn to the right will be made and a reciprocal return route will be flown.
- (12) Dropmaster in each aircraft will be responsible for salvaging bundles from racks. As a check, the pilot will also salvo from the cockpit five (5) seconds after giving green light.
- (13) Dropping crew will consist of: Dropmaster, crew chief and Radio Operator.
- (14) It will be the duty of the pilot to: warn dropmaster when plane is fifteen (15) minutes out from DZ; turn on red light four (4) minutes from DZ; turn on green jump light when aircraft is over tes or DZ.
- (15) Prior to take-off, the pilot will check to see that his dropmaster, crew chief and radio operator fully understand their part in the drop. He will make certain they have a definite plan arranged whereby the six (6) containers can be put out the door in a minimum of time.
- (16) Back type parachutes will be worn by drop crew.
- (17) Serial leaders, flight leaders and individual pilots will be held responsible for continuing to the combat area even though they may become detached from the main formation enroute.

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- (18) Attention is directed to the fact that balloons will be in abundance in the beach-head area following 4 hour. Definite locations will not be known so that flights across the beach-head will be conducted accordingly.
- (19) Pilots returning with wounded aboard will fire red flares in pattern and park on grass in front of control tower.
- (20) Paratroopers returned from "Boston" mission will be permitted to go in with the resupply mission, bundles returned will also go in on resupply.
- (21) Take-off, assembly and landing, S.O.P.
- (22) Route and navigational aids as shown on overlay.
- (23) Time schedule:

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Hour</u>
Load aircraft	- D	1400
Briefing	- D	1500 (Gp. Intelligence)
Mass	- D plus 1	2400
Final Briefing	- D plus 1	0115 (Sq. Operations)
Stations	- D plus 1	0235
Start engines	- D plus 1	0255
Taxi	- D plus 1	0305
Take-off	- D plus 1	0325
G.D.P.	- D plus 1	0340
W.D.P.	- D plus 1	to be announced at 0100.
DZ	- D plus 1	0611
Return	- D plus 1	0829
Breakfast	- D plus 1	0900.

4. No change.

5. No change except BUPS beacon on DZ coded 1/2

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