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52ND TROOP CARRIER WING, AAF
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FIELD ORDER)

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OPERATION - NEPTUNE)

MAPS: No change.

REFERENCES: No change.

- 1. No change. Any additional Intelligence information will be forwarded immediately.
- 2. The 52nd Troop Carrier Wing will resupply by parachute, elements of the 82nd Airborne Division on DZ "N" (See Movement Table).
 - a. DATE: D/1.
 - b. ROUTES: Command corridors will be adhered to. Route out will be ATLANTA--CLEVELAND-ELKO-FLATBUSH-GALLUP-SPOKANE-(No Boat)
 PADUCAH-DZ "N"-RIGHT OR LEFT 180 DEGREE TURN AND RECIPROCAL ROUTE BACK TO HOME BASES.
 - c. Wing Assembly Point: Atlanta 1500 above terrain.
 - d. Command Assembly Point: Blko 2500' above terrain.
 - e. Command Departure Point: Flatbush 5001 above terrain.
 - f. ALTITUDES:
 - (1) Flatbush to DZ --- 5001 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.
 - g. Command decision to postpone, cancel or alter the mission may be announced at any time prior to DZ time.
 - 3. a. The 52nd Troop Carrier Wing will transport Scrials 38, 39, 40, 41 to DZ "N" as scheduled in Air Movement Table, Mission "FREEPORT".
 - X. (1) Each aircraft will carry twelve (12) bundles, six (6) bundles inside the ship and six (6) bundles in pararacks. 717c aircraft will carry only six (6) bundles inside the ship.
 - (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) Sorials 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/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.

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Field Order No. 2, Hqrs, 52nd TC Wing, 3 June 1944, Operation "MEPTUNE" (cont'd).



(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) Challenging and answering ground to air, sea to air and air to air will be in accordance with published instructions (SD 158 and SD 533).

(11) Radio silence will be maintained except in case of extreme emergency.

(12) A white panel tee, violet smoke and BUPS 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 navigational aids, if visible. If no aids are visible, then drop will be made on geographical location of DZ "N" as determined by dead reckoning.

(19) After drops have been made a 180 degree turn to the left or right will be made an a reciprocal return route will be flown.

(14) Dropmaster in each aircraft will be responsible for salvoing bundles from racks. As a check, the pilot will also salvo from the cockpit five (5) seconds after giving green light.

(15) Dropping crew will consist of: Dropmaster, crew chief and

radio operator.

- (16) 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 tee or DZ.
- (17) Prior to take-off, the cilot will check to see that his dropmaster, crew chief and radio operator fully understant 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.

(18) Back type parachutes will be worn by drop crew.

- (19) 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.
- (20) Attention is directed to the fact that balloons will be in abundance in the beach-head area following H hour. Definite locations will not be known so that flights across the bridgehead will be conducted accordingly.

(21) Warmell airdrome is designated as IX Troop Carrier Command emergency landing field to be used only in the event damaged

aircraft cannot reach home base.

(22) Pilots returning with wounded on board, will signal this fact to Flying Control Towers in accordance with procedure set forth in Signal Annex and Administrative Order of Field Order No. 1 -Operation "NEPTUNE".

(23) Air-Sea Rescue procedure will be in accordance with AMCO A 45/1944.

No change.

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

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