

25 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDLR # 305

SYNOPTIC SITUATION 0600Z. Belt of high pressure over central Europe to England with center now over southeast Poland weakening and moving slowly southeast. Ridge from this high extending over Balkans to Greece and eastern Adriatic. Belt of low pressure remaining over all of Mediterranean Sea with a possibility of a low forming over Sicily. Continued up-slope effect maintaining bad conditions over bases.

FORSCAST:

BASE: Sky: 8-10/10 low stratus, bases variable over base areas from 0-1000' tops 7-8000'. 3-6/10 middle clouds from 10-12000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: Variable from 1/4 to 6 miles in low stratus.

Upper Data: 5000' 090 deg. 10 kts. minus 03 C.
10000' 060 deg. 15 kts. minus 12 C.
15000' 050 deg. 20 kts. minus 22 C.

ROUTE: Sky: Base conditions persisting to western Adriatic, breaking to 4-6/10 low, bases 2-3000' tops 7-8000' over central Adriatic. Clear along Yugoslav coast. Over northeastern slopes of Dinarics 8-10/10 low clouds tops 8-12000'. Over north Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, scattered low and middle clouds.

Air-Ground Visibility: 20 miles or better above clouds. 2-12 miles under clouds in southern Italy.

Upper Data: 10000' 060 deg. 20 kts. minus 11 c.
15000' 070 deg. 25 kts. minus 21 C.
20000' 070 deg. 35 kts. minus 30 C.

TARGLT: Sky: 2-3/10 low clouds, tops 5000'. 2-3/10 middle clouds from 16-18000'.

Air-Ground Visibility: 20 miles in light haze.

Surface Winds: Light and variable, but generally from the north. Light to moderate snow on ground.

Upper Dita: 15000' 320 deg. 15 kts. minus 19 C.
20000' 340 deg. 20 kts. minus 29 C.
25000' 360 deg. 25 kts. minus 39 C.

RETURN: Similar to route out with little improvement over bases.

ALTERNATE FIELDS: Best alternates should be along the southeast Italian coast. Contact by radio for best alternates.

WARNING: Severe rime and clear icing from 4-15000' in clouds.

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