

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
APO 520 U S ARMY

4 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 66)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: Two Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack PIOPPI R/R Bridge and VADO Visduct; time at KP 1245B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack BOLOGNA Main Station, CASTEL MAGGIORE M/Y; time at KP 1215B. 4 Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack FERRARA M/Y, FORLI M/Y and FAENZA M/Y; time at KP 1225B.
  - (2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bombers in RIMINI, BOLOGNA, and FERRARA area. Fighters will provide close escort for bombers attacking BORGO VAL DI TORO. Two Gps will straf airdromes.
2. Normal effort B-24s each - 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack R/R Bridges in Northern Italy on 5 June 1944. This is Plan "B".

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Any active M/Y or R/R Bridges in PO VALLEY except Florence.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 1116B until 1136B. 484th BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2). Normal effort P-38s of the 14th FG will rendezvous with the 49th Wg at the Key Point.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Column of Wgs, 47th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 49th Wg - 5th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead - 484th BG - 451st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: (43 deg 40 min N, 13 deg 50 min E) Base altitude 18,000 ft at 1235B.

TURN POINT #1: (44 deg 17 min N, 13 deg 20 min E).

TURN POINT #2: CATTOLICA (43 deg 58 min N, 12 deg 45 min E).

INITIAL POINT: 451st BG - (44 deg 17 min N, 12 deg 45 min E). 484th BG - FAENZA (44 deg 17 min N, 11 deg 52 min E). 461st BG - VILLA FRANCA (44 deg 17 min N, 09 deg 57 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 451st BG - 229 deg TC; 484th BG - 222 deg TC; 461st BG - 332 deg TC.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

TARGET TIME: 451st BG - 1304B; 484th BG - 1319B; 461st BG - 1346B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG - 17,000 ft).  
(484th BG - 18,000 ft).  
(451st BG - 20,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: BARGO VAL DI TORO - 1240 ft; MARRADI - 1050 ft; RIMINI - 50 ft.

RALLY: 484th BG and 451st BG will rally left out between RIMINI and PESARA to Key Point to Base. 461st BG will rally left returning to Key Point by passing between RIMINI and PESARA.

ROUTE BACK: Rally left to TP #2 to Key Point to Base.

3. a. 461st BG will attack BORGIO VALDITARO R/R Bridge at Grid 650537 on Sheet 84, Map of Italy scaled 1:100,000.
- b. 484th BG will attack MARRADI R/R Bridge, 451st BG will attack RIMINI R/R Bridge, Target Number One Baker on Target Chart 4-113-NA.
- x. (1) 484th and 451st BGs will load 1000# GP with .1 sec nose and .01 sec tail fusions. 461st BG will load 1000# GP with .1 sec nose and non-delay tail fusions.
  - (2) One Pathfinder A/C will lead 461st BG. All other Pathfinders stand down.
  - (3) Bombs will not be dropped by Pathfinder or ETA methods.
  - (4) 461st BG will land the Pathfinder A/C at CASTELLUCIO on return from mission.
  - (5) All Gp lead attack units load three (3) cartons Window. 461st and 484th BGs will dispense according to SOP if flak is encountered. 451st BG will begin dispensing Window at IP and continue until clear of flak. Six units every 20 seconds to be used.
- c. No Change.
- d. a. (1) Command Radio: 4085 Kcs.
  - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Firtree 4"), (47th Wg, "Firtree 1"), (55th Wg, "Firtree 2"), (451st BG, "Firtree 33"), (461st BG, "Firtree 31"), (484th BG, "Firtree 32").
  - (3) Fighter Call Signs: "Freezol" with suffixed numbers for Gp identification.
  - (4) RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: (5th Wg, "History"), (47th Wg, "Holdtight"), (55th Wg, "Kind"), (49th Wg, "Keeper"), 306th Wg, "Muspie").
  - (5) VHF Channel: "A".
  - (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Lt. Col. Hawes.

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