

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMB WING (H)
APO 520
US ARMY

1 August 1944.

OPERATAIONS ORDER)

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NUMBER 142)

1.

- a. See Intelligence Annex.
- b. 4 Groups of 5th Wing attack LES VALENCES M/Y, 1 Group attack LE PUZIN O/S at 1100B. ALTERNATE TARGET: ARLE RR Bridge, TARASCON RR Bridge.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack LE PONTET O/S, AVIGNON Bridge at 1300B. ALTERNATE TARGET: Same as 5th Wing.

306th Wing provide escort for all Wings.

- 2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing destroy GENOA Harbor Installations at 1300B, 2 August 1944. This is Plan Able. Plan Baker is Stand Down.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: NONE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 9000 and 10000 feet. 460 approaching ALTALURA from TORITTO. 485 approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460 over ALTAMURA at 1000B.

465 and 464 line rendezvous from CORATO to ANDRIA at 9000 and 10000 feet. 464 falling in behind 465 in 465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over CORATO at 0958B.

Wing Rendezvous: 460 lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 1011B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Individual Wings: 55th Wing (460 - 485 - 465 - 464).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA TO MELFI to TERRACINA (4117N 1315E) to Turn Point (4128N 1209E) to CAPRAIA ISLAND (4303N 0948E) to IP to Target. Last Point to start climb to Bombing Altitude (4128N 1209E). Time at CAPRAIA ISLAND: 1223B.

INITIAL FOINT: 4410N 0910E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 322 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1300B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 23000; 485 - 22000; 465 - 22800; 485 - 21800.

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.

RALLY: Sharp loft to 4410N 0842E.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to CAPRAIA ISLAND then reverse Route Out.

3.

x. All Groups load 10 - 500# GP Bombs fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 460 and 464 - 50'; 485 and 465 - 50'.

All Groups use MPI as show on inclosed target chart.

If Primary Target cannot be bombed, bombs will be returned to base.

Bombers needing to refuel in CORSICA will use BORGO and GHISONACCIA

ASR rescue control provides a launch and aircraft patrols 20 miles NW of CALVI

Sharp rally off target is essential to avoid concentration of heavy guns at (4422N 0833E).

465 and 464 should exercise care at rendezvous to avoid 460 and 485 at same altitude. Maintain right echelon on Route Out and Column of Groups over the Target.

4. No Change.

5.

- a. Command radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.
- b. VHF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.
- c. Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - CARTLOAD; 49th Wing - BREWER; 55th Wing - LACEWORK (460 - LACEWORK Leader, 485 - LACEWORK 2, 465 - LACEWORK 3, 464 - LACEWORK 4).
- d. Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - PUSSCAT; 49th Wing - ENCORE; 55th Wing - GREETHERD.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - WOLF; 49th Wing - COMIC; 55th Wing - DEER;
306th Wing - TAVERN.

Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.

Load 3 cartons Window in lead attack units only, dispensing 6 units
every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

Radio discipline must be enforced.

Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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