

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

11 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 122)

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a. See Intelligence Annex.

b.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack East 1/3 of NIMES V/Y at 1100B.

Key Point Time: 0942B.

Alternate targets: AVIGNON, ARLES, TARASCON River Bridges.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack THEDULE Viaduct and VAR River Bridge.

Key Point Time: 1002B.

Alternate Targets: VENTIMIGLIA M/Y, ARNA RIVA SAN STEPANO, ROYYA, NERVIA Bridges.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack MIRIMAS M/Y.

Key Point Time: 1022B.

4 Groups of 306th Wing provide cover for all bombers.

2

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack central 1/3 of NIMES M/Y at 1110B, 12 July 1944. This is Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: AVIGNON River Bridge for 465 and 464.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: ARLES-SUR-RHONE River Bridge for 460 and 485.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from COPATO to ANDRIA at 7000 and 8000 ft. 465 over to COPATO at 0720B.

460 lead 485 in normal rendezvous area 9000 and 10000 ft respectively. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0722B

Wing rendezvous: 465 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0731B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

OPDER OF FLICHT: 49th Wing, 55th Wing (465-464-460-485), 47th
Wing, 304th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MELFI to LIDO (4144N 1217E) to Key Point
REVALLATA (4235N 0843E) to 4309N 0626E to MIRABEAU
(4343N 0539E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 0952B
at 16000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: 4355N 0445E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 238 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1110B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 21200, 464 - 20200, 460 - 21000, 485 -
20000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 26 ft.

RALLY: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to 4300N 0420E to Bases.

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All Groups load 10 500# Gp fused .1 nose and .01 and .025 tail,
using MPI as shown on inclosed charts. Intervalometer settings:
465 and 464 - 75 ft; 4660 and 485 - 25 ft.

PF A/C will not be used.

Top off tanks after pre flight. Keep ground running time to a
minimum. Use auto lean in flight whenever possible,

Bombardiers must be prepared for possibility of smoke covered
target.

Do not drop bombs on any other targets than those specified.

Staging fields will be signaled later. Wing formations will be
column of Groups from 5 miles before IP to the Target.

ALTERNATE: for 465 and 464: AVIGNON River Bridge.

IP: Optional.

Axis of attack: West to East.

Rally: Right.

Route Back: Rally to MIRABEAU to 4309N 0626E to Bases.

Method of attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings: 25 ft.

AITETNATE: For 460 and 4885: ARIES SUR RHONE River Bridge.

I.P.: Optional

Axis of attack: West to East.

Rally: Sharp Right.

Route Back: Rally to 4330N 0420E to 4300N 0430E to Bases.

Method of attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings: 25 ft.

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: 47th Wing - PLAYFAIR, 49th Wing - CLEARSOUP, 55th Wing - BOOKCLUB, (465 - BOOKCLUB LEADER; 464 - BOOKCLUB 2; 460 - BOOKCLUB 3; 485 - BOOKCLUB 4), 304th Wing - SHORTBREAD.

d. Fighter Call Sign For: 47th Wing - HEADTOP, 49th Wing - SOME GIRL, 55th Wing - PULPWOOD, 304th Wing - RINGWAY.

e. Recall signs: 47th Wing - BANKER; 49th Wing - CRIME; 55th Wing - OCEAN; 304th Wing - WHISTLE; 306th Wing - SAILOR.

x. No chaff will be used. Brief crews on radio discipline.

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