

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

12 July 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 123)

1.

a. See Intelligence Annex

b.

4. Groups of 5th Wing attack LATISANA, PINZANO, CASARSA RR BRIDGES and VENZONE VIADUCT. Key Point Time: 0940B. Alternate Target: VERONA, MANTOUA and MESTRE M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack BRESCIA M/Y. Key Point Time: 0950.
Alternate Target: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack TRIESTE and FIUME Oil Storage. Key Point Time: 1010B. Alternate Target: PORTO MARGHERA Oil Refinery and MESTRE M/Y.

306th Wing provide 1 Group to cover each Wing.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack Oil Storage at PORTO MARGHERA at 1035B, 13 July 1944. This is Plan BAKER.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: MESTRE M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: MANTUA M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet or below overcast. 464 over ANDRIA at 0801B.

460 lead 485 in normal rendezvous area at 5,000 feet and 6,000 feet respectively or below overcast. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0805B.

Wing rendezvous: 460 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0816B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: At Key Point with P-38s.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 5th Wing, 47th Wing, 55th Wing (460, 485, 464, 465), 304th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to (4200N - 1620E) to Key Point (4420N - 1340E)
to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1000B at 18,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: (4524N - 1230E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 290 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 21,200 feet, 485 - 20,200 feet, 464 - 21,000',
465 - 20,000 feet.

TARGET TIME: 1035B

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.

RALLY: Left avoiding PADUA and CHIOGGIA.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to Key Point to (4200N - 1620E) to Base.

3.

x.

All Groups load 10 - 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025
tail. Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 35 feet.

All Groups use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

PFF will not be used.

Wing will be right echelon on route and column of Groups over the
Target

Under no circumstances will bombs be dropped on VENICE.

First Alternate: MESTRE N/Y.

All Groups use MPI as shown on inclosed target chart.

All elements of attack same as for primary.

Intervalometer Settings: 30 feet.

Last Resort Target: MANTUA M/Y.

Initial Point: OSTIGLIA (4504N - 1109E).

Axis of Attack: 292 degrees.

Use MPI as indicated.

Method of Attack: Column of Groups.

Rally: left.

Intervalometer Settings: 40 feet.

Route Back: Rally to (4359N - 1230E) to (4200N - 1620E) to Base.

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 - FRUITTART 1, 47th Wing - FRUITTART 2, 55th Wing - FRUITTART 3 (460 - FRUITTART 31, 485 - FRUITTART 32, 464 - FRUITTART 33, 465 - FRUITTART 34), 304th Wing - FRUITTART 4.

d. Fighter Call Sign For: MOSES 1,2,3,4, in order of contact.

e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - DEBTOR, 47th Wing - GREASE, 55th Wing - PORTRAIT, 304th Wing - DEBR, 306th Wing - LOCKJAW.

x. Load 2 cartons of chaff in lead attack units dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

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