

HEADQUARTERS 55TH POMB WING (H)
APO 520 US ARMY.

14 July 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMRER 125)

1.
 - a. See Intelligence Annex.
 - b. 6 Groups of 5th Wing destroy ROMANO ANTRICANO O/R at 1000B. Key Point Time: 0749B. Rally: Right.
- 4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy ROMANO AMERICANO O/R at 10158. Key Point Time: 0811B. Rally: Right.
- 4 Groups of 304th Wing destroy DACIA ROMANO O/R and TELEAJEN Pumo Station at 1030P. Key Point Time: 0826B. Rally: Right.
- 3 Groups of 49th Wing destroy CREDITUL MINIER O/R at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0856B. Rally: Left.
- 7 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing provide escort as outlined in special 4 July briefing.
2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing destroy oil targets in PIOESTI Area by synchronous Pathfinder bombing at 1045B, 15 July 1944. This is Plan Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous; 460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 6000' and 7000' respectively, 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO, 485 approaching ALTAMURA FROM SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0739B.

465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 8000' and 9000' respectively. 464 falling in behind 465 in 465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over ANDRIA at 0737.

Wing Rendezvous: 460 lead Wing over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0750B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later per special briefing, 4 July 1944.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: .Column of Wings, 5th 47th, 304th, 55th (460-485-465-464), 49th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point RAGUSA (4231N 1823E) to ALEKSINAO (4333N 2142E) to OPECHOVO (4344N 2356E) to ROSIORII DE

VEDE (4407N 2500E) to MIHAIBRAVUL (4409N 2603E) to PROGRESUI (4422N 2628E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 0841B at 14,000'.

INITIAL POINT: CATRUNESTI (4434N 2623E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 326 deg.

TARGET TIME: 1045B.

BOMBING ATTITUDE: 460 - 24000'; 485 - 23000'; 465 - 23800'; 464 - 22800'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 495'.

RALLY: Right to HAPSA (4503N 2610E) to TESIM (4519N 2543E).

ROUTE BACK: TESIM to DRACASANI (4440N 2417E) to ATEKSINAO to Key Point to Base.

3.
460 and 485 destroy Standard Oil Refinery using MPI as shown on attached target chart. Intervalometer setting: 100'.

465 and 464 destroy UNIFRA SPERANTZA Cil Refinery using MPI as shown on attached target chart. Intervalometer setting - 100''.

All Groups load 5 1000# GP Bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Strict route timing is essential to prevent confusion in the target area.

Synchronous bombing will be employed if smoke or cloud is encountered. Bombing will be by visual means only in absence of smoke or cloud. PFF operators will conduct synchronous bombing procedure in all cases.

In case of PFF failure, offset bombing using erid will be employed.

Wing will be in right echelon on route out and close column of Groups over the target.

3. No Change.

5.

a. Command Indio: 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 - FIYWHEEL 1, 47th Wing - FLYWHEEL 2, 49th Wing - FLYWHEEL 5, 55th Wing - FLYWHEEL 4 (460 - FLYWHEEL Leader, 485 - FLYWHEEL 42, 465 - FIYWHEEL 43, 464 - FLYWHEEL 44), 304th - FLYWHEEL 3.

d. Fighter Call Sign: EXCEED 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in order of contact with Bombers.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing - PLANTER, 47th Wing - BOBBIN, 49th - WOLF, 55th Wing - COMIC, 304th Wing - ORANGE, 306th Wing - YODEL.

x. Maximum carpet will be employed by units equipped.

Load 3 cartons window in lead attack units dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of flak.

Strict radio discipline must be enforced.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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