

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

23 July 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

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NUMBER 134)

1.

a. See Intelligence Annex

b. 2 Groups of 304th Ting frag A/C at LES CHANOINES A/D. Key Point Time:
1045B.

4 Squadrons of 49th Wing attack SJENICA, PLJEVLJA, PRIJEPOLE and
ANDRIJEVICA Troop concentrations at 1100B.

2 Groups of 5th Wing attack TURIN Tank Works at 1200B. Alternate
Target: TURIN/LINGOTO M/Y.

2 Groups of 5th Wing attack TURTN ORRASSANO Ball Bearing Works at
1200B, Alternate Target: TURIN/LINGOTO M/Y.

306th Wing provide adequate cover for Bomber Force.

47th Wing stand down.

2. Normal effort of 4660, 465 and 485 Groups of the 55th Wing frag A/C at
VALENCE/LA TRESORERIE L/G at 1205B, 24 July 1944. This is Plan Able.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465 rendezvous in normal area, at 9000'. 465 over
ANDRIA on course to SPINAZZOLA at ~~0804B~~. 0806B

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at
7000 and 8000 feet. 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO.
485 approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460 over
ALTAMURA at 0802B.

Wing Rendezvous: 460 lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at
0813B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOIA to MELFI to (4144N 1213E) to Key Point PAIAZZO
POINT (4223N 0832E) to (4321N 0642E) to MANOSCUE (4349N 0547E)
to IP to Target. Cross French coast at 17000'. Last Point to
start climb to Bombing Altitude: MANOSOUE. Key Point Time:
1035B at 12000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: DIE (4446N 0522E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 300 deg.

TARGET TIME: 1205B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 20500; 485 - 19500; 465 - 20800.

TARGET ELEVATION: 500'.

RALLY: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to LE POUZIN (4445N 0444E) to MANOSQUE then reverse route out.

3.

x. 460, 465, 485 Groups load 36 frag bombs.

Intervalometer settings all Groups: 175'.

All Groups use MPI as shown on inclosed target chart.

If primary target cannot be bombed, bombs will be returned to base. Do not jettison bombs over FRANCE.

PFF stand down.

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

Every effort must be made to conserve fuel. Top off tanks after pre-flight.

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 - CLEARSOUP; 49th Wing - HEADTOP; 55th Wing - KEYWOOD (460 - KEYWOOD Leader, 485 - KEYWOOD 2, 465 - KEYWOOD 3); 304th Wing - BUTLER.

d. Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - RETAIN; 49th Wing - PIXIE; 55th Wing - SCHOOLFRIEND; 304th Wing - CARTLOAD.

e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - OCEAN; 49th Wing MORTAR; 55th Wing - SHAMPOO; 304th Wing - TAVERN; 306th Wing - DOLLAR.

x. Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.

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

Radio discipline must be enforced.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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