

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

9 June 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 88)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 2 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack
MESTRE MAIN M/Y at 0930B. Key Point Time: 0745B.

(2) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack
TRIESTE Oil Refineries at 0940B. Key Point Time: 0754B.

(3) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack
PORTO MARGHERA Oil Storages at 0940B. Key Point Time:
0801B.

(4) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 304th Wing frag
FERRARA A/D at 1030B. Alternate Targets: POGGIO RENATICO,
REGGIO EMELIA, BOLOGNA A/D's.

(5) Normal effort of 3 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing
provide escort for all Bomber Formations.

(6) Normal effort of 2 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing
Dive Bomb PLOESTI ROMANO AMERICANO Oil Refinery.

2. Normal effort of 3 Groups of 55th Wing attack TRIESTE M/Y at
0930B, 10 June 1944. This is Plan Baker.

ALTERNATE TARGET: 460th RIMINI RR BRIDGES, 485th FORLI
M/Y, 465th FAENZA M/Y. Axis of Attack: NE
to SW. Rally: Left.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460th and 485th line rendezvous from
ALTAMURA to GRAVINA 5,000 and 6,000 feet
respectively. 460th on course at ALTAMURA
0712B. 465th assemble in assigned area.
Wing Rendezvous 460th and 485th on course
over SPINAZZOIA at 0722B. 465th falling
immediately behind at 7,000 feet.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signaled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Left column 5th Wing, 49th Wing. Right
column 55th Wing (460, 485, 465), 47th
Wing. 304th Wing optional route.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MARGHARETA to VIESTE (41 deg 53 min N - 16 deg 11 min E) to (44 deg 50 min N - 13 deg 00 min E) to (45 deg 20 min N - 13 deg 00 min E) to IP to Target. Key Point 5,000 feet at 0744B.

INITIAL POINT: GRADO (45 deg 40 min N - 13 deg 23 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 99 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 0930B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460th - 21,000 feet, 485th - 20,000 feet, 465th - 21,000 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.

RALLY: Wide sweeping turn to Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to (44 deg 50 min N - 13 deg 20 min E) to Key point to Base.

3. x. 460th, 485th, 465th Groups attack TRIESTE M/Y using MPI as shown on inclosed charts. Bomb Load: 10 - 500# fused .1 nose and .01 tail. Intervalometer Setting 100 feet. Window will be used only by units attacking FERRARA. Groups will be in left echelon prior to turning at IP.

4. No Change.

5. a. Command Radio: assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group.

b. VHF Channel A for Bombers to Fighters and Group to Group.

c. Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - BOULDER ONE, 47th Wing - CRAWFORD 2, 49th Wing - BOULDER 2, 55th Wing - CRAWFORD 1 (460th - CRAWFORD 11, 485th - CRAWFORD 12, 465th - CRAWFORD 13), 304th Wing - SEARCHLIGHT.

d. Fighter Call Signs: Escort for 5th and 49th Wings BURGLAR. Escort for 55th and 47th Wings - RADCLIFF. Escort for 304th Wing - DAYLONG.

e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - FLOWER 47th Wing - FOOTBALL 49th Wing - HISTORY 55th Wing - HOTDOG 304th Wing - LOOSELIP 306th Wing - KEEPER.

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

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