

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

21 June 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 103)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 2 groups each of B-17s of 5th Wing attack PARMA & MODENA M/Y at 1155 Baker, Key Point Time: 1100 Baker. Alternate Target: CREMONA, MANDUA, LEGNANO, and REGGIO EMILIA M/YS.

(2) Normal effort of 2 groups of B-17s of 5th Wing using AZON A/C attack FORNOVO DI TARO M/Y and OIL STORAGE at 1155 Baker. Key Point Time: 1100 Baker.

(3) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack UDINE m/Y, CASARSA and LATISANA RR BRIDGES at 1000 Baker. Key Point Time: 0954 Baker. Alternate Target: MONFALCONE shipyards and submarines in POLA HARBOR.

(4) Normal effort of 3 groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack TRIESTE oil and storage at 1110 Baker. Key Point Time: 1004 Baker. Alternate Target: Same as 47th Wing.

(5) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack Motor transports and repair depot at CHIVASSO and TURIN FIAT MOTOR WORKS at 1100 Baker. Alternate Target: VENTIMEGLIA and IMERIA M/YS.

(6) Normal effort of 6 groups of fighters of 306th Wing provide cover for bombers. One group strafe AIRASCA A/D.

2. Normal effort of 4 groups of 55th Wing attack BOLOGNA MAIN M/Y and CASTEL HAGGIORE M/Y and warehouse at 1100 Baker, 22 June 1944. This is plan Baker.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: (465th and 464th CESENA)
(460th and 485th CASTEL DEL EILIA
and CASTEL BOLOGNESE)

LAST RESORT TARGET: Any active M/Y on PARMA-RIMINI line.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465th and 464th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6,000 feet and 7,000 feet respectively. 465th on course over ANDRIA at 0838 Baker.

460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8,000 and 9,000 feet respectively. 460th on course over ALTAMURA at 0844 Baker.

Wing rendezvous: 465th and 464th over SPINAZZOLA on course at assigned altitudes at 0853 Baker. 460th and 485th approach from the South falling in behind 465th and 464th at assigned altitudes at 0855 Baker.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 3 columns of Wings: Left 304th Wing (West Coast). Center column: 55th Wing (465th, 464th, 460th, 485th), 5th Wing. Right column 47th and 49th Wings.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MARGHERITA to (42 00N - 16 20E) to Key Point (44 10N - 13 40E) to (44 48N - 12 22E) to IPs to targets.

Key Point Time: 1024 Baker at 17,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: 465th and 464th - PORTOMAGGIORE (44 42N - 11 49E).
460th and 485th - FORIIGNANA (44 51N - 11 52E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 465th and 464th - 240 degrees.
460th and 485th - 230 degrees.

TARGET TDE: 1100 Baker.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465th - 20,000', 464th - 21,000',
460th - 19,000', 485th - 18,000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 465th and 464th - 160 feet.
460th and 485th - 100 feet.

RALLY: 465th and 464th - Left. 460th and 485th - Sharp right and sweeping left.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to MARZABOTTO (44 21N - 11 12E) to COLBORDOLO (43 49N - 12 43E) to (43 40N - 14 25E) to (42 00N - 16 20E) to bases.

3. x. (1) 465th and 464th attack BOLOGNA MAIN M/Y using MPI as shown on inclosed target charts. Bomb Load same as Plan Able for 21 June 1944. Intervalometer settings: 40 feet.

(2) 460th and 485th attack CASTEL MAGGIORE M/Y using MPI as shown on inclosed photographs. Bomb Load same as Plan Able for 21 June 1944. Intervalometer Setting: 50 Feet.

(3) Formation will be close right echelon on route for maximum protection against fighters.

(4) 460th and 485th will make an effort to fall in behind 465th and 464th on return route. 465th will maintain 150 MPH after rally until leaving coast to enable reforming of Wing.

(5) 465th use PF A/C for navigational aid only.

(6) Alternate attack units load 2 cartons window dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds from 1 minute before IP until clear of flak.

(7) Do not bomb FLORENCE. No bombs will be dropped South of PISA-RIMINI line.

(8) Alternate for 465th and 464th - CESENA M/Y. Axis of attack from West to East and continuing on to coast. 465th hit SE half of yard and 464th hit NW half of yard. Intervalometer Settings: 50 Feet.

(9) Alternates for 460th and 485th: CASTEL FRANCO DEL EMELIA and CASTEL BOLOGNESE M/Ys. Axis of attack from West to East and continuing on to coast. MPI center of yard at both targets. No target charts are available. Intervalometer settings: Minimum.

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 - RECKLESS 1, 47th Wing - BARTEND, 49th Wing - PUSSCAT 1, 55th Wing RECKLESS 2. (464th - RECKLUSS 21, 465th RECKLESS 22, 485th RECKLESS 23, 460th - RECKLESS 24). 304th Wing PUSSCAT 2, AZON A/C - FRONTROOM.

d. Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing SADLER 1, 47th Wing BOOKCLUB, 49th Wing EXCEED 1, 55th Wing SADLER 2, 304th Wing EXCEED 2, AZON A/C BETTY.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing LOCKJAW, 47th Wing SHANTY, 49th Wing SHAMPOO, 55th Wing WOLF, 304th Wing TAVERN, 306th Wing HURRICANE.

z. Carpet will be used if available.

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