

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

3 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

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NUMBER 82)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 2 Groups of B-17's of 5th Wing attack  
ANTHEOR VIADUCT and VAR RIVER BRIDGE at 1000B. Key Point  
Time: 0758B. Alternate Target: RECCO VIADUCT.

(2) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-24's of 49th Wing  
attack GAD, BUSSOLENO, ORELLE Railroad Bridges at 1030B.  
Key Point Time: 0810B. Alternate Target: RECCO VIADUCT.

(3) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24's of 304th Wing  
attack ALESSANDRIA M/Y. Key Point Time: 0830B. Alternate  
Targets: Same as 55th Wing.

(4) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24's of 47th Wing  
attack NOVI LIGURE and GENOA M/Y's, at 1145B, Key Point  
Time: 0956B. Alternate Target: Any M/Y or Harbor on West  
Coast of ITALY except LEGHORN.

(5) Normal effort of Fighters of 306th Wing provide cover  
for each Bomb Wing.

2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack TURIN CENTRAL  
M/Y and repair warehouses at 1036B, 4 June 1944. This is Plan Able.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: GENOA, WEST M/Y and RECCO VIADUCT.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 435 line rendezvous from  
ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8,000 and 9,000  
feet respectively: 460 on course over  
ALTAMURA at 0713B. 485 fall in immediately  
behind 460.

464 and 465 line rendezvous from CORATO to  
ANDRIA at 10,000 and 11,000 feet  
respectively. 464 on course over CORATO at  
0712B.

Wing Rendezvous: line rendezvous from  
SPINAZZOLA to MELFI. 460 on course over  
SPINAZZOIA at assigned altitude at 0723B.  
464 and 465 fall in immediately behind 460  
and 485.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Fighters of 306 Wing cover all Bomb Wings.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: two columns: first column - 5th; 49th, 55th Wing (460, 485, 464, 465), 304th. Second column: 47th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MELFI to Key point SAN FELICE (41 deg 13 min N - 13 deg 05 min E) to PIANOSA ISLAND (42 deg 35 min N - 10 deg 05 min E) to ROGLIANO (42 deg 51 min N - 09 deg 25 min E) to COGOLETO (44 deg 24 min N - 08 deg 39 min E) to IP to Target. KEY POINT: 10,000 feet at 0820B. Last Point of climb to bombing altitude - ROGLIANO.

INITIAL POINT: VIILANUOVA (44 deg 57 min N - 07 deg 57 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 295 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1036B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 22,000 feet; 485 - 21,000 feet, 464 - 21,500 feet, 465 - 20,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 770 feet.

RALLY: Left avoiding Flak Defenses.

ROUTE BACK: Target to 44 deg 11 min N. - 08 deg 24 min E) and reverse of route out.

3. x. 460, 485, 464, 465 attack TURIN Installations using mean points of impact as shown on inclosed target chart. Bomb Load: 8 - 500 # GP .1 "nose and .025" tail fuses. Intervalometer setting - 150 feet. All Groups load 3 cartons chaff per S.O.P. dispensing from 3 minutes before IP until clear of Flak. Dispense 6 units every 20 seconds. Use chaff on Alternate Target GENOA but not RECCO VIADUCT. Carpet will be employed by all Units so equipped. Wing Order of Flight must be maintained over target in close right echelon. Accurate route must be flown due to Flak Areas in Northern ITALY near coast.

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 - GREENHERD 47th Wing - CARTLOAD  
49th Wing - AIRSLUG 55th Wing - CRAWFORD (460 - CRAWFORD 1, 485th -  
CRAWFORD 2, 464 - CRAWFORD 3, 465 - CRAWFORD 4) 304th Wing - BOULDER.

d. Fighter Call Signs: escort for 5th Wing - SOMEGIRL, escort  
for 47th Wing - SURETHING, escort for 49th Wing - EXCEED, escort for  
55th Wing - BOOKCLUB, escort for 304th Wing - SAXHORN.

e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - DANDY 47th Wing - FAILURE 49th  
Wing - FOOTBALL 55th Wing - FUEL 304th Wing - FLOVER 306th Wing -  
HOTDOG.

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