

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

4 June 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
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1. a. See Intelligence Annex.
- b. (1) Normal effort of 4 Groups of P-24s of 47th Wing attack BOLOGNA Main Station and CASTEL MAGGIORE M/Y. Key Point Time: 1215B.

(2) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack BORGO VAL DI TARO, MAPRADI, RIMINI Bridges. Key Point Time: 1235B.

(3) Normal effort of 2 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack VADO Viaduct and PIOPPE RR Bridge. Key Point Time: 1245B.

(4) Normal effort of 3 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing provide cover for all Bomb Wings attacking RIMINI, BOLOGNA and FERRARA Area. Close escort for Bombers attacking BORGO VAL DI TARO.

(5) Normal effort of 2 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing strafe REGGIO EMILIA, FERRARA, BOLOGNA, POGGIO RENATICO A/Ds at 1430B.
2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack FERRARA, FAENZA, FORLI M/Ys 5 June 1944. This is Plan Baker.

ALTERNATE TARGET: IMOLA and CESENA M/Ys.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465th and 464th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5000 and 6000 ft respectively. 465th on course over ANDRIA at 1051B. 464th fall in immediately behind.

460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7000' and 8000' respectively. 460th on course over ALTAMURA at 1052B. 485th fall in immediately behind.

Wing rendezvous: 465th and 464th over SPINAZZOLA on course to MARGHARITA at

assigned altitudes at 1102B. 460th and 485th fall in behind 465th and 464th.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Cover for Bomber formations in RIMINI, BOLDGNA, FERRARA Areas.

ORDER OF FLICHT: 47th Wing; 55th Wing (465, 464, 460, 485), 49th Wing, 5th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MARGHARITA to 42 deg 00 min N 16 deg 20 min E to Key Point (43 deg 40 min N 13 deg 50 min E) then by individual routes to targets. 465th and 464th - Key Point to IP (44 deg 43 min N 11 deg 53 Min E) to FERRARA; 460 - Key Point to MERCATO (43 deg 57 min N 12 deg 12 min E) to IP CUSERCOLI (44 deg 03 min N 12 deg 01 min E) to FAENZA. 485th - Key Point to IP MERCATO (43 deg 57 min N 12 deg 12 min E) to FORLI. Key Point: 18000 at 1225B.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 465th and 464th - 303 deg; 460th - 340 deg; 485th - 333 deg.

TARCET TIME: 465th and 464th - 1311B; 460th - 1302B; 485th - 1259B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465th - 20500; 464 - 19500; 460 - 19000; 485th - 18000.

TARCET ELEVATION: FERRARA - 30 ft .; FAENZA - 110 ft; FORLI - 75 ft.

RALLY: Left from FERRARA, Right from FAENZA and FORLI.

ROUTE BACK: Targets to (44 deg 20 min N 12 deg 20 min E) to Key Point to (42 deg 00 min N 16 deg 20 min E) to Base.

3. a. 464 and 465 Groups attack FFRRARA M/Y using MPI as shown on inclosed chart. Bomb Load: 40 clustered 100# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

b. 460th attack FAENZA M/Y using MPI as shown on inclosed chart. Bomb Load: 8 500# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

c. 485th attack FORLI M/Y using MPI as shown on inclosed chart. Bomb Load: 8 500# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

x. Intervalometer settings: 465 and 464 - 60 feet; 460 - 60 feet; 485 - 100 feet. Carpet will be used by ships equipped. Load 3 cartons chaff per SOP dispensing 3 minutes from IP until clear of flak. Dispense 6 units every 20 seconds for units attacking FERRARA only. 460th fall in behind 485th on return route.

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 - FIRTREE 4; 47th Wing - FIPTREE1; 49th Wing - FIRTREE 3; 55th Wing - FIRTREE 2 (465 - FIRTREE 21; 464 - FIRTREE 22; 460 - FIRTREE 23; 485 - FIRTREE 24).

d. Fighter call signs: Escort for 5th Wing - FREEZOL 4; Escort for 47th Wing - FREEZOL 1; Escort for 49th Wing - FREEZOL 3; Escort for 55th Wing - FREEZOL 2.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing - HISTORY; 47th Wing - HOLDTIGHT; 49th Wing - KEEPER; 55th Wing - KIND; 306th Wing MUDPIE.

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