

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

6 November 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 241)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex,

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y between 1000A and 1100A.
Alternate Targets: VILLACH M/Y, JESSEMYCA M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing interdict the BRENNER ROUTE from 1130A to 1215A.
Alternate Targets: PINZANO, CASARSA, VENZONE, SALCARMO, BOROVNICA,
LATISANA RR BRIDGES.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack BALMAN TARGETS.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack TROOP CONCENTRATIONS at MITROVICE,
SLEMICA, NOVI PAZAR, and PRIJEPOLJE.

15 PFC provide target cover for 5th, 47th, 49th Wings. No escort for
55th Wing. Strafe BALMAN TARGETS.

151 Mx Sq. a/c precede Bombers.

2.

28 a/c plus spares of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack BRIDGES in Northern
ITALY, 7 November 1944 THIS IS PLAN EASY.

ALTERNATE TARGET FOR: 460 and 485 - LATISANA RR BRIDGE,

ALTERNATE TARGET FOR: 465 and 464 - CASARSA RR BRIDGE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to
GRAVINA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0948A.

Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at
9,000 and 10,000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0946A.

Wing Rendezvous: 460th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0959A.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Individual Wings: 55th Wing (460-485-465-464).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to 4400N - 1400E to Control
Point CAORLE 45361 - 1254E to MONTEREALE 4610N - 1239E then by
individual routes to Target.

Control Point Time: 1205A at 17,000 feet.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 17,000 feet, 485 - 18,000 feet, 465 - 17,000 feet, 464 - 18,000 feet.

3.

a.

460th Group attack ADIGE/MEZZOCORONA RR BRIDGE at 1243A.

Route from MONTEREALE to PREDAZZO 46191N - 1036E to IP CAVALESE 4617N - 1327E to Target.

Axis of Attack: 246 degrees.

Target elevation: 689 feet.

Rally: Straight ahead to SAN ANTONIO 4612N - 1047E.

Route Back: Rally Point to RIVA 4554N - 1051E to MONTEREALE then reverse route out.

FIRST ALTERNATE: LATISANA RR BRIDGE.

Initial Point: PORDENONE 4557N - 1240E.

Axis of Attack: 129 degrees.

Rally: NIGHT to 4528N - 1300E.

Route Back: 4528N - 1300E then same as primary.

Use IPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

b.

485th Group attack ADIGE/ORA RR BRIDGE at 1240A.

Route from MONTEREALE to IP PREDAZZO 4619N - 1036E to Target.

Axis of Attack: 282 degrees.

Target Elevation: 783 feet.

Rally: LEFT to SAN ANTONIO 4612N - 1047E.

Route Back: Same as 460th.

ALTERNATE TARGET: Same as 460th.

c.

465th and 464th Groups attack ISARCO/ALBES RR BRIDGE at 1237A.

Route from MONTEREALE to IP ARABBA 4630N - 1138E to Target.

Axis of Attack: 318 degrees.

Target Elevation: 1922 feet.

Rally: Sweeping RIGHT turn to MONTEREALE then reverse route out.

ALTERNATE FOR: 464 and 465 - CASARSA RR BRIDGE.

Initial Point: MONTEREALE 4610N - 1239E.

Axis of Attack: 138 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to CAORLE 4546N - 1253E.

Route Back: CAORLE and the same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

x.

All Groups load 10 500# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet. Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Bomb by boxes. Use PFF a/c for navigation only.

4.

No Change.

5.

a.

Assigned Group Command Frequency and VHF Chanel "B" for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "C" for Group to Group within the Wing. VNF Wing Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

b.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - LACEWORK, 47th Wing - SHAPELY, 49th Wing - KEYWORD, 55th Wing - WARRIOR (460 - WARRIOR Leader, 485 - WARRIOR 2, 465 - WARRIOR 3, 464 - WARRIOR 4).

c.

Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - RETAIN, 47th Wing - PLATOON, 49th Wing - GREENHERD. Wx A/C ~~for 5th Wing~~ - Route Out - GOWAY 1, Route Back: GOWAY 2.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - TRUMPET, 47th Wing - PICKPOCKET, 49th Wing - SCARFACE, 55th Wing - HOTDOG, 304th Wing - PINGPONG, 15th Pr FC - ASHTRAY.

x.

Carpet will be employed hy all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2 on Flak Defended Targets. Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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Major, Air Corps,
A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy ea CG, XV AF, 15 PFC, 55BW.
3 cys ea A-2, A-3 55BW.
1 cy ea Wx 0, 55BW & A-2 DO 15 AF.
4 cys ea Gp 460 & 465 55BW.
3 cys ea Gp 464 & 485 55BW.