

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

10 October 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 206) THIS IS PLAN GEORGE.

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See Intelligence Annex.

b.

All Wings of 15AF are attacking targets in Northern ITALY independently at 1000A, 1030A, and 1100A, 10 October 1944.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack and destroy SANTA DOMA and SUSEGANA RR BRIDGES at 1130A, 10 October 1944. THIS IS PLAN GEORGE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 460 and 485 rendezvous in normal area at 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 465 and 464 rendezvous in normal area at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. Wing Rendezvous: 460 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0926A.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Individual Wings: 55th (460, 485, 465 and 464) on route out, (465, 464, 460 and 485), on route back.

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460 and 485 Groups attack: PIAVE/ SUSEGANA RR and HIGHWAY BRIDGES.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to Control Point 4500N - 1320E to CASARSA 4551N - 1250E to IP to Target.

Control Point Time: 1102A, at 13,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: PORDEMONE 4558N - 1239E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 244 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1130A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 18,000 foot, 485 - 18,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 335 foot.

RALLY: LEFT to SAN BIAGIO 4541N - 1223E, losing altitude in order to rejoin 465 and 464 Groups on return. In case there are stragglers, 155 MPH will be maintained.

ROUTE BACK: SAN BIAGIO to Control Point and reciprocal to Bases,

b.

465 and 464 Groups target: HIGHWAY, SUSEGANA RR BRIDGES.

ROUTE OUT: Same as 460 and 485.

CONTROL POINT TIME: 1100A.

INITIAL POINT: PORDEMONE 4658N - 1231E.

AXIS OZ ATTACK: 194 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1130A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 13,000 feet, 464 - 13,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 30 feet.

RALLY: LEFT to Control Point, maintaining 155 MPH until Wing is reformed.

ROUTE BACK: Control Point and reciprocal or Route Out.

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Bomb Load: 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and nom delay tail.

Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 25 feet.

PFF Optional.

Lead Group will fly 155 MPH indicated on Route Out. Every effort will be made to fly close formation for fighter protection and bombing accuracy.

There will be no fighter escort.

No Alternate Targets will be attacked.

All Wings of the Air Force are attacking targets in Northern ITALY between 1000A and 1130A, 10 Oct 44. It will be necessary for Wing and Group Leaders to alter their course at any time to avoid other Groups and Wings of the Air Force.

Wing Formation: Column of Groups on route out. 460 and 485 bombing by Groups. 465 and 464 Groups will bomb by individual boxes. Column of Groups will be flown on Route Back.

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No Change.

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a,b,c,d, and e Same as on Plan ABLE BLUE FORCE for 10 Oct 44.

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Carpet will be employed by all Groups so equipped. Chaff will be employed by 460 and 485 Groups in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2.

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