

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

11 October 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 210)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BOLOGNA BIVOUAC AREA at 1045A to 1115A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack BOLOGNA VEHICLE WORKSHOPS, STORES DEPOTS, BARRACKS AREAS at 1145A to 1215A.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack BOLOGNA STORES DEPOTS AND BARRACKS AREAS at 1215A to 1245A.

4 Groups of 306th Wing attack BOLOGHA STORES DEPOTS AND AMMUNITICN FACTORY at 1245A to 1315A.

154 Wx Recon a/c precede 5th Wing.

15th Fighter Command provide 8 a/c to drop chaff for lead of each bomb wing, strafe BRNO and VYSKOV A/Ds, strafe communications between BUDAPEST and VIENNA.

2.

Maximum effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack BOLOGNA tactical targets, 12 October 1944. This is Plan Able. Each Group will fly 3 waves of 12 a/c plus spares.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: All Groups will leave SPINAZZOLA at 5 minute intervals.

465: 0830 at 3500.

464: 0835A at 10000.

485: 0841A at 10500.

460: 0846A at 11000.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 8 a/c will dispense chaff ahead of Wing and provide target cover.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Loose column of Wings: 5th Wing, 55th Wing (465-464-485-460), 49th Wing, 47th Wing, 304th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MELFI to PIOMBINO (4256N 1032E) to Key Point
SESIRI (4417N 0923E) to MODENA (4458N 1055E) to CAMPO SENTO
(4447N 1109E) to IP to Target.

KEY FOINT: 20,000 feet. 465: 1055A. 464: 1100A. 485: 1106A. 460:
1111A.

INITIAL POINT: CAMPO (4444N 1117E).

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 21500; 464 - 20500; 485 - 22500; 460 - 21500.

RALLY: Sharp left to LUGA (4425N 1154E).

ROUTE BACK: LUGA to VAMI DI COOCHIO (4436N 1210E) to 4200N 1640E to
Bases.

3.

a.

465 and 464 attack STORES DEPOT (Target Number 24 on Sheet 88. Grid
Coordinates 006433) using IPI as shown on annotated photos. Bomb Load:
20 - 100 # GP fused .1 nose and non-delay tail.

Intervalometer Setting: 25 feet.

Axis of Attack: 151 degrees.

Target Time: 465: 1125A. 464: 1130A.

Target Elevation: 165 feet.

485 and 460 attack ammunition dump (Target Number 20 on Sheet 87. Grid
Coordinates 965505), using MPI as shown on annotated photos. Bomb
Load: 40 - 100 # GP fused .1 nose and non-delay tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 35 feet.

Axis of Attack: 154 degrees.

Target Time: 485: 1135A. 460: 1140A.

Target Elevation: 165 feet.

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Brief crews on available fields in North ITALY and the exact location
of the battle lines. Do not fly over friendly troops.

Make every effort to insure absolute target identification. PFF will
be used for navigational aid. Bombing will be by visual means only.

It is desired that all Group personnel participating in tomorrow's
attack on close support of the ground forces be impressed with the
extreme importance of their mission. All eyes of the ground forces and
of the tactical air force will be upon us. We must do our utmost to
insure proper appreciation of the magnitude of our effort and the
accuracy of our bombings. The ground forces will move forward to seize
this important objective shortly after the completion of our attack.
Our attack must be devastating in nature, impressive in its accuracy
and must adhere to the time schedule promulgated for its control.

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 - BCULDER; 47th Wing - DAYLONG; 49th Wing - SCANTY; 55th Wing - PULPWOOD (465 - PULPWOOD Leader, 464 - PULPWOOD 2; 485 - PULPWOOD 3; 460 - PULPWOOD 4), 304th Wing - MOSES.

d.

Fighter Call Sign: MAYHILL 2; Wx: PULPWOOD 1 and 2.

e.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - POORBRED; 47th Wing - CALIFORNIA; 49th Wing - BOOTLEGGER; 55th Wing - DARKHORSE; 304th Wing - SKIFFER; 15th Pr FC - TRUMPET.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2, except all ships in 465 Gps load Chaff. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

DALE S. SEEDS,
Major, Air Corps,
Asst A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy ea CG 15AF, 55BW, 15FC.
3 cys ea A-2, A-3, 55BW.
1 cy Wx 55BW.
4 cys ea 460, 465 Gps 55BW.
3 cys ea 464, 485 Gps 55BW.