

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

23 September 1944,

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 187)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex,

b.

Night Bombers attack SAN BENEDETTO BRIDGE night 23/24 Sept 1944.

3 Groups of 47th Wing destroy dispersed A/C on KAIAMAKI A/D, at 1245A.
1 Group Stand Down.

2 Groups of 49th Wing destroy dispersed A/C on ATHENS/ELEUSIS A/D at
1315A. 1 Group provide 13 A/C for transport of personnel.

4 Groups of 304th Wing destroy dispersed A/C on ATHENS/TATOI A/D at
1215A.

5th Wing Stand Down.

Fighters of 15th FC provide cover over ATHENS A/Ds 45 minutes
preceding Bomber Formation to prevent A/C from being airborne, conduct
fighter sweep from SALONIKA to ATHENS arriving at SALONIKA 5 minutes
prior to Bomber Attack.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack Rail Targets and
Submarines in GREECE, 24 September 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to
GRAVINA at 11,000 and 12,000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0909A, over
SPINAZZOLA at 0920A.

Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at
9,000 and 10,000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 1030A, and over SPINAZZOIA
at 1045A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Individual Wings: 55th Wing in two combat waves. 1st Wave: 485 and 460. 2nd Wave: 464 and 465.

3.

a.

485 and 460 Groups destroy SALCNIKA WEST M/Y at 1115A. Route Out: SPINAZZOLA to 4100N - 1800E to Control Point CAPE KIEPHLAI 3954N - 1955E to IP to Target. Start climb to bombing altitude from SPINAZZOLA. Control point time: 1026A at 20,000 feet. Bombing Altitude: 460 - 23,200 feet, 485 - 24,000 feet. Target Elevation: Sea Level. Rally: LEFT to PROKHAMA 4047N - 2240E then direct to Base. Load 10 - 500# GP Bombs fused .1 nose and non delay tail. Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet. Use MPI as indicated on photo. IP ATHERIDHA Point 4021N 2240E. Axis 36°. Weather Recon plane will proceed 485 and 460 Groups by 50-75 miles and inform leader of route and Target weather conditions on VHF Channel A.

b.

464 and 465 Groups destroy SUBMARINE based in SCARAMANGA Harbor and SCARASUANGA HARBOR INSTALLATIONS at 1300A. Route Out: SPINAZZOIA to 4100N - 1800E to Control Point LAKE VUTRINTES 3947N - 2008E to LIKHA 3851N - 2252E to VLAKHIA 3844N - 2340E to IP to Target. Start climb to bombing altitude at 4100N - 1800E. Control Point Time: 1153A at 15,000 feet. Initial Point: SKALA OROPOU 3819N - 2348E. Axis of Attack: 208 degrees. Target Elevation: Sea Level. Bombing Altitude: 464 - 23,200 feet, 465 - 24,000 Ft. Rally: RIGHT to VILLIA 3810N - 2321E to Control Point, then reverse route out. Load 10 - 500# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and .01 tail. Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet. Use MPI as shown on inclosed photograph.

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Groups of Attack Wave will fly Right echelon on route out and back and column over the Target. PFF Stand Down. No unassigned Targets in GREECE or ALBANIA will be attacked. NO bombs will be jettisoned over Land Areas.

4.

No Change.

5.

a.

Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication with the Group. VHF Ving 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: 47th Wing - RINGWAY, 49th Wing - MAYFLOWER, 55th Wing - RUBBISH (485 - RUBBISH Leader, 460 - RUBBISH 2, 464 - RUBBISH 3, 465 - RUBBISH 4), 304th Wing SHOCKPROOF, WX Recon Ship - TAILPIECE.

d.

Fighter Call Sign For: ATHENS Fighter use FLYTHEEL with suffixed numbers in order of arrival.

e.

Recall Signs: 47th Wing - FLATBUSH, 49th Wing - SNAKEBITE, 55th Wing - ROTATION, 304th Wing - POCLTABLE, 15th PFC - SAILFISH.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedures 32-2. Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

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