

8 April 1945

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FIRST ATTACK UNIT

| TEST FIRE GUNS: <u>NONE</u> | <u>ABLE FLIGHT</u>   | <u>VHF</u> | <u>BAKER FLIGHT</u> | <u>VHF</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
|                             | 11. Moe 300-Z        | A          | 11. Foss 56-G       | B          |
| START ENGINES:              | 12. Kooker 315-Y     | B          | 12. Vance 52-M      | A          |
| 1st Unit: <u>0740B</u>      | 13. Wise * 31-B      | C          | 13. Walrond 60-K    | C          |
| 2nd Unit: <u>0750B</u>      | 21. Weiderspahn 38-I |            | 21. Stewart 52-C    |            |
| TAXI OUT:                   | 22. Stonecipher 36-G |            | 22. Gannon * 61-L   |            |
| 1st Unit: <u>0750B</u>      | 23. Kaiser * 40-K    |            | 23. Shiely * 51-B   |            |
| 2nd Unit: <u>0800B</u>      | 31. Poy 30-A         |            | 31. Anderson 55-F   |            |
|                             | Spare: 302           |            |                     |            |

TAKE OFF: SECOND ATTACK UNIT

| 1st Unit: <u>0800B</u> | <u>DOG FLIGHT</u>   | <u>EASY FLIGHT</u>  |
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| 2nd Unit: <u>0810B</u> | 11. Spieth 28-S     | B 11. Frobom * 83-N |
| BRIEF: <u>0600B</u>    | 12. Sveta 29-T      | 12. Johnson * 74-E  |
|                        | 13. Parker 16-G     | 13. Gartland 79-J   |
|                        | 21. Sugrue 11-B     | A 21. Leese 73-D    |
|                        | 22. Perris * 22-M   | 22. Keller 76-G     |
|                        | 23. Stanford * 20-K | 23. Pearson 77-H    |
|                        | 31. Downey 26-Q     | 31. Meyers 81-L     |
|                        | Spare: 21-L         | Spare: 87-R         |

TARGET: BRONZOLO SOUTH M/Y (46-25, 11-19)

ALT #6: Bolzano M/Y (46-29, 11-21)

ALT #8: Verona Porto Nuova M/Y (45-26, 11-58)

RENDEZVOUS: None. All groups will leave departure point Bovino  
Direct to TP#1. No 2 BG at 0848B, No 1 BG at 0856B,  
And No.3 BG at 0903B. Departure point altitude, 6000 ft.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: No. 2 BG, lead; No. 1 BG; No. 3 BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to IP to Target.

TURN POINT #2: Pistoia (43-56, 10-55). Altitude 20,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: Pinzolo (46-10, 10-46).

AXIS OF ATTACK" 61 degrees TC.

TARGET TIME: 1155B. INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 45 ft.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000 ft. TARGET ELEVATION: 775 ft.

RALLY: Right.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to Base.

BOMB LOAD: 250# GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

NOTE: Groups will be at bombing altitude five minutes before  
Reaching the IP. This is a planned VISUAL mission.

Bombing will be by individual boxes. Bombardiers should  
Expect excessive drift on all targets except Alternate #8.

RADIO RANGE: Lake Lesina, Callsign "LA", Frequency 263 Kcs.

COMMUNICATIONS: Tower: Channel "B"; Interplane: Channel "B"; VHF  
Channel "A" for Fighters; VHF Channel "C" for Intergroup.

BOMBER CALL SIGNS: No 1 BG "Mayhill 2"; No 2 BG "Mayhill 1";  
No 3 BG "Mayhill 3".

FIGHTER CALL SIGNS: "Retain".

WXRECON: Route out, "Seedcake 1"; Route back, "Seedcake 2".

RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: "Pickpocket".

SQ CALL SIGNS: Sq 1 "Wellfed"; Sq 2 "Thankless";  
Sq 3 "Raceclub"; Sq 4 "Steadful".

VISUAL SIGNALS: See reverse side. ALDIS LAMP: Red "W".

ETR: 1400B.

EMERGENCY LANDING FIELDS: Falconara: 43-37, 13-22, Tower 6440, Callsign  
"Mailstack". Iesi: 43-32, 13-16, Tower 6440, Callsign "Crispen".  
Biferno: 41-58, 15-02, Tower 6440, Callsign "Watchbox".

SWISS LANDING CODEWORD: "Mayflower".

FIGHTER ESCORT: 40 P-51s will intercept Wing at Pistoia at 1033B  
and provide route cover on PTW.