

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

3 January 1945

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
3) THIS IS PLAN BAKER.

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a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack TRENTO M/Y and MAIN STATION at 1130A.
ALTERNATE TARGETS: MESTRE AND TREVISO M/Ys.

2 Groups each of 301th Wing attack VERONA PORTO NUOVO and PORTO
VESCOVA M/Ys from 1130A to 1150A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: BRESCIA, VICENZA
and PADUA M/Ys.

5 Groups of 5th Wing attack VERONA LOCO DEPOT, PORTO NUOVO M/Y and
PORTO VESCOVA M/Y from 1215A to 1235A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as
304th Wing.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack BRONZOLO M/Ys at 1200A. ALTERNATES: Same
as 49th WG.

Fighters of 15FC provide: reduced escort for all Wings on PTW, chaff
dispensing A/C for lead of 5th and 304th Wings. Droopsnoots destroy
CISMON RR BRIDGE.

2.

Normal effort of 464th and 465th Groups destroy Rolling Stock in
BOLZANO M/Y, 460th and 485th Groups STAND DOWN, 4 January 1944.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: (Air Force #5) TREVISO M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: (Air Force #4) MESTRE M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 464th and 465th rendezvous in normal areas at 9000
and 10000 feet. 464th over ANDRIA at 0953A, and over
SPINAZZOLA at 1008A.

ALTERNATE WEATHER RENDEZVOUS: In Area #4 at 9000 and 10000 feet. 461th
leaving LOGASTA ISLAND on course to SANSEGO
at 1039A.

FIGHTER BOMBER REDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 2 loose columns of Wings: Right Column - 49th, 47th, 55th (464, 465). Left Column: 304th, 5th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA TO 4200N - 1620E to SANSEGO (4431N - 1419E) to ZOLLA (4553N - 1400E) to DOGNA (4627N - 1319E) to PREDOI (4703N - 1206E) to GSCHNITZ (4703N - 1121E) to IP to target.

Start Climb to Bombing Altitude at: SANSEGO. Time At SNSEGO: 1129A at 16000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ST. MARTINO (4646N - 1131E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 161 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1245A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464th - 24000; 465th - 25000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 860 feet.

RALLY: Left to PAZZA (4626N - 1141E).

ROUTE BACK: PAZZA to DOGIA then reverse Route Out.

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Load 8 - 500# GP bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

MPI as indicated on target chart.

Deploy 4 PFF A/C for navigation aid only.

FIRST ALTERNATE: TREVISO M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: PEDEROBBA (4553N - 1157E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 135 degrees.

RALLY: Left to S. STINO DI LIVENZA (4543N - 1241E).

ROUTE BACK: LIVENZA to CAORLE to (4440N - 1340E) to (4400N - 1443E)
then same as for primary.

Use MPI as show on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: MESTRE M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: MONTEMELLUNA (4547N - 1202E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 159 degrees.

RALLY: Left to (4500N - 1250E).

ROUTE BACK: (4500N - 1250E) to (4400N - 1443E) then same as for primary.

Use IPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

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No Change.

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a.

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

b.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - DAYLONG, 47th Wing - SENILE, 49th Wing - SURETHING. 304th Wing - FREEZOL, 55th Wing - SEEDCAKE (464th - SEEDCAKE LEADER, 465th - SEEDCAKE 2).

c.

Fighter Call Sign: 5th Wing - CLEARSOUP, 47th Wing - COALMAN, 49th Wing - FRUITTART, 55th Wing - SCHOOLFRIEND, 304th Wing - SADLER, Chaff dispensing A/C - BUTLER.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - ASHTRAY, 447th Wing - FRONTIER, 49th Wing - SWEATSHIRT, 55th Wing - MARSHLAND, 304th Wing - FLATBUSH, 15th Pr FC-ROTATION.

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Carpet will be employed by all units equipped. Employ Chaff per SOI 21-1. Radio discipline must be enforced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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