

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

12 August 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:

NUMBER 151)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack AVIGNON RR BRIDGE, CREST RR BRIDGE, ORANGE RR BRIDGE, and PONT ST. ESPRIT RR BRIDGE. ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack Gun Positions in GENOA Area from 1300 to 1320B. ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack Gun Positions in TOULON Area at 1300 to 1330B. ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

5 Groups of 5th Wing attack Gun Positions in GENOA Area fram 1335 to 1415B.

1 Group of 5th Wing attack town of PECS (4239N 2018E). ALTERNATE TARGET: None.

1 Group Fighters of 306th Wing dive bomb VALENCE/LA TRESORIE L/G - 4 Groups provide cover for Bomber Formations and top cover for dive bombers.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack GUN POSITIONS in the SETE Area of South FRANCE at 1300 and 1310B, 13 August 1944. This is PLAN DOG.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 9,000 and 10,000 foet. 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485 approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460 over ALTIJURA at 0929B.

Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from CORATO to ANDRIA at 9,000 and 10,000 feet. 465 falling in behind 464 in 464 area prior to rendezvous. 464 over CORATO at 0927B.

Wing Rendezvous: 460 lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0940B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Loose column of Groups: 55th 1st Wave 460 and 485, 2nd Wave 464 and 465.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MELFI to Key Point LIDO (4144N - 1216E) to Control Point CAPE ROSSO (4214N -- 0832E) to IP to Targets.

Last point to start climb to Bombing Altitude (4236N - 0700E).

Key Point Time: 1047B at 12,000 foet.

Control Point Time: 1143B at 12,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: 4303N - 0346E,

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 16,000 feot, 485 - 17,000 feet, 464 - 16,500 feet, 465 - 17,500 feot.

TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.

RALLY: 460 and 464 LEFT to (4258N - 0325E) 485 and 465 RIGHT to (4312N - 0400E).

0400E

ROUTE BACK: Rally points to (4253N - 0985E} then reverse Route Out.

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The 460th Group will attack GUN POSITIONS as shown on target chart and annotated photograph for Operations Order # 149 at 1300B. Axis of Attack: Able Box - 290 degrees, Baker Box - 304 degrees, Charlie Box - 314 degrees, Dog Box - 317 degrees.

The 485th Group will attack GUN POSITIONS as shown on target chart and annotated photograph for Operations Ordor # 149 at 1300B. Acis of Attack: Able Box - 358 degrees, Baker Box - 352 degrees, Charlie Box - 323 degrees, Dog Box - 322 degrees.

The 464th Group will attack GUN POSITIONS as shown on target chart and annotated photograph for Operations Order #149 at 1310B. Axis of Attack: Able Box - 290 degrees, Baker Box - 304 degrees, Charlie Box - 314 degrees, Dog Box - 317 degrees.

The 465th Group will attack GUN POSITIONS as shown on attached target chart and annotated photograph at 1310B. Axis of Attack: Able Box - 358 degrees, Baker Box - 352 degrees, Charlie Box - 323 dogrees, Dog Box - 322 degrees.

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All Groups load 10-500 RDX bombs fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: All Groups 25 feet.

Accurate navigation is essential.

Wing will fly right echelon of waves enroute.

Wing Rendezvous will be accomplished in the normal manner, at the Control Point the 464 and 465 groups will execute a 360 degree turn and then continue on course maintaining at least 10 minute interval between second and third groups.

Targets will be hit in two waves 10 minutes apart, two groups making a wave.

Bombing will be conducted by individual boxes, boxes will break off at IP and assume their individual bomb runs. Boxes will reform as a group after rally.

There are no alternate targets. Only the targets specified will be bombed. If bombing is not accomplished as specified bombs will be returned to the base. NO bombs will be jettisoned over FRANCE.

Bombing will be by VISUAL means only. Any convoy encountered enroute will be avoided.

Group Leaders will fire a green-green flare to designate IP.

Box leaders will report success of their bombing to the Group Leader on the Group command frequency. Group Leader will report bombs away as follows: "3 boxes MS OK 1 box MF OK".

Groups will lose at least 3,000 feet on rally to avoid interfering with second waves attack.

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.

Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

c.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - SCANTY 2, 47th Wing - BOULDER 1, 49th Wing - SCANTY 1, 55th Wing - ROASTLAMB (460 - ROASTLAMB Leader, 485 - ROASTLAMB 2, 464 - ROASTLAMB 3, 465 - ROASTLAMB 3), 304th Wing - BOULDER 2.

d.

Fighter Call Sign: Escort for: 5th Wing and 49th Wing use AIRSLUG, 47th and 304th Wing use IMPISH, 55th Wing CARTLOAD.

e.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - HURRICANE, 47th Wing - TEMPLE, 49th Wing - ORANGE, 55th Wing - PORTRAIT, 304th Wing - WHISTEL, 306th Wing - COMIC.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 2 cartons window in lead attack units dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from IP until clear of Flak.

Radio discipline will be enforced.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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Asst, 1-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy CO, A-2. A-3, PI 55BW
5 Cys 460th and 465 BGs.
3 cys 464th and 485th BGs,
1 cy CG 306th Fighter Wing
1 cy CG 15AF.