

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

5 June 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
85)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex, Nos. 79, 80 and 81.
- b. (1) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack ROMANO AITRICANO Oil Refinery at 0920B. Key Point Time: 0639. Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.
(2) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack BRASOV M/Ys at 0920B. Key Point Time; 0705B. Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.
(3) Normal effort of 3 Groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack XENIA Oil Refinery at 0940B. Key Point Time: 0719B. Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.
(4) Normal effort of 2 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing attack IRON GATE CANAL. Key Point Time: 0729B.
(5) Normal effort of 4 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing Task Force attack Communications Targets at BUZAU at 1000B.
(6) 306th Wing: 1 Group provide target and withdrawal cover for Air Force formation. 2 Groups provide target and withdrawal cover for Groups attacking PLOESTI. 1 Group line intercept Task Force between Target and SINAIA and provide route cover through PLOESTI Area to maximum limit. 1 Group of P-47s provide penetration and Target cover for Task Force.
2. Normal effort of B-24s of the 55th Wing attack DACIA ROMANO Oil Refinery at 0930, 6 June 1944. This is Plan Charlie.

ALTERNATE TARGET: Same as Primary by Pathfinder. Last Resort Target: Marshalling Yards at PITESTI and CRAIOVA; Iron Cate Installations at TURNUL SEVERIN, BELGRADE SAVE M/Y and RR Bridge.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 5000' and 6000' respectively. 460th on course over ALTAMURA at 0608B. 485th fall in immediately behind.

464th and 465th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7000' and 8000' respectively.

464th on course over ANDRIA at 0607B. 465th fall in immediately behind 464th.

Wing rendezvous: 460th and 485th over SPINAZZOLA on course to MOLFETTA at assigned altitudes at 0617B. 464th and 465th fall in behind 485th.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Will be signaled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Right column: 47th Wing, 55th Wing (460, 485, 464, 465), 49th Wing 5th Wing. Left column: 304th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to MOLFETTA to Key Point MIKULICA (42 deg 28 min N 18 deg 25 min E) to Turn Point (OSJECENICA (42 deg 42 min N 18 deg 38 min E) to Turn Point PECENISCA (44 deg 52 min N 22 deg 25 min E) to Turn Point PESTEANA JIV (44 deg 51 min N 23 deg 18 min E) to SINAIA (45 deg 22 min N 25 deg 32 min E) to IP to Target. Key Point - 10,000 at 0709B.

INITIAL POINT: HOMORACIUL (45deg 16 min N 26 deg 01 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 174 deg.

TARGET TIME: 0930B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460th - 25,000'; 485th - 24,000'; 464th - 24,500'; 465th - 23,500'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 500'.

RALLY: Left to 44 deg 50 min N 26 deg 17 Min E, then Right to Rally Point.

ROUTE BACK: Rally Point LUNGULETUL (44 deg 36 min N 25 deg 40 min E to PECENISCA thence Reverse Route Out to the Base.

3. x. The 460th, 485th, 464th, 465th Bomb Groups will attack DACIA ROMANO Oil Refinery. MPI as shown on attached Target Chart. Bomb Load: 8 500/ GP Bombs, fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail fusing. Intervalometer Setting: 100'. Load 4 cartons Chaff dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds from 3 minutes before IP until clear of flak. Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. 460th Bomb Group Leader will use PF if Target is obscured. Close Wing formation is imperative on Route Out, over Target, and Route Back for protection against Fighters and accuracy of bombing.

4. No Change.
5.
 - a. Command radio; assigned Croup Frequency for communication within the Croup.
 - b. VHF Channel B for Bombers to Fighters and Group to Group.
 - C. Bomber call sign: 5th Wing - PIXIE 4; 47th Wing - PIXIE 1; 49th Wing - PIXIE 2; 55th Wing - PIXIE 3 (460 - PIXIE 31; 1:64 - PIXIE 32; 465 - PIYIE 33; 485 - PIXIE 34), 304th Wing - FALSE TEETH; 5th Wing Task Force - RIPPLE.
 - d. Fighter call signs: Escort for 5th Wing - MILTON 1 and 2; Escort for 47th Wing - PLAYFAIR 1 and 2; Escort for 49th Wing - PLAYFAIR 1 and 2; Escort for 55th Wing - PLAYFAIR 1 and 2; Escort for 304th Wing - RINGWAY; Penetration Cover - RETAIN.
 - e. Recall signs: 55th Wing - HOTSEAT.
- x. Standard Bomb's Away signal will be observed one aircraft in each Group sending message and two aircraft standing by.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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DISTRIRUTION:

1 cy ea CO, A-2, A-3, PI 55BW.
2 cys ea Gp 55BW.
1 cy CG 306th Fighter Wg.
1 cy CG XV AF.