

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

18 January 1945

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
18)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack BROD Road and RR Bridges from 1030A to 1050A.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack BROD North and South M/Ys from 1100A to 1120A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack BROD Road and RR Bridges from 1130A to 1150A.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BROD North and South M/Ys from 1200A to 1230A.

154 Wx Recon Sq. A/C provide first light target area recon.

Fighters: 1 Group of P-51s sweep ZAGREB area for air transport targets at earliest possible time; DROOPSNOUTS attack DOBOJ South RR Bridge at 1245A.

AIR FORCE ALTERMATE TARGETS: (1) thru (5) Omitted.

(6) MARIBOR South M/Y and Loco Depot.

(7) MARIJA POLJU M/Y.

(8) CELJE M/Y.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack ZAGREB M/Ys, 19 Jan 45. This is Plan BAKER.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #8, AF #6.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 and 460 rendezvous in normal areas at 9000 and 8000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0845A and over SPINAZZOLA at 0856A.

464 and 465 rendezvous in normal areas at 10000 and 9000 foot. 464 over AUDRIA at 0901A and over SPINAZZOLA at 0916A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signaled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 55th Wing first wave: 485-460; second wave: 464-465.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4300N 1620E to SIBENIK (4343N 1555E) to TREBNJE (4555N 1501E) to RADECE (4604N 1511E) to IPs to target. NOTE: This route used by 55th Wing only.

Start Climb to Bombing Altitude at: SPINAZZOLA.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 23,000, 460 - 22,000, 464 - 24,000, 465 - 23,000 feet.

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a.

485 and 464 attack ZAGREB East M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: TURMELJ (4604N 1546E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 141 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 485 - 1100A. 464 - 1120A.

TARGET ELEVATION: 400 feet.

RALLY: Left to LUPOGLAV (4548N 1621E).

ROUTE BACK: LUPOGLAV to SIBENIK to 4200N 1620E to bases.

b.

460 and 465 attack ZAGRGB West M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: KOZJE (4604N 1533E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 135 Degrees.

TARGET TIME: 460 - 1100A. 465 - 1120A.

TARGET ELEVATION: 400 feet.

RALLY: Right to Lake at 4537N 1544E.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to SIBENIK to 4200N 1620E to bases.

Bomb Load: 8 - 500 # GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer Setting: 25 feet visual only.

MPI: See charts.

Use PFF aircraft for navigation aid only. Bombing will be conducted only by visual means.

Only assigned targets will be bombed and then only after positive visual identification has been made.

Parallel axes of attack and identical target times are designed to split flak defenses. Bombing will be conducted on primary targets by boxes only using Able method as outlined in 55BW/ Cpn's Memo No. 4-8, 10 Jan 45.

Group leaders will maintain 150 MPH after rally until groups have reassembled.

No attempt will be made to reassemble the combat waves.

FIRST ALTERNATE: CELJE M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: ROGATETEC (4615N 1542E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 269 degrees.

RALLY: Left to TREBNJE (4555N 1501E).

ROUTE BACK: TREBNJE then reverse route out.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALONETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual only.

SECOND ALTERNATE: MARIBOR South M/Y and LOCO Depot.
INITIAL POINT: DITTMANSDORF (4645N 1519E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 135 degrees.
RALLY: Right to LOCE (4617) 1530E).
RCUTE BACK: LOCE to SIBENIK (4343N 1555E), then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVLOMETER SETTINGS: 5 feet visual only.

4.
No Change.

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

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - HOTIRON, 47th Wing - BETTY, 49th Wing - SCANTY, 304th Wing - KIDDIES, 55th Wing - FROCKCOAT (485-FROCKCOAT Leader, 460-FROCKCOAT 2, 464-FROCKCOAT 3, 465-FROCKCOAT 4)

Recall Signs: 5th Wing; - SCARFACE, 47th Wing - PINGPONG, 49th Wing - MOONGLOW, 55th Wing - ASTRAY, 304th Wing - POOLTABLE, 15PFC - CATWALK.

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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. First combat wave leader will notify second combat wave leader whether the primary or an alternate is to be attacked. Communications between combat waves will utilize VHF Channel "C".

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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DISTRIBUTION: "C"