

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

22 August 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 159)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

Night Bombers will attack M/Y at MISKOLC night of 22/23 August.

3 Groups of 49th Wing Frag A/C on MARKERSDORF A/D at 1200B. Key Point Time: 1027B.

3 Groups of 304th Wing destroy FERRARA RR Bridge. Key Point Time: 1040B.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack WIENER-NEUDORF Engine Factory Buildings at 1245B. Key Point Time: 1108B. Alternate Target: Same as 55th Wing.

3 Groups of 47th Wing attack VOSENDORF O/R at 1255B. Key Point Time: 1123B.

7 Groups Fighters of 306th Wing provide: close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal for 49th, 55th, 5th and 47th Wings, top offensive cover for 304th Wing. If special operation for BALKAN AF is execute 23 Aug., top offensive cover for 5th and 47th Wings will be deleted.

2.

4 Groups of the 55th Wing destroy installations on MARKEPSDORF A/D at 1210B, 23 August 1944. This is Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Southwest Industrial Area of VIENNA by PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: CRAZ NEUDORF A/D Factory.

LAST RESORT TARGET: MARIBOR A/C Engine Works.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANCSA at 5000 and 6000 feet. 464 falling in behind 465 in 465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over ANDRIA at 0854B.

485 and \$60 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7000 and 8000 feet. 485 approaching ALTAMURA from

SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0900B. 460 approaching AITAMURA from TORITTO.

Wing Rendezvous: 465 lead over SPINAZZOIA on course at 0909B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Column of Wings in 2 Waves: 1st wave - 49th, 55th (465-464-485-460); 2nd wave - 5th, 47th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to (4200N 1620E) to Key Point (4410N 1410E) to GALIOLA ISLAND (4444N 1411) to ORMOZ (4625N 1609E) to FRIEDBURG (4727N 1603E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1037B at 12000 feet. Last Point to start climb to Bombing Altitude - - (4511N 1441E)

INITIAL POINT: HOHENBERG (4755N 1537E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 345 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1210B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 22400'; 464 - 23200'; 485 - 24000'; 460 - 23000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 902'.

RALLY: Left to WIESELBURG (4808N 1508E).

ROUTE BACK: WIESELBURG to PAKRAC (4526N 1712E) to SCEDRO ISLAND (4305N 1642E) to Bases.

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All Groups load 10-500# GP Bombs, fused .1 nose and non-delay tail. Intervalometer settings: 25'. Use MPI as shown on inclosed target chart.

PFF fly lead and deputy lead in all Groups.

Wing will fly close right echelon on route out and close column over the target.

On rally from primary target Groups will reform in Wing formation as soon as possible.

First Alternate: Southwest Industrial Area of VIENNA by PFF.

I.P.: STOCKERAU (4822N 1612F). Axis of attack - 165 degrees. Rally: Sharp right to HOHENBURG (4755N 1537E). Route back - HOHENPUPG to PAKRAC, then same as Primary. Method of attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings: 100'. Special Instructions: Route to IP for 1st Alternate from Primary should be via LANGENLOIS (4829N 1540E).

Second Alternate: GRAZ NEUDOPF A/C Factory (4701N 1529E).

I.P.: FELDBACH (4657N 1522E). Axis of attack: 284 deg. Rally: Left to STAINZ (4654N 1515E). Route back - STAINZ to MOLAT ISLE (4412N 1548E) to (4200N 1620E) to Base. Method of attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings: 25'.

Last Resort Target: M'RIPUR A/C Engine Works.

I.P.: RADKERSBURG (4641N 1660E). Axis of attack: 232 degrees. Rally - Left to LUSECKA VAS (4618N 1535E). Route back - LUSECKA VAS to MOLAT ISLE (4412N 1548E) to 4200 1620) to Base. Method of attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings - 25'.

4.

No Change.

5:

a.

Command Radio: Assigned Groups Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b.

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

c.

Bomber Call Signs: 5th Wing - BELLBUOY 3; 47th Wing - BELLBUOY 4; 49th Wing - BELLBUOY 1; 55th Wing - BELLBUOY 2 (435 - BELLBUOY LEADER, 464 - BELLBUOY 22; 285 - BELLBUOY 23; 460 - BELLBUOY 24), 304th Wing - CARTLOAD.

d.

Escort for 49th, 55th, 5th & 47th use COALMAN with suffixed numbers in order of contact. Escort for 304th use SOMEGIRL.

e.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - MARSHLAND; 47th Wing - FLATBUSH; 49th Wing - SNAKEBITE; 55th Wing - ROTATION, 304th Wing - SKIPPER, 306th Wing - DUCKSOUP

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 3 cartons Window in lead attack units dispensing 4 small bundles every 20 seconds from 1 minute before IP until clear of flak. Window will not repeat NOT be used on Primary Target. Briefing must emphasize this. It is to be used only if alternate targets are attacked. Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy ea CO, A-2, A-3, PI 55BW.
5 cys 460th, 465th Gps 55BW.
3 cys 464th, 485th, Gps 55BW
1 cy CG XVAF, 1 cy CG 306th