

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

28 August 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)
:
NUMBER 165)

1.

A.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack MORAVSKA-OSTRAVA Main M/Y, PRIVOSER and BOHUMIN O/Rs at 1102B. Key Point Time: 0848B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: First, PFF on Industrial Area of MORAVSKA OSTRAVA. Second, SZOLNOK, SZAJOL, and CZEGLLED M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack FERRARA, POROVNICA, and SALCANO RR BRIDGES at 1000B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: TRIESTE Port Installations, VICENZA M/Y, TREVISO Northeast M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack SZEGED M/Y and RR BRIDGE. Key Point Time: 0930B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SUBOTICA M/Y, TIMISOARA M/Y, SARAJEVO M/Y.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack KORAVSKA OSTRAVA Tank Works at 1122B. Key Point Time: 0915B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: First, PFF on Industrial Area of MORAVSKA OSTRAVA. Second, SZOLNOK, SZAJOL, and CZEGLLED M/Y.

7 Groups of Fighters of 306th Wing provide escort for 5th, 55th, and 304th Wings. DROOPSNOUTS destroy LAVISANA RR BRIDGE. No escort for 49th Wing.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing destroy MORAVSKA OSTRAVA South M/Y at 1112B, 29 August 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on Industrial Area of MORAVSKA OSTRAVA.

LAST RESORT FOR 465 and 464: SZOLNOK M/Y.

LAST RESORT FOR 485 and 460: CZEGLLED M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5000 and 6000 feet. 464 falling in behind 465 in 465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over ANDRIA at 0801B.

485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7000 and 8000 feet. 485 approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485th over ALTAMURA at 0803B.

Wing Rendezvous: 465th lead over SPIMZZOLA on course at 0812B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 5th, 55th, (465,464,485,460), 304th. Close column of Wings.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point SCEDRO ISTE (4309N 1634E) to PITOMACA (4558N 1714E) to ERSEKUJVAR (4759N 1810E) to IP to Target. Last Point to Start Climb to Bombing Altitude: (4452N 1725E) Key Point Time: 0905B at 12,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: NEUTITSCHHEIN (4936N 1801E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 33 Degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1112B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 23,000', 464 - 22,200', 485 - 21,400', 460 - 22,800'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 711 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT to CIESZYN (4945N 1837E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally Point to HATVAN (4740N 1940E) to NJEGOSEVAC (4534N 1812E) to DAVOR (4507N 1731E) to KEY POINT to Base.

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x.

All Groups load 10-500# GP bombs fused .1 nose and .01 tail. Intervalometer Settings: All gps 25 feet.

Use MPI as shown on attached target chart.

PFF will be employed in Lead, Deputy Lead and lead of 2nd attack unit.

WING will fly close column of groups. Close right echelon over the target and on return.

After rally from target the 465 Group will fly straight ahead until other groups have dropped their bombs and then execute a very gradual turn to the right losing altitude. This will enable the 464 & 485 to fall in directly behind. The 460 will lose sufficient altitude to fall in behind 485. Wing should be reformed by the time rally point is reached.

Conservation of fuel is essential. Use Auto-lean whenever possible. Leave ball turrets up until area of LAKE BALATON is reached unless attacked. Top off tanks after preflight.

Avoid flak areas at KOMARAM (4745N 1808E), VESZ PREM (4705N 1755E), PREDAJNA (4849N 1928E), BUDAPEST, PECS (4605N 1813E), BROD, BRESTOVAC (4521N 1737E) and MAKARSKA. (4317N 1702E)

First Alternate: PFF on Industrial area of MORAVASKA OSTRAVA. I.P.: All elements of attack same as Primary, except intervalometer setting will be 150'.

Last resort for 464 and 465: SZOLNOK M/Y. I.P.: JASZ-BERENY (4730N 1955E). Axis of attack - 150 degrees. Target Elevation - 295'. Rally: Right to KECSKEMET (4654N 1942E). Route back - KECSKEET to NJEGOSEVAC (4534N 1812E), then reverse route out. Method of attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings: 25'.

Last resort for 485 and 460 - CZEGLIED M/Y. I.P.: JASZ-BERENY. Axis of attack - 192°. Target Elevation - 344'. Rally - Left to TORTEL (4708N 1956E). Route back - TORTEL to KECSKEMET to NJEGOSEVAC then reverse route out. Method of attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer settings - 25'.

4.
No Change.

5.
a. Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.

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

c, Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - FREEZOL 1; 47th Wing - PETTY; 55th Wing - FREEZOL 2 (465 - FREEZOL 2 Leader, 464 - FREEZOL 22, 485 - FREEZOL 23, 460 - FPREEZOL 24); 304th Wing - FREEZOL 3.

d.
Escort for 5th, 55th, and 304th use FOOHOLD with numbered suffixes in order of contact with Bomber formation. For 47th Wing - RUBBISH.

e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - BOOTLEGGER; 47th Wing - MANHATTAN; 49th Wing - SWEATSHIRT; 55th Wing - DARKHORSE; 304th Wing - MARSHLAND; 306th Wing - BLACKJACK and PLER.

x. Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 2 cartons Window dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before Initial Point until clear of Flak.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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A-3.

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