

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

2 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
270)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

RED FORCE

8 PFF A/C of 49th Wing attack INNSBRUCK M/Y. Key Point Time: 0931A to 0936A.

12 PFF A/C of 304th Wing attack LINZ Inl Area from 1100A to 1107A. Key Point Time: 0941A to 0948A. Alternate Targets: Same as 55th Wing.

12 PFF A/C of 47th Wing attack LINZ Inl Area from 1123A to 1130A. Key Point Time: 1004A to 1011A. Alternate Targets: Same as 55th Wing.

18 PFF A/C of 5th Wing attack LINZ Inl Area from 1135A to 1145A. Key Point Time: 1016A to 1026A. Alternate Targets: Same as 55th Wing.

15 PFC provide fighter sweep in UDINE Area to cover Air Force stream on penetration and withdrawal.

BLUE FORCE

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack VIENNA S.E. Goods Sidings at 1115A. Alternate Targets: BRATISLAVA and SOPRON M/Ys.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack Rail and Road Bridges at BROD from 1000A to 1045A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack ALI PASAN MOST M/Y from 1000A to 1040A.

2 Groups of 304th Wing attack VISEGRAD Road Bridge from 1045A to 1130A.

2 Groups of 304th Wing frag MT & Troops at medium altitudes from SARAJEVO to PRIBOJ (4334N 1932E)

Fighters of 15th FC provide PTW cover for 5th Wing; Target cover for 47th, 49th, 55th, and 304th Wings; droopsnoots attack targets of opportunity from SARAJEVO to PRIBOJ from 1100A to 1120A.

2.

RED and BLUE Forces of 55th Wing attack Targets in GERMANY and YUGOSLAVIA 3 December 1944. This is plan Able.

3.

a.

3 PFF A/C each of 460 & 465 Groups and 2 PFF 4/C each of 464 & 485 Groups attack LINZ Inld area from 1112A to 1118A.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT W/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 leave LAKE LESINA at 9000 feet at 0820A.

465 leave LAKE LESINA at 8500 feet at 0821A.

464 leave LAKE LESINA at 8000 feet at 0823A.

460 leave LAKE LESINA at 7500 feet at 0825A.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Stream of Wings: 49th, 304th, 55th (485-465-464-460), 47th, 5th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to LAKE LESINIA (4153N 1526E) to KP COAST (4532N 1243E) to NEUKIRCHEN (4716N 1217E) to REISCHACH (4818N 1243E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 0953A to 0959A at 18,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: SCHARDING (4827N! 1327E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 105 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1112A to 1118A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 25000, 24500. 465 - 24000, 23500, 23000. 464 - 25000, 24500. 460 - 24000, 23500, 23000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 850 feet.

RALLY: Left to ZELL (4821N 1440E)

ROUTE BACK: ZELL TO SAXEN (4813N 1447E) to PATERNION (46431 1338E) to ZOLLA (4553N 1400E) to SANSEGO (4430N 1418E) to Bases.

BOMB LOAD: 10 500# RDX fused .1 nose & .01 tail with 2 bombs per A/C long delay. 460 & 464 replace 1 500# bomb with 1 leaflet bomb in 1 A/C. Screamer attachments will be used.

Intervalometer Settings: 100 feet.

Use MPI: H-15 on Target Chart 14-50-NA.

Do not attack Target if Wx conditions do not present sufficient protective cloud cover.

Early returning A/C will use minimum safe altitude.

In the event that enemy fighter A/C are encountered, immediate warning will be radioed to following A/C, employing A/C formation call sign and code word SHORTBREAD on VHF Channel "A". Approximate position and number of e/a encountered will be given.

FIRST ALTERNATE: VILLACH M/Y.
Initial Point: LENDORF (4650N 1326E)
Axis of Attack: 129 degrees.
Rally: Right to ZOLLA (4553N 1400E)
Route Back: ZOLLA and then same as for primary.
MPI H-12/13 on Target Chart 14-44-NA
Intervalometer Settings: 100 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: KLAGENFURT WY.
Initial Point: EBERSTEIN (464xN 1133E)
Axis of Attack: 220 degrees.
Rally: Left to SANSEGO (4430N 1418E)
Route Back: SANSEGO then same as for Primary.
MPI I/J-5/6 on Target Chart 14-4-NA
Intervalometer Settings: 100 feet.

b.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack BROD M/Y and Bridges at 1115A.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA
at 7000 and 8000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0901A.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to
GRAVINA at 9000 and 10000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA
at 0906A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0916A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 55th Wing (464-465-460-485)

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to SPLIT (4331N 1629E) to OKxCANI (4516N 1712E)
to BUC (4528N 1723E) to MIKLEUS (4536N 1749E) to IP to Target. Start
climb to bombing altitude at rendezvous.

INITIAL POINT: NASICE (4530N 1807E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 191 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1115A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 - 21000, 465 - 22000, 460 - 23000, 485 - 24000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 300 feet.

RALLY: Right to BOS. DUBOCAC (4503N 1752E)

ROUTE BACK: BOS. DUBOCAC to Bases.

BOMBLOAD: 464 & 465 load 10 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and ND tail.

460 load 10 M-17 incendiaries.

485 load 4 1000# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 & ND tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 500# GP - 25 feet. M-17s - 25 feet. 1000# GP - 50 ft.

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

Use PFF A/C for navigational aid only.

No unassigned targets will be attacked in YUGOSLAVIA.

No bombs will be jettisoned on YUGOSLAVIA.

Targets must be positively identified before being attacked.

All groups will bomb by boxes. 464, 465, and 485 will bomb using Able method (See 55BW Unnumbered Memo dated 13 Nov 44). 485 Group will bomb assigned Bridges if standing. If bridges are down or cannot be seen, 485 Group will attack BROD South M/Ys using best MPIs available.

4.

No change.

5.

RED FORCE

a.

VHF Channel "A" for all communications.

b.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing Foothold, 47th Wing Largecup, 49th Wing Shockproof, 55th Wing Playfair (485 Playfair 1 & 2, 465 Playfair 3-4-5, 464 Playfir 6 & 7, 460 Playfair 8-9-10), 30th Wing Lacework,

c.

Fighter Call Sign: Keyword.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing Skipper, 47th Wing Blackjack, 19th Wing Carson, 55th Wing Trumpet, 304th Wing DPGFACE, 15th Pr FC Pickpocket.

BLUE FORCE

a.

Assigned Group command frequency and VHF Channel "B" for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Chanel "C" for Group to Group within the Wing.

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

c.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing BELLBUOY, 47th Wing BETTY, 49th Wing
RETAIN, 55th Wing SADLER (464 SADLER Leader, 465 SADLER 2, 460 SADIER
3, 485 SADLER 4), 304th Wing RINGWAY.

d.

Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing PUMPUP, 55th Wing 47th Wings PAYLONG,
304th and 49th Wings MAYFLOWER.

e.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing DUCKSOUP, 47th Wing POKER, 49th Wing QUAKER,
55th Wing ABBPTT. 304th Wing PANHANDLE, 15th Pr FC BARFLY.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be
employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. Standard bombs
away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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DISTRIBUTION "C".