

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

19 November 1944.

OPERADIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 259)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

Night Bombers attack Troop Concentrations in PODGORICA night of 18/19 Nov.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER South O/R at 1200A. I.P. Time: 0918A. ALDERNATE TARGETS: PRIVOZ A/D, MORAVSKA OSTRAVA South and Main M/Ys, BRNO M/Y, ZELENA M/Y, LIMBENBURG M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack SARAJAVO West M/Y, ERNICA RR Bridge and DODOJ RR Bridge.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER South O/R at 1225A. K.P. Time: 0943A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER South O/R at 1235A. K.P. Time: 0953A. AITERIATS TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

151 Wx Recon precede Air Force to BLECHHAMMER no further North than 4840N.

Fighters of 15FC provide escort and target cover for force attacking BLECHHAMMER, no escort for 47 Wing. Strafe MT and Rail traffic on main lines between BUDAPEST and VIENNA. Droop Snoots stand by for BALKAN targets.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing destroy BLECHHAMMER South O/R at 1215A 20 November 1944. This to Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PRIVOZ O/R and MORAVSP-OSTRAVA M/Ys.

LAST RESORT TARGET: ZELENA M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5000 and 6000 feet. 465th over ANDRIA at 0825A.

485 & 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7000 and 8000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0831A.

Wing Rendezvous: 465th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0840A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Close column of Wings in order - 5th, 55th (465, 464, 485, 460), 49th, 304th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to Key Point VIS (4303N - 1611E) to M. BUKOVEC (4617N - 1644E) to TRNAVA (4822N - 1735E) to MARH. SCHONBERG (4958N - 1659E) to IP to OBER GLOGAU (5021N - 1715E) to target.

Start Climb to Bombing Altitude at LATINOBICI (4434N - 1627E) Key Point Time: 0933A at 12000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ZUCKMANTEL (5016N - 1723E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 84 degrees from IP - 102 degrees from OBER GLOGAU

TARGET TIME: 1215A

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 feet.

RALLY: Right to SKOCZOW (19491 - 18), 9E)

ROUTE BACK: SZOCZOW to ZILINZ (4914N - 1844E) to JOKA (4809N - 1730E) to M. BUKOVEC to Key Point to 4200N - 1620E to base.

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All groups: Load 8 - 500# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail. 2 bombs per A/C fused 6 to 72 hours delay.

Intervalometer settings: 25 feet if visual, 100 feet if PFF.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Brief all crews on measures to be used to conserve fuel.

Employ 3 PFF A/C but bomb visually by waves if possible.

Fly close Wing formation on route out and back.

Use evasive action point OBER GLOGAU only if bomb run is visual.

Start Initial turn off target as soon as bombs are away completing rally in a series of RIGHT turns of not over 10 degree bank or 20 second duration maintaining constant altitude and an IAS of not over 160.

FIRST ALTERNATE: PRIVOZ O/R, MORAVSKA OSTRAVA M/Ys.

INITIAL POINT: METTSCH (4951N - 1746E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 90 degrees.

RALLY: Right to USTRON (4943) - 1819E)

ROUTE BACK: USTRON to ZILINA (4914N - 1844E) then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERIATE: ZILINA M/Y.
INITIAL POINT: VEL KARLOVICE (4922N - 1818E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 113 degrees.
RALLY: Right to VRUTKY (4907N - 1855E)
RONTE BACK: VRUTKY to JOKA (4809N - 1730E) then same as for primary.
Use IPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

4.
No Change.

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

b.
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - CLEARGUM, 47th Wing - PLATOON, 49th Wing - SENILE, 55th Wing - FOOTHOLD (465 - FOOTHOLD LEADER, 464 - FOOTHOLD 2, 485 - FOOTHOLD 3, 460 - FOOTHOLD 4), 304th Wing - TANKSTOP.

c.
Fighter Call Sign: SCHOOLROON with suffixed numbers in order of contact.
Tx Recon: Route Out - PIXIE 1, Route Back - PIXIE 2.

d.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - BASEBALL, 47th Wing - DARKHORSE, 49th Wing - MARSHLAND, 55th Wing - FLATBUSH, 304th Wing - SNAKEBITE, 15th Pr FC - OTATION.

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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.

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