

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

21 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 161)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

2 Groups each of 304th Wing attack MUNICH WEST & EAST M/Ys at 1230A.
K.P. Time: 1040A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SALZBURG, ROSENHEIN, INNSBRUCK,
KUFSTEIN M/Ys.

2 Groups of 49th Wing attack MUNICH WEST M/Y and 1 Groups attack
MUNICH EAST M/Y at 1240A. K.P. Time: 1050A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as
304th Wing.

3 Groups each of 5th Wing attack MUNICH WEST AND EAST M/Ys at 1258A.
K.P. Time: 1108A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 304th Wing.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack FERRARA RR BRIDGE AND VERONA LOCO DEPOT
between 1145A and 1300A.

154 Wx Sq a/c precede bombers.

15 PFC dispense Chaff ahead of 304th Wing, provide target cover for
MUNICH bombers, sweep PO VALLBY during return of bombers, bomb OSS
POINT park using DROOPSNOUTS.

2.

Maximum a/c of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack MUNICH WEST AND EAST M/Ys
at 1248A, 22 November 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: SALZBURG M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAIURA to
GRAVINA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at
0826A.

464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at
8000 and 9000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0820A.

Wing Rendezvous: 485th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0835A.
NOTE: Rendezvous altitudes subject to change.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to 4340N 1340E to K.P. IESOLD (4532N 1239E) to REISCHACH (4818N 1243E) to GEISELHORING (4850N 1222E) then split into two columns as indicated in paragraphs 3 a and 3 b. (NOTE: This route is same for 304th, 49th, 55th, and 5th Wings).

Start climb to Bombing Altitude: 4753N 1245E.

Key Point Time: 1058A at 20,000 feet.

TARGET TIME: 1248A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 22,500', 460 - 23,500', 464 - 23,000', 465 - 24,000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1725 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Rally points to KUNDL (4728N 1159E) to K.P. to bases.

3.

a.

485 and 460 attack MUNICH WEST M/Y. Route Out: GEISELHORING to RIEDENBURG (4858N 1141E) to IP to target.

Initial Point: NEUBERG (4844N 1111E). Axis of Attack: 162 degrees.

Rally: Right to South tip of WURM L/KE (4749N 1118Z).

b.

464 and 465 attack MUNICH EAST M/Y.

Route Out: GEISELHORING to KELHEIM (4856N 1152E) to I.P. to target.

Initial Point: VOHBERG (4846N 1138E). Axis of attack: 180 degrees.

Rally: Left to GLONN (4759N 1152E).

x.

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

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet if visual; 100 feet if PFF.

Use MPI as shown on inclosed charts.

Use 3 7FF a/c per group, but bomb visually by waves if possible.

Use all precautions to conserve gas.

This route is designed to bring the two attack waves simultaneously over the targets to reduce effectiveness of flak defenses. Group leaders must make every effort to fly axes of attack as planned so as to avoid possibility of collision courses. Make rallies off target at constant altitude and not over 160 MPH. 464 leader will maintain IAS after rally necessary to reform Wing in scheduled order of flight at KUNDL.

FIRST ALTERNATE: SALZBURG M/Ys.

Initial Point: ALTENMARKT (4801N 1232E).

Axis of Attack: 118 degrees.

Rally: Right to GOLLING (4736N 1310E) .

Route Back: GOILING to TESOLO (4532N 1240E) then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: INNSBRUCK M/Y.
Initial Point: PARTENKIRCHEN (4729N 1106E).
Axis of attack: 139 degrees.
Rally: Left to MAYRHOFEN (4710N 1152E) .
Route Back: MAYRHOFEN (4710N 1152E), to IESOLO (4532N 1240E) then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

4.
No Change.

5.
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 - MAYHILL, 47th Wing - PUMPUP, 49th Wing - BURGLAR, 55th Wing - FRUITTART (485 - FRUITTART Leader, 460 - FRUITTART 2, 464 - FRUITTART 3, 465 - FRUITTART 4), 304th Wing - BARTEND.

c.
Fighter Call Sign: Target Cover: SCANTY. Fighter Sweep: DAYLONG.
DROOPSNOOTS: NOSES.
Wx a/c Route Cut: PULPWOOD 1. Route Back: PULPWOOD 2.

d.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - SKIPPER, 47th Wing - CARSON, 49th Wing - QUAKER, 55th Wing - TRUMPET, 304th Wing - PINGPONG. Fighters: Target Cover - FLATBUSH. Sweep - MARSHLAND. Droopsnoots - SNAKEBITE.

x.
Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. Fighters will dispense Chaff ahead of 304th Wing on both axes of attack. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

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