

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

3 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 234)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 36 A/C of 5th Wing attack REGENSBURG/WINTERHAFEN O/S at 1200A. Key Point Time: 0934A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: ERDING A/D, ROSENHEIN M/Y.

4 Groups of 36 A/C of 47th Wing attack MUNICH WEST M/Y at 1148A. Key Point Time: 0953A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

3 Groups of 36 A/C of 49th Wing attack AUGSBURG M/Y at 1210A. Key Point Time: 1003A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: INNSBRUCK M/Y, KUFSTEIN M/Y.

4 Groups of 36 A/C of 304th Wing attack LINZ MAIN M/Y at 1207A. Key Point Time: 1021A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SALZBURG/FRIEELASSING ORDNANCE DEPOT, WELS, M/Y.

15th PFC provide close PTW escort for Bombers and drop Chaff ahead of 47th Wing.

154 Wx Recon Sq., A/C precede 5th Wing and 47th Wing.

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36 A/C plus spares per Group of 55th Wing attack LINZ BENZOL PLANT Buildings at 1157A, 4 November 1944. This is Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: WELS M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: SALZBURG/FRIEELASSING ORDNANCE DEPOT

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7000 and 8000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0832A.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 9000 and 10000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0847A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464 lead over Spinazzola at 0847A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA TO 4260n 1620e TO Key Point ANCONA (4337N 1331E) to 4429N 1240E to MONTEREALE (4610N 1240E) to IP to EFERDING (4818N 1401E) to Target. Start climb to bombing altitude at 1038A. Key Point Time: 1011A at 16000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: KALHAM (4817N 1343E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: From KALHAM - 91°. From EFERDING - 100°.

TARGET TIME: 1157A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 feet.

RALLY: Left to GUTAU (4825N 1437E).

ROUTE BACK: GUTAU to WAIDHOFEN (4758N 1447E) to MONTEREALE and reciprocal of route out.

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Bomb Load: 10-500 # RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail. Load 2 bombs per A/C with 6 to 72 hr. long delay fuses.

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

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

Use 3 PFF A/C per Group for bombing, but bomb visually if possible.

Use turn point EFERDING only if run is visual.

Start initial turn as soon as bombs are away. Complete rally in a series of left turns of not over 10° bank or over 20 seconds duration at constant altitude and not over 160 MPH indicated.

FIRST ALTERNATE: WELS M/Y.

Initial Point: GMUNDEN (4755N 1348E).

Axis of Attack: 31°.

Rally: Left to GRIESKIRCHEN (4814N 1350E).

ROUTE BACK: GRIESKIRCHEN to MONTEREALE (4610N 1240E) then same as for Primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: FRIELASSING ORDNANCE DEPOT

Initial Point: ALTERMARKT (4801N 1232E).

Axis of Attack: 120°

Rally: Left to STRASZWALCHEN 4759N 1315E).

Route Back: STRASZWALCHEN to ST. WOLFGANG (4744N 1327E) then reverse route out.

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

4.
No Change.

5.
a.
Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group.

b.
VHF Wing Channel "C" for Group to Group within the Wing.
VHF Group Channel "B" for communications within the Group.

c.
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing -HEADTOP; 47th Wing - SCHOOLROOM; 49th Wing - FLYWHEEL; 55th Wing - SOMEGIRL (464 - SOMEGIRL Leader; 465 - SOMEGIRL 2; 460 - SOMEGIRL 3; 485 - SOMEGIRL 4); 304th Wing - FIRTREE.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - PIXIE; 47th Wing - ADMIN; 49th Wing - FALSETEETH; 55th Wing - GOWAY; 304th Wing - SANDSAIL; Wx A/C: Route Out - FREEZOL1; Route Back - FREEZOP 2.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - SWEATSHIRT; 47th Wing - DARKHORSE; 49th Wing - FLATBUSH; 55th Wing - SAILFISH; 304th Wing - BIGHOUSE; 15th Pr FC - SKIPPER.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. All A/C will employ Chaff in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. This is based on 72 bundle cartons. 150 bundle cartons will be used in reduced numbers. 3 Fighter A/C will dispense Chaff bombs ahead of 47th Wing. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General Acheson:

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A-3.

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