

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

4 November 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 237)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack VIENNA FLORISDORF O/R at 1144A. Key Point Time: 0922A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: KAPFENBERG Tank Works, GRAZ WETZELDORF Ordnance Depot, GRAZ MAIN M/Y, MARIBOR South M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack Same target as 5th Wing at 1200A. Key Point Time: 0938A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack same target as 5th Wing at 1220A. Key Point Time: 0958A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack same target as 5th Wing at 1230A, Key Point Time: 1008A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

154 Wx Recon Sq provide: wx a/c for lead of Air Force column on route out and back.

15th PFC provide close escort and target cover for all Wings, Chaff dispensing a/c for lead of 5th Wing.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack and destroy VIENNA FLORISDORF O/R at 1210A, 5 November 1944. This is Plan BAKER.

FIRST ALTERATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: MARIBOR South M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0843A.

485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0849A.

Wing Rendezvous: 465th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0858A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to Keypoint VIS (4303N 1611E) to BJELOVAR (4554N 1651E) to ANGER (4717N 1541E) to SPITZ (4822N 1523E) to MORN (4840N 1540E) to IP to FELLABRUNN (4828N 1618E) to target.

Start climb to Bombing Altitude: 1030A.

Key Point Time: 0948A at 13,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: AUGGENTHAL (4842N 1604E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: FROM IP 154 degrees. From FELLABRUNN 161 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1210A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 21,000', 164 - 22,000', 135 - 23,000', 160 - 24,000'

TARGET ELEVATION: 550 feet.

RALLY: LEFT to ZOHOR (L0191 1659E).

ROUTE BACK: ZOHOR to SZENC (4813N 1723E) to CZELLDOMOLK (4716N 1709E) to CSURGO (4616N 1706E) to BJELOVAR (4554N 1651E) to Keypoint to bases.

3.

X.

Bomb Load: 1/2 each group load 10 - 500# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and .01 tail. 2 bombs per a/c will be fused long delay. 1/2 each group load 10 - M-17 incendiaries.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet if visual - 150 feet if PFF.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Each group employ 3 PFF a/c. This is a planned PFF mission, but visual bombing will be done if possible.

Evasive action point FELLABRUNN will be used only if visual bombing conditions exist.

Initial turn off target will be made immediately after bombs are away.

Rally to be completed in a series of left turns of not over 10 degrees bank or 20 second duration. A constant altitude will be maintained with IAS of not over 160 MPH.

Refer to FFWE 476 on care and handling on long delay fuses.

FIRST ALTERNATE: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

Initial Point: PISCHELSDORF (4711N 1548E).

Axis of Attack: 253 degrees.

Rally: Left to ST STEFAN (4656N 1515E).

Route Back: ST. STEFAN to CAKOVEC (4623N 1627E) then reverse route out.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: MARIBOR South I/Y.
Initial Point: SIEBING (4647N 1542E).
Axis of Attack: 190 degrees.
Rally: Left to TRAKOSCAN (4616N 1557E)
Route Back: TRAKOSCAN to BJELOVAR (4554N 1651E) and same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

4.
No Change.

5.
a.
Assigned Group 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 - FOOTHOLD 1, 47th Wing - FOOTHOLD 2, 49th Wing - FOOTHOLD 4, 55th Wing - FOOTHOLD 3 (465 - FOOTHOLD 3 Leader, 464 - FOOTHOLD 32, 485 - FOOTHOLD 33, 460 - FOOTHOLD 34), 304th Wing - FOOTHOLD 5.

c.
Escort use SADLER with suffix numbers in order of contact.
Tx a/c: Route out - DAYLONG 1, Route back: DAYLONG 2.

d.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - CATALK, 47th Wing - ASHTRAY, 49th Wing - BIGHOUSE, 55th Wing - QUAMER, 304th Wing - CARSON, 15PFC - BARFLY.

x.
Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2 loading 3 cartons in all a/c based on a 72 bundle carton. If cartons with more than 72 small bundles are available a smaller number of cartons are necessary. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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Major, Air Corps,
A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:
1 cy ea CG 15AF, 15FC, 55BW.
3 cys ea A-3 and A-2 55BW.
1 cys ea 460 and 465 Gps 55BW.
3 cys ea 464 and 485 Gps 55BWW.
1 cy ea Wx off 55BW and A-2 Duty Off 15AF.