

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

5 November 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 239)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 36 a/c of 5th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH O/R. Key Point Time: 0919A. Alternate Targets: TRZEBINIA O/R, MOROVSKA-OSTRAVA M/Y, RINGHOFFER TRATA, DEUTSCH WAGRAM/STRASHOFF M/Y.

4 Groups of 36 a/c of 304th Wing attack VIENNA SOUTH ORDNANCE DEPOT at 1125A, Key Point Time: 0945A. Alternate Targets: DEUTSCH WAGRAN/STRASHOFF M/Y, MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack VIENNA/VOSENDORF O/R visually or same as 55th primary by PFF at 1135A. Key Point Time: 0955A. Alternate Targets: GRAZ MAIN M/Y, GRAZ WETZELDORF ORDNANCE DEPOT.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R at 1144A. Key Point Time: 1003A. Alternate Targets: KAPFENBURG STEEL WKS, GRAZ NAIN M/Y.

15 PFC provide close penetration, target and withdrawal cover for both columns.

154 Wx Sq. a/c precede bombers of both columns.

PLAN BAKER is same as PLAN ABLE with following changes:

6 Groups of 36 a/c of 5th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUN O/R at 1100A.

15 PFC provide close penetration, target and withdrawal cover for all Wings and dispense Chaff ahead of 55th Wing.

2.

4 Groups of 55th Wing employing 36 a/c plus spares per Group attack VIENNA SOUTH ORDNANCE DEPOT at 1115A, 6 November 1944. THIS IS PLAN ABLE and BAKER.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: DEUTSCH WAGRAM/STRASHOFF M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ WETZELDORF ORDNANCE DEPOT.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0816A.

Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 9,000 and 10,000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0814A.

Wing Rendezvous: 485th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0827A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to KP KAPRIJE 4341N - 1543E to POLS 4713N - 1435E to LUNZ 4752N - 1501E to IP to PRESSBAUM 4812N - 1605E to Target.

Start climb to Bombing Altitude: 1005A.

Key Point Time: 0935A at 17,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: WILHELMSBURG 4806N - 1536E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: From IP - 81 degrees. from PRESSBAUM - 88 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1115A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 21,000 feet, 160 - 22,000 feet, 464 - 23,000 feet, 465 - 24,000 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 575 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT to MANNERSDOAF 4758N - 1636E.

ROUTE BACK: MANNERSDORF to MOSONSZENTJANOS 4747N - 1708E to CZELLDOMOLK 4716N - 1709E to D. DUBRAVA 1619N - 1649E to VIS 4303N - 1611E to 4200N - 1620E to Bases.

3.

x.

Bomb Load: Load half of group effort with 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail. Fuse 2 Bombs per a/c with 6 to 72 hour long delay fuses.

Load remainder of Group Effort with M-17 Incendiaries.

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

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

Use 3 PFF a/c but bomb visually if possible.

Use turnpoint PRESSBAUM only if bomb run is visual.

Start initial turn as soon as bombs are away, completing rally in a series of RIGHT turns of not over 15 degree bank or 30 seconds duration at a constant altitude and not over IAS of 160 MPH.

FIRST ALTERNATE: DEUTSCH WAGRAN M/Y.

Initial Point: MISTELBACH 4834N - 1634E.

Axis of Attack: 170 degrees.

Rally: LEFT to ZOHOR 4819N - 1659E.

Route Back: ZOHOR to CIFER 4818N - 1730E, to NAGYLEG 4802N - 1728E to CZELLDOMOLK then same as primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GRAZ WETZELDORF O/D.
Initial Point: PISCHELSDORF 4711N - 1548E.
Axis of Attack: 245 degrees.
Rally: LEFT to ST. STEFAN 4656N - 1515E.
Route Back: ST. STEFAN to ST. GOTARD 4612N - 1454E then reverse route out.
Method of Attack: 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 - BOULDER, 47th Wing - BETTY, 49th Wing - PIXIE 3, 55th Wing - PIXIE 1 (485 - PIXIE 1 Leader, 460 - PIXIE 12, 464 - PIXIE 13, 465 - PIXIE 14), 304th Wing - PIXIE 2.

c.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - SCANTY, 47th Wing - MAYFLOWER. for 55th, 304th and 49th Wings: COLAMAN with suffixes in order of contact.
Wx: Route Out: FRONTROOM 1. Route Back: FRONTROOM 2.

d.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - POORBRED, 47th Wing - RUMRUNNER, 49th Wing CALIFORNIA, 55th Wing - BOOTLEGGER, 304th Wing - BASEBALL, 15th Pfc - TEAROOM.

x.
Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. All a/c dispense Chaff in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. SP - 32-2 is based on 72 bundle cartons, If cartons contain more bundles, number of cartons should be reduced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

DALE S. SEEDS,
Major, Air Corps,
A-3.