

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

6 October 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 200)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

RED FORCE:

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack VIENNA NOVA SCHWECHAT O/R and VIENNA WINTERHAFEN O/D at 1300A. Key Point Time: 1126A. Alternate Targets: Primary by FFF.

2 Groups of 49th Wing attack WINTERHAFEN O/S at 1310A. Key Point Time: 1136A. Alternate Targets: Primary by PFF.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack VIENNA WINTERHAFEN O/D at 1326A. Key Point Time: 1152A.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack VIENNA LOBAU O/R at 1336A. Key Point Time: 1202A. Alternate Targets: Primary by PFF.

BLUE FORCE:

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack M/Y at 1336A. Key Point Time: 1212A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack KOMAROM M/Y at 1344A. Key Point Time: 1220A.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack GYOR A/D installations at 1349A. Key Point Time: 1234A.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack SE half of ERSEKUJVAR M/Y at 1409A. Key Point Time: 1242A.

154 WX Recon Sqdn provide WX Recon A/C on penetration, and withdrawal of RED and BLUE FORCES.

15 PFC close penetration, target and withdrawal for RED FORCE - route and target cover for BLUE FORCE.

2.

Maximum effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack Oil Targets and communication Targets in AUSTRIA, 7 October 1944. This is Plan BAKER. 2 Groups each (24 A/C per Group) of 460 and 485 Groups comprise RED FORCE. 2 Groups each (24 A/C per Group) of 464 and 465 comprise BLUE FORCE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: RED FORCE: 485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVIN. A Groups 7,000 and B Groups 8,500 feet. 485 "A" over ALTAMURA at 1035A and over SPINZZOLA at 1046,

BLUE FORCE: Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA "A" Groups 7,000 and "B" Groups 8,500 feet. 464 "A" Group over ANDRIA at 1116A, and over SPINAZZOLA at 1130A.

Bomber Rendezvous subject to change.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: RED FORCE: 47th, 49th 55th (485 "A", 485 "B", 460 "A" 460 "B"), 304th, 5th. BLUE FORCE: Column of Wings: 47th, 49th, 55th (464 "A", 464 "B", 465 "A", 465 "B"), 304th, 5th.

3.

a.

RED FORCE: attack VIENNA WINTERHAFEN O/S at 1316A.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to Key Point VRGADA 4351N - 1531E to BUDIMLIC JAPRA 4453N - 1626E to KOZARAC 4458N - 1651E to BUC 4528N - 1723E to KOTORIBA 4622N - 1649E to FELBAR 4751N - 1728E to SZENC 4818N - 1724E to IP to Target.

Last Point to start climb to bombing altitude: 1202A. Key Point Time: 1142A at 16,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ZOHOR 4619N - 1659E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 247 degrees,

TARGET TIME 1316A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 "A" - 23,000 feet, 485 "B" - 24,000 feet, 460 "A" - 23,500 feet, 460 "B" - 23,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 575 feet.

RALLY: LEFT to MOSONSZENT JANOS 4747N - 1708E.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to KOTORIBA to SCEDRO 4305N - 1602E, to bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE: PFF on Primary. Intervalometer Setting: 150 feet.

BLUE FORCE: attack NW half of ERSEKUJVAR M/Ys at 1353A.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to Key Point VRGADA 4351N - 1531E to BUDIMLIC JAPRA 4453N - 1626E to KOZARAC 4458N - 1651E to BUC 4528N - 1725E to KOTORIBA 4622N - 1649E to FELBAR 4757N - 1728E to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1226A at 16,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: TALLOS 4805N - 1742E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 104 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1353A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 "A" - 18,000 foot, 464 "B" - 17,000 feet, 465 "A" - 16,500 foot, 265 "B" - 17,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 390 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT to MUESL 4748N - 1836E.

ROUTE BACK: MUESL to SAROSD 4703N - 1839E to BUC to bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE: SZEKESTEHÉRVAR M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: DICSKE 4729N - 1838E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 203 degrees.

RALLY: LEFT to MALOZ 4657N - 1829E.

ROUTE BACK: MALOZ to BUC 4528N - 1723E then same as for primary.

METHOD OF ATTACK: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

Last Resort: PECS M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: MALOZ 4618N - 1829E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 220 degrees.

RALLY: RIGHT to SZT. LORINC 4603N - 1759E.

ROUTE BACK: SZT. LORINC to BUC 4528N - 1723E then same as primary.

METHOD OF ATTACK: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

X.

All Groups both forces, use NPI as indicated on inclosed charts.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

Bomb Load: - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Maximum PFF A/C load RED FORCE.

BLUE FORCE use PFF A/C for Navigational Aid if available.

485 Group put up weather ship 1 hour before take off contact ground on 6115 Kcs and Wing on VHF Channel "B".

Wing will fly close RIGHT echelon on route and close column over the Target. No unassigned targets in YUGOSLAVIA will be bombed.

Brief all crews on contents of 55BW unnumbered Opns Memo dated 4 October 1944, Subject: Bomb Boundary Lines.

4.
No Change.

5.
a.
Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b.
VHF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

c.
Bomber Call Sign: RED FORCE: 5th Wing - SANDSAIL - 5, Escort - AIRSLUG 5, 47th Wing - SANDSAIL 1, Escort - AIRSLUG 1, 49th Wing - SANDSAIL 2, Escort - AIRSLUG 2, 55th Wing - SANDSAIL 3, Escort - AIRSLUG 3 (485 "A"-SANDSAIL 3 Leader, 485 "B" SANDSAIL 32, 460 "A" - SANDSAIL 33, 460 "B" - SANDSAIL 34) Escort - AIRSLUG 3, 304th Wing - SANDSAIL 4, Escort - AIRSLUG 4.

BLUE FORCE:
5th Wing - SHAPELY 5, Escort - CARTLOAD 5, 47th Wing - SHAPELY 1, Escort - CARTLOAD 1, 49th Wing - SHAPELY 2, Escort - CARTLOAD 2, 55th Wing - SHAPELY 3 (464 "A" - SHAPELY 3 Leader, 464 "B" SHAPELY 32, 465 "A" - SHAPELY 33, 465 "B" - SHAPELY 34) Escort - CARTLOAD 3, 304th Wing - SHAPELY 4, Escort CARTLOAD 4. WX Recon: RED FORCE: Route Out - RINGLY 1, Route Back - RINGLY 2. BLUE FORCE: Route Out: RINGWAY 3, Route Back - RINGWAY 4.

d.
Recall Signs: RED FORCE: 5th Wing - ASHTRAY, 47th Wing - CATWALK, 49th Wing - BIGHOUSE, 55th Wing - MARSHLAND, 304th Wing - FLATBUSH.
BLUE FORCE: 5th Wing - SNAKEBITE, 47th Wing - SKIPPER, 49th Wing - ROTATION, 55th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 304th Wing - BLACKJACK, 15th Pr FC - CARSON.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2, except all A/C of 485 "A" Group load Chaff. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

DEWITT L. JONES,
Major Air Corps,

Asst A-3.

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