

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

11 September 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 174)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy ALLACH BNW ENGINE WORKS at 1230B. Key Point time: 1113B. Alternate Targets: CENTER NUNICH INDUSTRIAL AREA by PFF; any target along BRENNER line South of MUNICH.

4 Groups of 304th Wing frag parked A/C and destroy A/D installations on LECHFALD A/D at 1303B. Key Point Time: 1133B. Alternate Targets: Same as 47th Wing.

6 Groups of 5th Wing destroy LECHFELD A/D INSTALLATIONS at 1313B. Key Point Time: 1143B. Alternate Targets: Same as 47th Wing.

3 Groups of 49th Wing fly supply operation to SOUTHERN FRANCE.

Fighters of 15FC provide close escort and top cover for 5th, 47th, 55th and 304th Wings.

2.

Normal effort of 3 Groups of the 55th Wing attack and destroy Jet propelled A/C factory at WASSERBERG (4827N, 1016E) near LEPHEIM A/D at 1245B, 12 September 1944.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on industrial center of MUNICH.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: AVISIO VIADUCT.

LAST RESORT TARGET: VERONA M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465th rendezvous in normal area, over ANDRIA at 0917B.

485th and 460th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7000 and 8000 feet. 485th approaching ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460th approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485th over ALTAMURA at 0916B.

Wing Rendezvous: 485th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0927B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: RIGHT echelon of Wings. 47th, 55th (485-460-465), 304th, 5th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N, 1620E to Key Point 4532N, 1243E to LOZZO TJD (4629N, 1228E) to CHIEM LAKE (4749N, 1222E) to LANDSHUT (4832N, 1809E) to INGOLSTADT (4846N, 1125E) to IP to target.

Start climb to Key Point at 4200N, 1620E.

Key Point Time: 1123B at 20,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: DONAUWORTH (4843N, 1045E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 230 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1245B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485th - 21,000'; 460th - 22,000'; 465th - 23,000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1,560'.

RALLY: LEFT to (4803N, 1030E).

ROUTE BACK: MINDELHEIM to VIPITENO (4654N, 1126E) to Key point then reciprocal of route out.

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a.

464th Group - Stand Down.

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485th, 460th, 465th Groups load 5 - 1000# GP, fused .1 nose and .01 tail. Use MPI as shown on inclosed target chart.

Intervalometer setting - 50'. Wing will fly close column enroute and over the target. Route must be flown exactly as specified to avoid flak areas. Special briefing will be given to nose navigator of each Group to facilitate accurate identification of the target. PFF will fly lead, deputy lead and 2nd attack lead in each Group.

FIRST ALTERNATE: CENTER MUNICH INDUSTRIAL AREA.

I.P.: SEESHAUPT (4749N, 1118E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 30 degrees.

RALIIY: RIGHT to ERDING (4818N, 1155E).

ROUTE BACK: ERDING to CHEIM LAKE then reverse route out.

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

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 200'.

SECOND ALTERNATE: AVISIO RR BRIDGE.

I.P.: MENZANA (4618N, 1048E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 135 degrees.

RALLY: Sharp LEFT then RIGHT to FIERA D. PRIM (4611N, 1150E)
ROUTE BACK: FIERA D. PRIM to VITTORIO (4559N, 1218E) then same as
for
primary.

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

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: All Groups - 25'.

LAST RESORT: VERONA M/Y.

I.P.: AVIO (4544N, 1056E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 172 degrees.

RALLY: LEFT to LOMIGO (4523N, 1123E) .

ROUTE BACK: LOMIGO to ESTE (4514N, 1140E) to TP (4510N, 1220E) to
TP
(4200N, 1620E) to base.

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

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: All Groups - 100'.

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: 5th Wing - RETAIN; 47th Wing - PUSSCAT; 55th
Wing - SOMEGIRL (485 - SOMEGIRL LEADER, 460 - SONEGIRL 2, 465 -
SOMEGIRL 3); 304th Wing - TRUEMAN.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - LARGE CUP; 47th Wing - THICKRUG;
55th Wing - MAYFLOWER; 304th Wing - EXCEED.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - SKIPPER; 47th Wing - DUCKSOUP; 55th Wing
- POKER; 304th Wing - RUMRUNNER; 15FC - DARKHORSE.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load chaff in
accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2 for use on alternate
targets only.

Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

Radio discipline must be enforced.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

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Major, Air Corps,
Acting A-3.

DISTRIBUTION

1 cy CO, A-3, 55BW
4 cys 460th and 465th Gps, 55BW.
3 cys 464th and 485th Gps, 55BW.
1 cy CG 15th Prov Ftr Com.
1 cy CG 15AF.
4 cys A-2, 55BW.