

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

12 September 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 175)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

Night Bombers attacking BOLOGNA M/Y night 12/13 September.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack ODERTAL Synthetic Oil and Coking Plant at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0857B. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER North Synthetic Oil Plant at 1111B. Key Point Time: 0847B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: PFF on BLECHHAMMER, PRIVOZ AND BOHUMIN O/R, SZOB RR Bridge and SUBOTICA M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack AVISIO Viaduct, ADIGE/ORA and xxxxx/xxxx ORO RR Bridges at 1200B. ALTERNATE TARGETS: PINZANO, LATISANA and xxxxxx RR Bridges

49th Wing Standby for supply mission.

Fighters of 15th Fighter Command provide PTW escort for 5th, 55th and 304th Wings. Top target cover for 5th and 304th Wings. No escort for 47th and 49th Wings.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack and destroy Oswiecim Synthetic Oil and Rubber Plant at 1101B, 13 September 1944. This is Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on Primary.

SECOND ALTERNATE: SZOB RR Bridge.

LAST RESORT TARGET: SUBOTICA M/Y.

WING RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0722B.

485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 465 over ALTAMURA at 0724B.

Wing Rendezvous: 485 lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0735B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Parallel column of Wings: Left column - 304th and 5th; Right column - 55th Wing (465-464-485-460).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point POLJECA (4309N 1648E) to ZABLACE (4xx9N 1850E) to SPISIC BUKOVICA (4552N 1718E) to FAPATASIZKR (4723N 1742E) to ERSEKUVAR (4759N 1810E) to MOVEMESTO (4946N 1750E) to TROPPEAU (4957N 1754E) to RATIDOR (5006N 1813E) to IP to Target. Start climb to bombing altitude at 0940B. Key Point Time: 0827B at 14000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ORZESZE (5008N 1847E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 108 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1101B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 22600; 464 - 23200; 485 - 24000; 460 - 23000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 755 feet.

RALLY: Left to RUDNA (5007N 1935E).

ROUTE BACK: RUDNO to MATVAN (4740N 1940E) to PILIS (4718N 1933E) to SZIGETVAR (4603N 1748E) to Key Point to Base.

3.

a.

All Groups: Load 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .025 tail. Intervalometer Settings - 25'. Use MPI as shown on enclosed target chart.

PFF fly lead, deputy lead and 2nd attack unit lead in all Groups.

Wing will fly close column on route out, over the target and on return. On Rally care should be taken to avoid 44 HG at KRAKOW.

Since it is anticipated that heavy cloud cover will prevail over YUGOSLAVIA and Southern HUNGARY, it is essential that DR, Pilotage and Mickey Navigators work in close cooperation so that route is flown exactly as briefed.

The 304th and 5th Wings are flying a course parallel to that of this Wing approximately 25 miles to the west and 10 minutes behind. If briefed route is flown there will be no interference.

First Alternate: OSWIECIN: Plant By PFF. All elements of attack Same as Primary. Intervalometer Settings: All Groups - 100'.

Second Alternate: SZOB RR Bridge. IP: PALAST (4810N 1859E).
Axis of Attack: 195 degrees, Rally: Right to BANHIDA (4735N 1823E).
Route Back - BANHIDA to PAFATESZER (4733M 1742E) then reverse route out.

Method of Attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer settings: All Groups - 25 feet.

Last Resort: SUBOTICA M/Y. IP: KOMPOC (4628N 1952E) .

Axis of attack: 202 degrees. Rally: Right to STANISIC (4556N 1910E) .

Route Back: STANISIC to Blato (4328N 1651E), then some as Primary.

Method of attack - Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer settings: All Groups - 25 feet.

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 Cell Signs: 5th Wing - FOOTHOLD 2; 55th Wing - MOSES (485 - MOSES Leader, 464 - MOSES 2; 465 - MOSES 3; 460 - MOSES 4); 304th Wing - FOOTHOLD 1.

d.

Fighter Call Sign For: 5th and 304th Wings use SEEDCAKE with suffixed numbered in order of contact, for 55th Wing - PLAYFAIR with suffixed numbers in order of contact.

e.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - RUMRUNNER; 47th Wing - BOOTLEGGER; 55th Wing - xxxxxxxx; 304th Wing - SWEATSHIRT; 15th FI CMD - TEAROOM.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.

Deploy Chaff in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2.

Radio discipline must be enforced.

Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed.

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