

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

15 August 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

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NUMBER 154)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex,

b.

5th Wing Stand By.

47th Wing Stand By.

304th Wing Stand By.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack KEMPTEN A/C Components Factory at 1124B.  
Key Point Time: 0942B. ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK M/Y and AVISIO  
Viaduct.

3 Groups Fighters of 306th Wing provide close escort for 49th and 55th  
Wings on penetration, target and withdrawal, with particular attention  
to 55th Wing.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups 55th Wing attack Installations of the  
OBER/RADERACH Chemical Works at 1130B, 16 August 1944. This is Plan  
ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: AVISIO VIADUCT.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from  
ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 464 falling in behind 465 in  
465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over ANDRIA at 0752B.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8000 and 9000  
feet. 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485th approaching  
ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460th over ALTAMURA at 0758B.

Wing Rendezvous: 465th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0807B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Column of Wings, 55th (465, 464, 460, 485) 49th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to (4200N 1620E to (4350N 1350E) to CAORLE (4536N 1254Ef to IMST (4715N 1044E) to FUSZEN (4735N 1040E) to MEMMINGEN (4759N 1012E) to IP to Target.

Last Point to start climb to Bombing Altitude: CAORLE. Key Point Time: 0932B at 14,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: WALDSEE (4756N 0946E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 223 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1130B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 22,500', 464 - 23,200', 460 - 24,000', 485 - 23,000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1535 feet

RALLY: Sharp sweeping RIGHT to WALDSEE (4756N 0946E) .

ROUTE BACK: Rally Point (WALLSEE) to IMST and reciprocal to Bases.

3.

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Bomb Load: All Groups 10-500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: All Groups - 25 feet.

Groups will destroy following Buildings as shown on illustration #3(k) 14/1, 460th - Bldgs #21 and 15, 464th Bldgs #28 and 26. 465th Bldgs #29 and 27, 485th Bldgs #18.

PFF will fly lead and Deputy Lead for navigation and bombing if necessary.

Avoid flak areas at (4532N 1243E), AVIANO (4604N 1235E), BOIZANO, INNSBRUCK.

Do not fly over SWITZERLAND.

Brief crews on landing fields and emergency landing in SWITZERLAND.

First Alternate: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

Initial Point: PARTENKIRCHEN (4729N 1107E) .

Axis of Attack: 139 degrees.

Rally: LEFT to (4713N 1140E) .

Route Back: Rally Point to AGORDO (4617N 1202E) to CAORLE and reciprocal to Bases.

Method of attack: Column of groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: All Groups - 50 feet.

Last Resort: AVISIO VIADUCT.

Initial Point: MONCLASSICO (4620N 1052E)

Axis of Attack: 146 degrees.

Rally: LEFT to BASELGA DI PINE (4608N 1115E) .

Route Back: Rally Point to CONEGLIANO (4554N 1218E) to CAORLE and reciprocal to Bases.

Method of Attack: Column of groups using MPI as shown on target chart.  
Intervalometer Setting: 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 Call Sign: 49th Wing - BELLBOUY 2, 55th Wing BELLBOUY 1, (465 - BELLBOUY 1 Leader, 464 - BELLBOUY 12, 460 - BELLBOUY 13, 485 - BELLBOUY 14).

d.

Fighter Call Sign For: Escort use BETTY 1, 2, 3 in order of contact with Bomber Formation.

e.

Recall Signs: 49th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 55th Wing - SKIPPER, 306th Wing - POKER.

Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 2 cartons Window on lead attack units of each group dispensing 4 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

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A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy ea CO, A-2, A-3, PI 55BW.  
3 cys ea 464th and 485th BGs.  
5 cys ea 460th and 465th BGs.  
1 cy CG 306th Fighter Wing.  
1 cy CG 15AF.