

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

10 December 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 280) : THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R at 1115A. Key Point Time: 0947A. Alternate Targets: WIENER NEUSTADT, GRAZ, VILLACH, BRUCK M/Ys, KAPFENBURG TANK WORKS.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R at 1202A, Key Point Time: 1002A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack VIENNA SOUTHEAST GOODS YARD at 1208A. Key Point Time: 1012A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack MATZLEINSDORF GOODS STATION at 1218A. Key Point Time: 1022A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing,

154 Wx Recon precede Air Force on route out and back.

Fighters of 15 PFC provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for Air Force. Dispense Chaff ahead of 5th and 304th Wings.

2.

Normal effort of 460th, 464th and 465th Groups attack VIENNA SOUTH ORDNANCE DEPOT at 1226A, 11 December 1944. THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465th and 464th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CAMOSA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 465th over ANDRIA at 0929A.

460th rendezvous in normal area at 9,000 feet and over ALTAMURA at 0934A.

Wing Rendezvous: 465th lead over SPINAZZOIA at 0944.

RENDEZVOUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Close column of Wings: 5th, 47th, 304th, 49th, and 55th (465-464-460).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point VIS 4303N - 1611E to PALJEVINA 4550N - 1649E to FISCHBACH 4727N - 1539E to MARIAZELL 4746N - 1519E to IP to KLAUSENLEOPOLDSDORF 4805N - 1601E to Target.

Start climb to Bombing Altitude: BACANI 4512N - 1640E.

Key Point Time: 1030A at 18,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: WILHELMSBURG 4806N - 1537E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 81° from IP. 69° from KLAUSENLEOPOLDSDORF.

TARGET TIME: 1226A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 23,000 feet, 464 - 24,000 feet, 460 - 23,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 575 feet.

RALLY: Sharp LEFT to WETZLEINSDORF 4828N - 1623E.

ROUTE BACK: WETZLEINSDORF to CIFER 4818N - 1730E to HEDERVAR 4750N - 1728E to M. BUKOVEC 4617N - 1644E to Key Point to Base.

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Load 10 - M-17 incendiaries. Intervalometer Settings: 50 feet visual and PFF.

Use MPI as shown on Target Chart.

Employ 3 PFF aircraft but bomb visually by waves if possible.

Use Evasive Action point KLAUSENLEOPOLDSDORF only if bomb run is visual.

460th will fly as Third Wave behind 464th.

Make sharp LEFT turn off target as soon as bombs are away maintaining constant altitude and an IAS of not over 170 MPH.

FIRST ALTERNATE: WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y.

Initial Point: REITHOF 4746N - 1542E.

Axis of attack: 83 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to KIRCHSCHLAG 4731N - 1618E.

Route Back: KIRCHSCHLAG to VIS to Bases.

Use MPI as shown on Target Chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GRAZ M/Y.

Initial Point: PUCH 4713N - 1543E.

Axis of Attack: 237 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to VOITSBERG 4703N - 1509E.

Route Back: VOITSBERG to VIS to Base.

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 - RETAIN, 47th Wing - PUSSCAT. 49th Wing - CLEARGUM, 55th Wing - SOME GIRL (465 - SOME GIRL Leader, 464 - SOME GIRL 2, 460 - SONGIRL 3), 304th Wing - TRUENAN.

c.  
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - LARGE CUP, 47th Wing - THICKRUG, 49th Wing - SADIAR, 55th Wing - MAYFLOWER, 304th Wing - EXCEED, Chaff dispensing Aircraft - MAYHILL, Wx Recon on Route Out and Back: PIXIE 1 & 2.

d.  
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - SKIPPER, 47th Wing - BLACKJACK, 49th Wing - QUAKER, 55th Wing - BARFLY, 304th Wing - BOOTLEGGER, 15th Pr FC - CATWALK.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed. Radio Discipline must be enforced, All Group Leaders will maintain close contact with Wing Ground Station UPHILL on VHF Channel "C" until rendezvous is made and Wing Formation is on course.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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