

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

19 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER )  
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NUMBER 295 )

1.  
a.  
see Intelligence Annex.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack the Synthetic O/R at 1140A. I.P. Time: 0947A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: PIRSE SKODA WORKS, LINZ MAIN M/Y, REOE SDURG O/S, SAIN M/Y, ROSENHEIM M/Y, INNSBRUCK M/Y, FREILASSING M/Y, and VILLACH M/Y.

4 Groups of 304th Min: attack a Synthetic O/R at 1157A. K.P. Time: 1003A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack s Synthetic O/R at 1217A. K.P. Time: 1023A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack FREILASSING M/Y and LOCO DEPOT. K.P. TIME: 1032A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SALZBURG Main M/Y. ROSENHEIM Main M/Y, INNSBRUCK Main M/Y.

15th Wx Recon Sq. A/C precede BRUX formation on route out and back.

Fighters of 15FC provide: Strong close PTW cover for bombers attacking BRUX, reduced PTW cover for 47th Wing.

2.  
Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack BRUX Synthetic Oil Plant at 1207A, 20 December 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PIRSE SKODA WORKS.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: RI ZAD M/Y.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: SALZBURG M/Y.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH L/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Line rendezvous from SAN ACZOJA to VIESTE. 460th over SPINAZZOLA at 0911A and over VIESTE at 0930A.

460th at 5,000 feet, 485th at 6,000 feet, 465th at 7,000 feet, and 464th at 8,000 feet.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Close column of Wings: 5th, 304th, 55th(460-485-465-464), and 49th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to VIESTE (4153N 1611E) to Keypoint ZARA (4407N 1514E) to VIENNA (4558N 1418E) to ALTENFELDE (4830N 1353E) to IP to KOSTICE (5024N 1356E) to target, Route from K.P. and rally off target same for all Wings attacking BRUX.

Start Climb to Bombing Altitude at: WORTMER LAKE (4636N 1411E).

Key Point Time: 1013A at 17,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: SLAMY (5014N 1405E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 318 degrees, 308 degrees from KOSTICE.

TARGET TIME: 1207A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE 460 - 24,000', 485 - 25,000', 465 - 24,500', 464 - 25,500'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 810 feet.

RALLY: Sharp left to WILOMITZ (50101 13193).

ROUTE TCH: WILOMITZ to WIES (4945N 1300E) to FETTENBACH (4758N 1401E), then reverse route out.

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Load 8 - 500# RDX bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 100 feet PFF, 25 feet visual.

Use MPI as indicated on target chart.

Conservation of gas is essential. Top off tanks after pre-flight. Keep taxiing time to a minimum and take off at last possible time to complete successful rendezvous.

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

Use evasive action point KOSTICE only if run is visual.

Mickey navigators will be cautioned that on assigned axis of attack returns from the built up area of BRUX appear on the scope before returns from the target.

Start initial turn off target as soon as bombs are away completing rally in a sharp left turn maintaining constant altitude and an IAS of not over 165.

FIRST ALTERNATE: PILSEN SKODA WORKS.

INITIAL POINT: MEOMUK (4929N 1335E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 330 degrees.

RALLY: Right to PLAMA (4952N 1331E).

ROUTE BACK: PLAMA to HOSTOMICE (4949N 1402E) then reverse route out.

Use MPI as shown on target Chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual, 100 feet PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE: LINZ MAIN M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: ZELL (4832N 1440E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 252 degrees.

RALLY: Right to ASCHACM (4822N 1402E).

ROUTE BACK: ASCHACM to PETTENTHACH (47571 1401E) then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target Chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 100 feet PFF, 25 feet visual.

THIRD ALTERNATE: SALZBURG M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: STROB (4743N 1329E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 290 degrees.

RALLY: Right to FREILASSING (4800N 1250E).

ROUTE BACK: FREILASSING to FEHL (4742N 1228E) to BINMINA (4550y 1518E) then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 100 feet PFF, 25 feet visual.

FOURTH ALTERNATE: VILLACH M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: PERLACH (4632N 1416E).

AXIS OF ATTACH: 285 degrees.

RALLY: Left to MALOGU (4623N 1344E).

ROUTE BACK: MALOGU to BRIMRA (4550N 1518E) then reverse route out.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 100 feet PFF, 25 feet visual.

4.  
No Change.

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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 - KIDDIES, 47th Wing - LACEWORK, 55th Wing - PUSSCAT (460 - PUSSCAT Leader, 485 - PUSSCAT 2, 465 - PUSSCAT 3, 464 - PUSSCAT 4), 49th Wing - SCANTY; 304th Wing - SCHOOLROOM.

c.

Fighter Call Sign: 47th Wing - FxxxORD; For 5th, 304th, 55th, and 49th - EXCEED with suffixes. WX A/C - PORKPIG.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - xxxxxxxx, 47th Wing - SCARFACE, 49th Wing - PINGPONG, 55th Wing - MOONGLOW, 304th Wing - POOLTABLE, 15PFC - CATWALK.

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Carpet will be employed by all units equipped. Employ Chaff per S.P. 32-2. Radio discipline must be enforced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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