

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

25 December 1911

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 305) : THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack OSWIECIN O/R at 1210A. Key Point Time: 0931A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack OSWIECIM O/R at 1220A. Key Point Time: 0941A.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH AND ODERTAL O/Rs at 1236A, Key Point Time: 0955A.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack VIENNA/SCHWECHAT and LOBAU O/Rs. Key Point Time: 1027A. Alternate Targets: WEINER NEUSTADT M/Ys, GRAZ MAIN M/Y, MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y.

154 Wx Recon Sq A/C precede 304th Wing.

Fighters of 15FC provide penetration, target and withdrawal escort for all Bombers.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack Oil Refineries in GERMANY at 1236A, 26 December 1944. THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: MORAVSKA OSTRAVA PRIVOZ O/R.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: STRASZHOF M/Y.

PROFITABLE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: DZEIDZICE O/R, CZELLDOMOLK M/Y, SOPRON N/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Use Alternate Rendezvous Area II, 464th leaving area just South of BARI at 0920A. 464 and 460 at 8,500 feet. 465 and 485 at 9,500 feet.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be Signalled Later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 304th, 49th, 5th, 55th (464-465-460-485) and 47th Wings.

ROUTE OUT: II AREA to 4200N - 1710E to K.P. SPLIT 4331N - 1639E to D.DUBRAVA 4619N - 1649E to FELBAR 4857N - 1728E to LIPNIK 4932N - 1736E to IPs to Targets. Route from K.P., IPs, Axes of Attack, Routes Back same as 5th Wing; Alternates same for all Wings but 47th Wing.

Start climb to Bombing Altitude at: POPOVACA 4534N - 1639E.

Key Point Time: 0955A at 13,000 feet.

TARGET TIME: 1216A.

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

3.

a.

464 and 465 attack ODERTAL O/R.

Initial Point: HOTZENPLOTZ 5017N - 1743E.

Axis of Attack: 62 degrees.

Target Elevation: 606 feet.

Rally: LEFT to TARNAU 5035N - 1805E.

Route Back: RallyPoint to ZIEGENTHALS 5019N - 1723E to FELBAR and reverse Route Out.

b.

460 and 485 attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH O/R.

Initial Point: JAGERNDORF 5005N - 1741E.

Axis of Attack: 57 degrees.

Target Elevation: 606 feet.

Rally: RIGHT to ZEBRZYDOWICE 4953N - 1837E.

Route Back: Rally Point to FELBAR and reverse route out.

Bomb Load: 8 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet if visual. 100 feet if PFF.

MPI: See Charts.

This simultaneous attack is designed to split Flak Defenses. Make turn off Targets as soon as bombs are away at constant altitude and not over 165 MPH. 2 Group attack waves must fly very close formation on route back, leaders maintaining 155 MPH if necessary to protect stragglers.

Leader will make good K.P. time as given and then fly route at 160 MPH without attempting to further adjust timing.

FIRST ALTERNATE: MORAVSKA/OSTRAVA/PRIVUZ O/R.

Initial Point: KATSCHER 5005N - 1800E.

Axis of Attack: 145 Degrees.

Rally: LEFT to ZEBRZYDOWICE 4953N-1837E.

Route Back: ZEBRZYDOICE then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual. 100 feet if PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE: DEUTSCH WAGRAN/STRASZHOF M/Y.

Initial Point: LORZORNO 4820N - 1702E.

Axis of Attack: 268 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to GAWEINSTAL 4828N - 1635E.

Route Back: GAMEINSTAL to PUDMERICE 4822N - 1725E then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual. 100 feet PFF.

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 - SCHOOLROON, 47th Wing - FREEZOL, 49th Wing: SANDSAIL, 304th Wing - FLYWHEEL, 55th Wing - CHANNEL (461: - CHANNEL Leader, 465 - CHANNEL 2, 460 - CHANNEL 3, 485 - CHANNEL 4).

c.

Fighter Call Sign: 47th Wing GREENHEND, for 5th, 49th, 55th, and 304<sup>th</sup> Wings - RUBBISH with suffixes in order of contact. Wx A/C: FRONTROOM.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - FRONTIER, 47th Wing - BASEBALL, 49th Wing - FLATBUSH, 55th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 304th Wing - TRUMPET, 15th Pr FC for BLECHHAMMER - RUNNER, for VIENNA - PINGPONG.

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

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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