

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

27 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :  
307)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex. THIS IS PLAN ABLE

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack REGENSBURG O/S and Goods Yards at 1200A.  
Key Point Time: 1008A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SALZBURG and KLAGENFURT M/Y.

2 Groups each of 304th Wing attack KOLIN and PARDUBICE O/Rs. Time at  
Control Point GHUND (4846N 1459E) : 1150A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: LINZ  
M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack VENZONE RR Bridge. Time at (4532N 1243E):  
1045A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: NESTRE Loco Depot, TREVISO Loco Depot.

4 Groups of 47th Wing complete interdiction of the BRENNER Route. Time  
at (453211 1243E) : 1100A.

Fighters of 15FC provide: PTW cover for 5th, 55th & 304th Wings.

2.

Normal Effort of 4 groups of the 55th Wing attack Oil Targets in the  
PRAGUE Area 28 December 1944. This is plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PILSEN/SKODA Works.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: LINZ M/Y.

PROFITABLE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: PASSAU, WELS and AMSTETTEN M/Ys;  
MESTRE, TREVISO & UDINE Loco Depots.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: All groups rendezvous in normal areas, 485 at 5000,  
460 at 6000, 464; at 7000, 465 at 8000 and line rendezvous from  
CERIGNOLA to east tip of LAKE LESINA. 485 over CERIGNOLA at 0916A.

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

ROUTE OUT: CERIGNOLA to LAKE LESINA to Keypoint SANSEGO (4431N 1419E)  
to FIANONA (45091 1411E) to MILLSTATTER LAKE (4646)1 1336E) to MALLERN  
(48551 1353E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1025A at 14000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: MUTEJOVICE (5012N 1343E).

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 22000, 460 - 23000, 464 - 22500, 465 - 23500.

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to BEMATKY (5018) 1450E) to AMSTETTEN (4807N 1450E) to ZELTWEG (4712N 1444E) to Base.

3.

a.

485 and 460 attack KRALUPY O/R at 1225A.

Axis of Attack: 84 degrees.

Target Elevation: 570 feet.

Rally: Left to NEBUZELY (5024N 1436E)

Load 8 500/ RDX bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 & .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual, 100 feet PFF.

b.

464 and 465 attack ROUDNICE Oil Tankage and Sidings at 1227A.

Axis of Attack: 60 degrees.

Target Elevation: 518 feet.

Rally: Right to NEBUZELY (5024N 1436E).

464 load 8 500 GP bombs fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer setting: 25 feet visual, 100 feet PFF.

465 load 36 clustered 100 GP bombs fused .1 nose and non-delay tail.

Intervalometer Setting: 35 feet visual, 50 feet PFF.

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All groups: Use MPIs as indicated. Employ a PFF A/C for navigation and bombing if necessary. Conservation of fuel is essential. Top off tanks after preflight. Close Wing formation is essential both to and from the target. 485 will maintain 155 MPH on rally and until such time as Wing is completely reformed. 464 leader will make every effort to rejoin Wing formation at the rally point.

FIRST ALTERNATE: PILSEN SKODA Works.

Initial Point: CISTA (5002N 1335E)

Axis of Attack: 215 degrees.

Rally: Left to NEPOMUK (4929N 1335E)

Route Back: NEPOMUK to WALLERN (4855N 1353E) then reverse route out.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual, 100 feet PFF.

SECOUD ALTERNATE: LINZ M/Y

Initial Point: FREISTADT (4831N 1430E)

Axis of Attack: 208 degrees.

Rally: Right to EFERDING (4818H 1401E)

Route Back: EFERDING to MILLSTATTER LAKE (4646) 1336E) and then reverse route out.

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 LACEWORK, 47th Wing RETAIN, 49th Wing BETTY, 304th Wing PLAYFAIR, 55th Wing THICKRUG (485 THICKRUG Leader, 460 THICKRUG 2, 464 THICKRUG 3, 465 THICKRUG 4).

c.

Fighter Call Sign: 5th Wing RADCLIFF, 55th Wing BELLBOUY, 304TH Wing AIRSLUG.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing CATWALK, 47th Wing BIGHOUSE, 49th Wing SAILFISH, 55th Wing FRONTIER, 304th Wing ASHTRY, 15th Pr FC MOONGLOW.

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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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