

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

5 December 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 272) : THIS IS PLAN ABLE

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BRUX SYNTHETIC O/R using optional route and time. ALTERNATE TARGETS: PILSEN/SKODA WKS, LINZ INDL TARGETS.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack SZOMBATHELY AND SOPRON M/Ys from 1120A to 1155A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: GRAZ, MARIBOR, ZAGREB M/Ys.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack GRAZ MAIN STATION and NORTH M/Y from 1155A to 1230A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack MARIBOR SOUTH AND MAIN M/Ys from 1230A to 1305A. - ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

154 Wx Sq A/C precede 5th Wing up to 4900N.

15FC provide PTW escort for 5th Wing, target cover for 47th, 49th, 55th 304th Wings; Strafe MT and rail traffic between SZOMBATHELY and VIENNA and between HEGYSHALOM and VIENNA.

2.

Maximum effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack M/Ys in HUNGARY and CZECHOSLAVIKIA from 1045A to 1120A, 6 December 1944. This is Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERATE TARGET: MARIBOR M/Y

LAST RESORT TARGET: ZAGREB EAST M/Y

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0809A.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0815A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0824A.

FIGHTERS: Will provide general target cover.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Left column is 5th Wing. Right Column: 47th, 55th (464-465-460-485), 304th, 49th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to SPLIT (4330N 1628E) to SISAK (4529N 1622E) to KORMEND (4701N 1636E) to BOS (4753N 1734E), then by individual routes to targets. Minimum altitude at SPLIT - 12000 ft.

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a.

464 and 465 attack BRATISLAVA RANGIER M/Y.

ROUTE OUT: BOS to MAGYORDICSZEG (4812N 1738E) to IP BODERADY (4817N 1733E) to Target.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 253 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 - 22000; 465 - 21000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 436 plus or minus 50 feet.

RALLY: Right to STUPAVA (4817N 1702E)

ROUTE BACK: STUPAVA to KODRA (4820N 1719E) to FELBAR (4737N 1728E) to BELED (4727N 1705E) to SPLIT to Base.

NOTE: Able and Charlie boxes must delay right rally until Baker and Dog boxes have dropped.

b.

460 and 485 attack HEGYSHALOM M/Y.

ROUTE OUT: BOS to IP to Target.

INITIAL POINT: FELBAR (4757N 1728E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 261 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 20000; 485 - 19000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 400 ft.

RALLY: Left to BELED (4727N 1705E).

ROUTE BACK: BELED to SPLIT to Base.

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Bomb Load: 10 - 500 # GP or RDX fused .1 nose and ND tail.

Use MPI as shown on inclosed photos.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 ft.

Employ PFF A/C for navigational aid only. Bomb visually by boxes employing Able method.

All units will use extreme caution in target identification because of the proximity of the Russian battle line.

FIRST ALTERNATE: MARIBOR M/Y

Initial Point: DITTMANSDORF (4645N 1519E)

Axis of Attack: 133 degrees

Rally: Right to PRAGERSKO (4623N 1540E).

Route Back: PRAGERSKO to KUTINA (4529N 1646E), then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: ZAGREB EAST M/Y

Initial Point: STARA VAS (4558N 1542E)

Axis of Attack: 124 degrees
Rally: Right to TUROPOLJE (4539N 1609E)
Route Back: TUROPOLJE to SPLIT, then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

NOTE: Attack alternates by visual means only.

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.

b.
VHF Channel A for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

c.
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - CANTAB; 47th Wing - SCENTSPRAY; 49th Wing - FIRTREE; 55th Wing - SEEDCAKE (464 - SEEDCAKE Leader; 465 - SEEDCAKE 2; 460 SEEDCAKE 3; 485 - SEEDCAKE 4); 304th Wing - BOOKCLUB.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For; 5th Wing - SAXHORN; Target cover for 47th, 49th, 55th, 304th Wings: GREENHERD.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - SWEATSHIRT; 47th Wing - BASEBAIL; 49th Wing - DARKHORSE; 55th Wing - MARSHLAND; 304th Wing - FLATBUSH; 15th Pr FC - SNAKEBITE.

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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.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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