

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

7 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :  
275)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

18 PFF A/C of 5th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R from 0445A to 0455A.  
ALTERNATE TARGETS: WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y, GRAZ M/Y.

6 PFF A/C of 49th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R from 0510A to 0514A.  
ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

8 PFF A/C of 304th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R from 0519A to 0524A.  
ALTERNATE TARGETS. Same as 5th Wing.

12 PFF A/C of 47th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R from 0529A to 0536A.  
ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

15FC STAND DOWN.

2.

2 PFF A/C of each group of the 55th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R from  
0500A to 0505A, 8 December 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ M/Y.

DEPARTURE: 464th depart LAKE VARANO at 8,000 feet at 0240A.  
465th depart LAKE VARANO at 7,500 feet at 0241A.  
485th depart LAKE VARANO at 7,000 feet at 0243A.  
460th depart LAKE VARANO at 6,500 feet at 0244A.

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

ROUTE OUT: Bases to LAKE VARANO (4154N - 1545E) to turnpoint (4400N -  
1420E) to VODIZZE (4530N - 1403E) to VILLACH (4637N - 1351E) to  
ARZBERG (4759N - 1428E) to IP to target.

INITIAL: POINT: WIESELBURG (4808N - 1508E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 69 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 0500A to 0505A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464th and 485th: 1st A/C - 24000, 2nd A/C - 23500.  
465th and 460th: 1st A/C - 23000, 2nd A/C - 22500.

TARGET ELEVATION: 600 feet.

RALLY: Sharp right to LAABEN (4806N - 1553E).

ROUTE BACK: LAABEN to MOOS (4740N - 1456E) to VODIZZE (4530N - 1403E)  
to turnpoint (4400N - 1420E) to bases.

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Bomb Load: 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and nixed .01 and .025 tail  
with 1 bomb per A/C fused for long delay of 2 hours and 1 leaflet  
bomb.

Intervalometer settings: 100 feet.

MPI: K-12/13 on target chart 14-39-NA.

Each group will have one spare A/C and crew standing by to take off in  
case one scheduled A/C fails to take off or returns in time to enable  
spare to take off and leave departure point on time.

Fly route and bomb individually, attacking target only if overcast.  
Keep navigation and passing lights on south of 4300N.

Icing levels are expected from 7000 to 17000 feet. Make ascent and  
descent through icing levels at maximum rate of climb or descent and  
normal IAS.

Each crew must submit comprehensive report at the completion of the  
mission.

FIRST ALTERNATE: WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: PUCHBERG (4748N - 1554E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 86 degrees.

RALLY: Right to KIRCHSCHLAG (4730N - 1618E).

ROUTE BACK: KIRCHSCHLAG to VODIZZE (4530N - 1403E) then same as for  
primary.

MPI: 7-2 on WOLLERSDORF MBC 14-65.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 100 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GRAZ M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: KOFLACH (4703N - 1515E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 87 degrees.

RALLY: Left to WEIZ (4713N - 1537E).

ROUTE BACK: WEIZ to STUDENZEN (4701N - 1545E) to VODIZZE then same as  
for primary.

MPI: F-18/19 on target chart 14-41NA

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 100 feet.

4.  
No Change.

5.  
a.  
VHF Channel "A" for all communications.

b.  
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - SAXHORN, 47th Wing - BELLBUOY, 49th Wing - PLAYFAIR, 55th Wing - CRAWFORD (464th - CRAWFORD 1 & 2, 465th - CRAWFORD 3 & 4, 485th - CRAWFORD 5 & 6, 460th - CRAWFORD 7 & 8), 304th Wing - ROASTLAMB.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 47th Wing - POKER, 49th Wing - TRUMPET, 55th Wing - BARFLY, 304th Wing - TEAROCCM,

c.  
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. In event E/A are encountered, immediate warning will be radioed to following A/C, employing A/C formation call sign and code word DOGFACE on VHF Channel "A". Approximate position and number of E/A encountered will be given.

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