

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

15 July 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 126)

1

- a. See Intelligence Annex.
- b. 4 Groups of 304th Wing frag and destroy a/c parked along perimeter of MUNCHENDORF A/D at 1000B. Key Point Timo: 0811B. Alternate Target: KURILOVAC A/D and ZAGREB A/D.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack and destroy WIENER NEUDORF A/C Engine Factory Buildings at 1011B. Key Point Time: 0821B. First Alternate Target: PFF on VIENNA RR ROUNDHOUSE and REPAIR SHEDS. Second Alternate Target: GRAZ NEUDORF and GRAZ/PUNTIGAN A/C Engine Factories.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack and destroy WINTERHAVEN Oil Depot. Key Point Time: 0837B. First Alternate Target: PFF on VIENNA RR ROUNDHOUSE and REPAIR SHEDS. Second Alternate Target: ZAGREB NEUDORF.

Fighters of 306th Wing provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for each Bomb Wing. Remaining Groups conduct free lance sweep in Target Area.

2. Normal effort 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack and destroy WIENER NEUDORF A/C Engine Factory Buildings at 1021B, 16 July 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on VIENNA RR ROUNDHOUSE REPAIR SHEDS.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ/NEUDORF and GRAZ PUNTIGAN A/C Engine Factories.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet respectively. 464 falling in behind 465 in 465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over ANDRIA at 0726B.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet respectively. 460 approaching ALTAMURA from TORITTO, 485 approach ALTAMURA from SANTERAMO IN COLLE. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0732B. Wing Rendezvous: 465 over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0741B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be Signalled Later.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point SCEDRO ISLE (4305N 1642E) to Turn Point BANJA LUKA (4446N - 1712E) to Turn Point TAPOLOZA (4653N-1727E) to Turn Point CSORNA (4737N - 1714E) to IP to Target.

Key Point Time: 0831B at 12,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: BREITENBRUNN (4757N - 1645E) .

AXIS OF ATTACK: 295 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1021B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 24,000 feet, 464 - 23,000 feet, 460 - 23,800 feet, 485 - 22,800 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 610 feet.

RALLY: LEFT, over BADEN to (4743N - 1550E).

ROUTE BACK: (4743N - 1550E) to Turn Point SISAK (4529N - 1622E) to Key Point to Base.

3

x

1. Bomb Load: 464 and 465 load 5 - 1000# GPs fused .1 nose and .01 and .025 tail mixed. 460 and 485 load 40 clustered M-47 Incendiaries. Intervalometer Settings: 460, 485 - 50 feet, 465 and 464 - 150 feet.

2. PFF will be employed.

3. Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

4. Groups will maintain close RIGHT echelon on route and close column of Groups over the Target to assure maximum-protection and bombing accuracy.

5. Load ship will maintain 155 MiPH after Rally until Wing is reformed. 155 HPH should be maintained. if any stragglers need protection.

All Groups must fly prescribed route to avoid Flak Defended Areas.

Second Alternate: 465 & 460 - GRAZ/NEUDORF A/C Engine Factories.

Initial Point: (4707N - 1519E).

Axis of Attack: 158 degrees.

Rally: Left to SISAK.

Route Back: Reverse Route Out.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on
Target Chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 465 - 50 feet, 460 - 25 feet.

Second Alternate: 464th and 485th - GRAZ/PUNTIGAN A/C
Engine Factories.
Initial Point: (4707N - 1519E).
Axis of Attack: 158 degrees.
Rally: Left to SISAK.
Route Back: Reverse Route Out.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on
Target Chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 485 - 25 feet, 464 - 50 feet.

4. No Change

5. a. Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for
communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B"
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 - MAYHILL 4, 49th Wing -
MAYHILL 2, 55th Wing - MAYHILL 3,
(465th - MAYHILL 3 leader, 464th -
MAYHILL 32, 460th - MAYHILL 33, 485th
- MAYHILL 34), 304th Wing - MAYHILL 1.
- d. Fighter Call Sign: Escort use SOME GIRL 1,2,3,4 in
order of contact with Bomber Formation.
- e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - BANKER, 49th Wing - DIAMOND,
55th Wing - LAWYER, 304th Wing -
PLANTER, 306th Wing - WOLF.
- x. Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.
Load 3 cartons Chaff in each A/C of lead attack unit
in each Group. Dispensing at rate of 4 units every 20
seconds, 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

JOHN N. HIELCHER,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
A-3

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 cy CO, A-2, A-3, PI 55BW.
- 2 cys ea Gp 55BW.
- 1 Cy CG 306th Fighter Wg.
- 1 cy CG XV AF.