

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

24 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 135)

1.
  - a. See Intelligence Annex.
  - b.
1. 3 Groups of 49th Wing attack LINZ/HERMANN GOERING TANK WORKS at 1100B. Key Point Time: 0926B. Alternate Target: Any M/Y in South GERMANY, KLAGENFURT A/C Factory and VILLACH M/Y.  
  
4 Groups of 304th Wing attack LINZ/HERMANN GOERING TANK WORKS at 1110B. Key Point Time: 0936B. Alternate Target: Same as 49th Wing.  
  
6 Groups of 5th Wing attack LINZ/HERMAIN GOERING TANK WORKS at 1130B. Key Point Time: 0950B. Alternate Target: Same as 49th Wing.  
  
47th Wing Stand Dow.  
  
Fighters of the 306th Wing provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for bomber force. Provide window dispensing force in Target Area.
2. Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack LINZ/HERIANN GOERING TANK WORKS at 1120B, 25 July 1944. This is Plan BAKER.  
  
FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by PFF.  
  
LAST RESORT TARGET: KLAGENFURT M/Y and A/C Factory.  
  
BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 10,000 and 11,000 feet. 464 falling in behind 465 in 465 area prior to rendezvous. 465 over ANDRIA at 0804B.  
  
485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 10,000 and 11,000 feet. 460 approaching ALTAURA from TORITTO. 485th approaching ALTANURA from SANTERANO IN COLLE. 485th over ALTAMURA at 0809B.  
  
Wing Rendezvous: 465th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0819B.  
  
FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to (4200N - 1620E) to Key Point SILBA (4422N - 1441E) to BUKOVC (4623N - 1558E) to FELDBACH (4657N - 1552E) to MEIK (4813N - 1520E) to IP to Target. Last point to start climb to Key Point: (4200N - 1620E) Last point to start climb to Bombing Altitude: BUKOVC (4623N-1558E). Key Point Time: 0946B at 20,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: UNT. WEISZENBACH (4626N - 1447E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 240 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1120B,

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 feet.

RALLY: LEFT to KREMSKUNSTER (4803N - 1407E).

ROUTE BACK: KREMSKUNSTER to MOLAT (4413N - 14533) to (4200N-1620E) to Bases.

3.

x. All Groups load 5 - 1000# GP fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 465, 464, 485 - 175 feet, 460 - 75 feet.

All Groups use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

Wing will be close RIGHT echelon on route and close column of Groups over the Target.

All precautions will be taken to minimize fuel consumption.

PFF lead all units. If Target is attacked using PFF, synchronous method will be employed.

Last Resort: KLAGENFURT N/Y and A/C Factory.

Initial Point: EBERSTEIN (4648N - 1434E).

Axis of Attack: 20 degrees.

Target Elevation: 1475 feet.

Rally: LEFT to LJUBLJANA (4602N - 1430E).

Route Back: LJUBLJANA to MOLAT to (4200N - 1620E) to Bases.

Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on inclosed target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 465, 464, 485 - 75 feet, 460 - 50 feet.

4. No Chango.

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 - BETTY 4, 49th Wing - BETTY 1, 55th Wing - BETTY 3 (465 - BETTY 3 Leader, 464 - BETTY 32, 485th - BETTY 33, 460th - BETTY 34), 304th Wing - BETTY 2.  
d. Fighter Call Sign: SCANTY with numbered suffixes in order of contact with Bombers.  
e. Recall Signs: 5th Wing - PROUDFOOT, 49th Wing - DIAMOND, 55th Wing - HOUND, 304th Wing - REALTY, 306th Wing - LEROY.

x. Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped.

Load 4 cartons Window in lead attack units dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

306th Wing will dispense CHAFF bombs ahead of Bomber Force in Target Area.

Radio Discipline must be enforced.

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