

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

25 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :  
137)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing destroy WIENER NEUDORF ENGINE FACTORY at 1100B.  
Key Point Time: 0904B. First Alternate Target: PFF on Primary Targets.  
Second Alternate Target: PFF on VIENNA SOUTH M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy MARKERSDORF A/D INSTALLATIONS AND  
DISPERSED A/C at 1122B. Key Point Time: 0931B. Alternate Target: 2  
groups Frag A/C on GRAZ/THALERHOF A/D. 2 groups destroy GRAZ-STEYR  
DAIMLER A/C COMPONENTS FACTORY.

Optional size force of 49th Wing destroy BERAT KUCOVE NEW OIL  
DISTALLATIOMS AND BARRACKS AREA. Alternate Target: NONE.

304th Wing STAND DOWN.

Fighters of 306th Wing provide penetration, target and withdrawal  
cover for individual Bomb Wings, paying Special Attention to 5th and  
55th Wings.

2.

4 Groups, 55th Wing, destroy ZWOLFAXING A/D INSTALLATIONS AND  
DISPERSED A/C at 1112B, 26 July 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: SZOMBATHELY A/D AND INSTALLATIONS.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 460th and 485th line rendezvous  
from ALTALURA to GRAVINA at 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 460th approaching  
ALTAMURA from TORITTO. 485th approaching ALTANURA from SANTERAMO IN  
COLLE. 460th over ALTAMURA at 0819B.

465th and 464th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7,000 and  
8,000 feet. 464th falling in behind 465th in 465th area prior to  
rendezvous. 465th over ANDRIA at 0817B.

Wing Rendezvous: 460th lead over SPINAZZOLA on course at 0830B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Column of Wings, 5th, 55th (460th, 485th, 465th,  
464th), 47th, 49th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to KP SCEDRO ISLE (4305N - 1642E) to LIVNO (4350N - 1700E) to KUTINA (4529N - 1647E) to FELDBACH (4657N - 1553E) to NURZZUS CLLAG (4736N - 1540E) to IP to Target. Last Point to start climb to Bombing Altitude - LIVNO. Key Point Time: 0921B at 12,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ALTENARKT (4801N - 1559E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 74 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1112B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 580 feet

RALLY: Right to FRAUIZKIRCHEN (4750N - 1655E).

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to LIVNO to KP to Bases.

3.

a.

460th load 5 - 1000;/ GP's fused .1 nose and .025 tail. 485th load 10 - 500# GPs fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

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465th and 464th load 36 Frag clusters. Intervalometer Settings: 460th - 100 feet, 485th - 50 feet, 465th and 464th - 175 feet.

460th and 485th destroy ZWOLFAXING A/D INSTALLATIONS, using MPI as shown on attached target charts. 464th and 465th Frag dispersed A/C on ZWOLFAXING A/D, using MPI as shown on attached target charts.

PFF STAND DOWN.

Attention of 464th and 465th is directed to 55th Bomb Wing Operations Memorandum No. 5-8, dated 16 May, 1944.

Groups will maintain close column enroute and over the target to assure maximum protection and bombing accuracy.

Lead ship will maintain 155 NPH after rally until Wing is reformed, 155 MPH will be maintained if any stragglers need protection.

First Alternate Target: 460th and 485th Groups destroy SZOIBTHELY A/D Installations. 465th and 464th Frag SZCMBATHELY A/D.

I.P. - LOVO (4730N - 1648E).

Axis of Attack: 205 degrees.

Target Elevation: 721 feet.

Rally: Left to (4700N - 1700B).

Route Back: Rally point to LIVNO to KP to Bases.

Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.  
Intervalometer Settings: 460th - 75 feet, 485th - 50 feet, 465th - 250 feet, 464th - 175 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.  
VNF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

c.  
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - KIDDIES, 47th Wing - FIRTREE, 49th Wing - SHORTBREAD, 55th Wing - CANTAB (460th - CANTAB LEADER, 485th CANTAB 2, 465th - CANTAB 3, 464th - CANTAB 4).

d.  
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - PUSSCAT, 47th Wing - BURGLAR, 49<sup>th</sup> Wing - SENILE, 55th Wing - IMPISH.

e.  
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - PRISN, 47th Wing - FEATHER, 49th Wing - COMIC, 55th Wing - PLANTER, 306th Wing - SHANTY.

x.  
Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Load 3 cartons Window in lead attack unit of each Group dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak. All groups will check in at Wing Rendezvous with Wing VHF ground station on Channel "B".

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