

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

7 July 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 120)

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a. See Intelligence Annex.

b.

3 groups of 49th Wing attack KORNEUBURG OIL REFINERY at 1040B.

Key Point Time: 0836B.

Alternate Target: PETFURDO and SISAK CAPRAG OIL REFINERIES.

4 groups of 304th Wing Frag MUNCHENDORF A/D at 1044B.

Key Point Time: 0846B.

Alternate Target: GYOR, VESZBREM, ZAGREB, KURILOVEC A/Ds.

4 groups of 5th Wing attack ZWOLFAXING A/D and 2 groups 5th Wing attack VOSENDORF OIL REFINERY at 1057B.

Key Point Time: 0852B.

Alternate Target: PEIFURDO, BROD, SISAK OIL REFINERIES, BROD SOUTH M/Y, SPLIT Harbor Installations.

4 groups of 47th Wing attack MARKERSDORF A/D at 1105B.

Key Point Time: 0907B.

Alternate Target: GRAZ FLUGMOTORENWERK A/C FACTORY AND GRAZ THALERHOF A/D INSTALLATIONS.

306th Wing provide cover for Bomber formations from MARIBOR Area.

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Normal effort of 4 groups of 55th Wing attack FLORISDORF Oil Refinery and M/Y at 1030B; 8 July 1944. This is Plan ABLE. Plan BAKER is STAND DOWN.

ALTERNATE TARGET: For 464th and 465th: PETFURDO Oil Refinery.

ALTERNATE TARGET: For 485th and 460th: BROD M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460th lead 485th in normal rendezvous area at 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 460th over ALTAMURA at 0726B.

464th lead 465th in normal rendezvous area at 7,000 and 8,000 feet.

464th over ANDRIA at 0724B.

WING RENDEZVOUS: 460th lead Wing over SPINAZZOLA at 0737B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Will be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 55th Wing (464th, 465th, 485th, 460th), 49th Wing, 304th Wing, 5th Wing, 47th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: Base to VIS ISLAND (4304N - 1612E) to OBREZ (4624N - 1614E) to WARTBERG (4732N - 1530E) to BOHSIMKIRCHEN (4812N - 1546E) to IP to Target. Point to climb to Bomber altitude: (4420N-1612E).

KEY POINT TIME: 0826B at 10,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: TULIN (4820N - 1603E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 106 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1030B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464th - 23,800 feet, 465th - 22,800 feet, 485th - 23,500 feet, 460th - 22,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 550 feet

RALLY: Left then right passing east of LAKE NEUSIEDLER.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to PAPA to OBREZ to VIS to Base.

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All groups load 10 - 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Intervalometer settings: 60 feet.

All groups use MPI shown on charts.

No PF A/C will be used.

Take off will be sufficiently early to insure proper Wing rendezvous.

Wing maintain very close left echelon on route and close column of groups over the target.

Lead group maintain 155 MPH after rally to reform Wing and protect stragglers.

Brief crews on reasons and procedures for using VIS and fields North of ITALIAN SPUR.

ALTERNATE for 464th and 465th: PETFURDO OIL REFINERY

IP: PAPA (4720N - 1728E)

Axis of attack: 190 degrees.

Rally: Right.

Route Back: Rally to (4400N - 1615E) to base.

Method of attack: Column of groups.

Intervalometer settings: 60 feet.

ALTERNATE FOR 485th and 460th: BROD M/Y.

IP: CAGLIN (4522N - 1759E)

Axis of attack: 170 degrees.

Rally: Right.

Method of attack: By attack units.

Route Back: Rally to (4400N - 1615E) to bases.

Intervalometer settings: 30 feet.

All groups will use 12 ship attack units with spares filling second elements of wing boxes. (Lead box of each attack unit will be six ships; wing boxes will be three ships plus spares)

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No Change.

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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 SIGNS: 5th Wing-RETAIN 4, 47th Wing-RETAIN 5, 49th Wing-RETAIN 2, 55th Wing-RETAIN 1, (464th-RETAIN 11, 465th-RETAIN 12, 485th-RETAIN 13, 460th-RETAIN 14), 304th Wing-RETAIN 3.

d. Fighter Call Sign for: BOULDER 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in order of Bomber interception.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing-REALTY, 47th Wing-PRISM, 49th Wing-DEBTOR, 55th Wing-WOLF, 304th Wing-DOLLAR.

x. Alternate attack units load 3 cartons Chaff dispensing 4 cartons per 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

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