

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

25 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 106)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 304th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUN Oil Refinery at 0930B. Key Point Time: 0738B.

(2) Normal effort of 3 groups of B-24s of 49th Wing attack KORNEUBURG Oil Refinery at 0933B. Key Point Time: 0748B.

(3) Normal effort of 4 groups of B-24s of 47th Wing attack SCHWECHAT A/C Factory at 0950B. Key Point Time: 0808B.

(4) Normal effort of 1 group of B-17s of 5th Wing attack WINTERHAFEN Oil Storages, 2 groups attack SCHWECHAT Oil Refinery, 3 groups attack LOBAU Oil Refinery at 1002B. Key Point Time: 0815B.

(5) Normal effort of 6 groups of Fighters of 306th Wing provide cover for Fifteenth Air Force Bombers.

(6) Normal effort of 1 group of Fighters of 306th Wing stand by to escort Eighth Air Force Bombers.

2. Normal effort of 4 groups of 55th Wing attack FLORISDORF Oil Refinery and M/Y Oil Sidings at 0943B, 26 June 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Center of City Of VIENNA using PF A/C.

SECOND ALTRNATE TARGET: ZAGREB M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460th and 485th line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 4,000 and 5,000 feet respectively. 460th on course over ALTAMURA at 0635B.

464th and 465th line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6,000 and 7,000 feet respectively. 464th on course over ANDRIA at 0633B.

Wing rendezvous: 460th and 485th over SPINAZZOLA on course at assigned altitudes at 0646B. 464th and

465th approach from the SW falling in behind 460th and 485th at assigned altitudes at 0648B.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1 group provide cover on penetration, 5 groups provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for each Wing from vicinity of LAKE BALATON.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to Key Point north tip of VARANSKO LAKE (4356 N - 1532 E) to KESZTHELY (4646 N - 1714 E) to PAPA (4720 N - 1728 E) to CSEKLESZ (4812 N - 1718 E) to IP to target FLORISDORF. Last point of climb to bombing altitude: SISAK. Key Point Time: 12,000 feet at 0758B.

INITIAL POINT: GANSERNDORF (4821 N - 1642 E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 245 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 0943B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 550 plus or minus 100.

RALLY: Right - then left around Flak defenses.

ROUTE BACK: Rally to MURZZSCHLAG (4737 N - 1540 E) to SISAK (4529 N - 1622 E) to Key Point to bases.

3. z. (1) 460th load 8 - 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .025 and non-delay tail. Intervalometer setting: 125 feet.

(2) 485th load 40 clustered 100# incendiaries. Intervalometer setting: 50 feet.

(3) 464th load 16 clustered 250# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .025 and non-delay tail. Intervalometer setting: 75 feet.

(4) 465th load 14 clustered 300# GP with same fusings as 250# GP. Intervalometer setting: 100 feet.

(5) All groups use MPI as shown on inclosed charts.

(6) Wing formation will be close right echelon on route and close column of groups over target. 460th will maintain 150 MPH after rally until Wing formation is reassembled.

(7) Maintain strict radio discipline for maximum safety against detection by enemy.

(8) Alternate attack units load 4 - cartons chaff dispensing 6 cartons per 20 seconds from 2 minutes before IP until clear of Flak.

(9) All groups will use PF A/C for navigational aid and for bombing if City of VIENNA is attacked.

(10) First Alternate: ZAGREB M/Y.

IP: KRSKO (4557 N - 1529 E).

Axis of Attack: 460th and 485th- 111, 464th and 465th- 113.

Rally: Right.

Route Back: Rally to Key Point to base.

Method of Attack: 2 columns of groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer settings: 460th - 125 feet, 485th - 30 feet, 464th and 465th - 40 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 (BOOKCLUB 5), 47th Wing (BOOKCLUB 4), 49th Wing (BOOKCLUB 2), 55th Wing (BOOKCLUB 3), (460th - BOOKCLUB 31, 485th - BOOKCLUB 32, 46th - BOOKCLUB 33, 465th - BOOKCLUB 34), 304th Wing (BOOKCLUB 1).

d. Fighter Call Sign: PUSSCAT 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in order of interception.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing (COMIC), 47th Wing (DEER), 49th Wing (SAILOR), 55th Wing (SNOB), 304th Wing (ORANGE), 306th Wing (TEMPLE).

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