

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

8 June 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 87)

1. a. See Intelligence Annex.

b. (1) Maximum effort of 2 Groups of B-17s of 5th Wing frag
OBERPFAFFENHOFEN A/D at 1005B. Key Point Time: 0633B.
First Alternate Target: WEST MUNICH M/Y. Second Alternate:
FERRARA A/D.

(2) Maximum effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 47th Wing
attack OBERPFAFFELMOFEN A/D Installations at 1010B. Key
Point Time: 0647B. First Alternate Target: Same as 5th
Wing. Second Alternate: PORTO MARGHERA Oil Depots.

(3) Maximum effort of 3 Groups of B-24s of 49th Wing
attack MUNICH NEUAUBING DORNIAR Works at 1020 B. Key Point
Time: 0657B. Alternate Targets: Same as 47th Wing.

(4) Maximum effort of 4 Groups of B-24s of 304th Wing
attack MUNICH BAYERISCHE MOTOR WORKS Buildings and MUNICH
MILBERTSHOFEN Ordnance Depot at 1005B. Key Point Time:
0707B. Alternate Targets: Same as 55th Wing.

(5) Maximum effort of Fighters of 306th Wing provide
maximum penetration, target, withdrawal cover.

2. Maximum effort of 3 Groups of 55th Wing attack ALLACH Notor
Works, Machine Shops, Buildings at 1015B, 8 June 1944. This is
Plan Able.

ALTERNATE TARGET: If primary target is obscured, East M/Y of
MUNICH will be bombed using PF A/C. Last
Resort Target: M/Ys at FERRARA, CASTEL
MAGGIORE, CASTEL DEL EMMELIA, SAN RUFILLO,
BORGO-PANIGALE, BOLOGNA MAIN, FAENZA, FORLI.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465th rendezvous with 460th from CORATO to
ANDRIA. 465th on course over CORATO at 0647B.
460th fall in behind 465th at CORATO.

Wing rendezvous at CERIGNOLA. 485th approach
CERIGNOLA from SPINAZZOLA. 485th on course at
CERIGNOLA at 0655B. 465th and 460th fall in
immediately behind.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signaled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: CERIGNOLA ~~SPIHAZZOLA to MROMARETA~~ to Key Point TREMITI ISLAND (42 deg 08 min N 15 deg 30 min E) to Turn Point (45 deg 30 min N 12 deg 50 min E) to Turn Point UBERSEE (47 deg 49 min N 12 deg 29 min E) to Turn Point LANDSHUT (48 deg 32 min N 12 deg 10 min E) to Turn Point MAINBURG (48 deg 39 min N 11 deg 47 min E) to IP to Target. Key Point - 5000 ft at 0717B. Altitude at N ADRIATIC Coast - 18000 ft.

Route for 5th, 47th, 49th Wings: Base to Key Point VIESTE (41 deg 53 min N 16 deg 11 min E) to Turn Point (45 deg 30 min N 13 deg 00 min E) to TRAUNSTEIN (47 deg 53 min N 12 deg 38 min E) to BIEHBACH (48 deg 38 min N 12 deg 23 min E) to SIEGENBURG (48 deg 46 min N 11 deg 51 min E) to SCHROBENHAUSEN (48 deg 34 min N 11 deg 16 min E) to IP AICHACH (48 deg 28 min N 11 deg 08 min E). Route back: Right rally to WORGL (47 deg 29 min N 12 deg 04 min E) to LIENZ (46 deg 50 min N 12 deg 46 min E) to Turn Point (45 deg 30 min N 12 deg 50 min E) to Bases.

INITIAL POINT: ILLHUNSTER (48 deg 29 min N 11 deg 30 min E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 185 deg.

TARGET TIME: 1015B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 24000; 465 - 23000; 460 - 22000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1640 feet.

RALLY: Left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to ASCHHEDI (48 deg 11 min N 11 deg 43 min E) to KUFSTEIN (47 deg 36 min N 12 deg 11 min E) to LIENZ (46 deg 50 min N 12 deg 46 min E) to Turn Point (45 deg 30 min N 13 deg 00 min E) to (42 deg 00 min N 16 deg 20 min E) to Base.

3. a. 485th attack ALLACH MOTOR WORKS using MPI as shown on target chart. Bomb Load: 1000# GP, .1" nose and mixed .01" and .025" tail fuses.

b. 465th attack ALLACH MOTOR WORKS using MPI as shown on target chart. Bomb Load: 1000# GP, .1" nose and mixed .01" and .025" tail fuses.

c. 460th attack ALLACH HOTOR WORKS using MPI as shown on target chart. Bomb Load: 40 clustered M-47 100 lb. incendiaries.

x. Intervalometer settings: 1000# GP: 75 ft; Incendiaries: 50 ft. Load 4 cartons chaff in ALL a/c, dispensing 6 units every 20 seconds from 2 min before IP until clear of flak.

(1) To facilitate correct identification for Fighter Bomber rendezvous 306th Wing Fighter Groups will make friendly side approaches to Bomber formations. All crew members must be so instructed.

(2) Stragglers over the ADRIATIC on return route will "hit the deck" for maximum safety from enemy radar and Fighters

(3) Any planes which must crash land at VIS will use crash strip adjacent to runway.

(4) Lead bombardiers must definitely decide at IP whether PF is to be used or not so that operators will be fully prepared. Once a decision is made it will not be changed. If PF is used, the target will be the center of the City of MUNICH.

(5) Under no circumstances will a second pass be made at either primary or first alternate target.

(6) Success of this plan is largely dependent on exact coordination of timing between wings. To achieve the necessary coordination, all wings must adhere exactly to time schedule until reaching the head of the ADRIATIC, and must have their relative positions positively established at that time. If this is accomplished, any subsequent variations from time schedule due to wind will be negligible and will affect all units equally. The use of parallel columns makes it imperative that all units adhere exactly to proper course passing over all specified turn points. Cutting short on corners cannot be tolerated by any units. Each loader must maintain visual contact with the unit ahead of him in his column. Specified initial points and axes of attack must be used. It must be

impressed on all leaders that failure to obey all instructions implicitly will substantially increase battle losses in all units of the Air Force. All Group and Wing leaders must be thoroughly familiar with the route, timing and plan of attack of every unit of the Air Force on this mission so that air decisions will be intelligently founded.

4. No change.

5. a. Command radio; assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group.

b. VHF Channel A for Bombers to Fighters and Group to Group.

c. Bomber call sign: 5th Wing - BARTEND 1; 47th Wing - RARTEND 2; 49th Wing - BARTEND 3; 55th Wing - ROASTLANB 2; (485th - ROASTLAMB 21, 465th - ROASTLANB 22, 460th - ROASTLAMB 23), 304th Wing - ROASTLANB 1,

d. Fighter call signs: Escort for all Wings - EXCEED 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in order of rendezvous with Bombers.

e. Recall signs: 5th Wing - POLITE; 47th Wing - REMEDY; 49th Wing - RUSTY; 55th Wing - BARGAIN; 304th Wing - CRANK; 306th Wing - DAINTY.

x. Carpet will be used by units so equipped. Lead Group will fire several Green Green flares at Wing rendezvous point as well as using Amber Aldis Lamp.

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