

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

31 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 230)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex No. 226, 26 October 1944.

b.

6 Groups of the 5th Bomb Wing attack Vienna South Ordnance Depot at 1230A. Key Point Time: 1117A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: GRAZ M/Y, GRAZ/WETZELDORF Ordnance Depot, KAPPENBERG Tank Fcty.

4 Groups of the 47th Bomb Wing attack Vienna South Goods Sidings at 1246A. Key Point Time: 1131A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

3 Groups of the 49th Bomb Wing attack Vienna South Ordnance Depot at 1256A. Key Point Time: 1141A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of the 304th Bomb Wing Vienna SCHONMBAUM Ordnance Depot at 1314A. Key Point Time: 1159A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

15 PFC provide close PTW cover for bombers and dispense chaff ahead of 5th Wing and 47th Wing.

154 Wx Sq A/C precede bombers.

2.

Normal effort of 4 groups of the 55th Wing attack Vienna OSTERREICHISCHE SAUERWERKE at 1304A, 1 November 1944. This is plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on primary.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous at ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA at 1004A.

465 and 464 line rendezvous over ANDRIA to CANOSA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 465 over ABDRIA at 1002A.

WING RENDEZVOUS: 460 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 1015A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signaled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to (4200N - 1620E) to (4400N - 1350E) to K.P. UMIE (4438N - 1415E) to LJUTOKOR (4631N - 1611E) to LANGEMAMO (4734N - 1536E) to IP to MELLINGENKREUS (4803N - 1608E) to target.

Last Point to Start Climb to Bombing Altitude: 1200A. Key Point Time: 1149A at 18000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: HOMEMBERG (4755N - 1537E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 57 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1304A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 21000, 485 - 22000, 465 23000, 464 24000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 575 feet.

RALLY: Left to BOCKMLUSZ (4822N - 1636E).

ROUTE BACK: BOCKMLUSZ to MODRA (4820N - 1719E) to FELBAR (4757N - 1728E) to CZELLDOMOLK (4716N - 1709E) to LJUTOKOR and reciprocal of route out.

3.

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Bomb Load: 500" RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet if visual, 150 feet if PFF.

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

Use 3 PFF A/C per group. PFF conditions are expected but visual bombing will be done if possible.

Evasive action point MELLINGENKREUS will be use only if visibility permits. If evasive action point is not used, run will be direct from IP to target on an axis of 65 degrees.

Start initial turn off target as soon as bombs are away, completing rally in a series of left turns of not over 10 degree bank or of 25 second duration. Rally will be made at constant altitude and IAS of not over 160 MPH.

Groups will maintain close route formation.

FIRST ALTERNATE: PFF on Primary. Intervalometer Settings: 150 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GRAZ M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: PISCHELSDORF (4711N - 1543E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 250 degrees

RALLY: Left to ST. STEFAN (4656N - 1515E)

ROUTE BACK: ST. STEFAN to PAUNAGORA (4523N - 1457E) then same as for primary

Use MPI as shown on target chart
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

4.
No change.

5.
a.
VHF Channel "B" for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "C" 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 (SEEDCAKE 1), 47th Wing (SEEDCAKE 2), 49th Wing (SEEDCAKE 3), 55th Wing (SEEDCAKE 4) (460 - SEEDCAKE 4 LEADER, 485 - SEEDCAKE 42, 465 - SEEDCAKE 43, 464 - SEEDCAKE 44), 304th (SEEDCAKE 5).

d.
Fighter Call Sign: PUSSCAT with suffix in order of contact. Wx A/C - Route Out (RETAIN 1), ROUTE BACK (RETAIN 2).

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing (ROTATION), 47th Wing (CATWALK), 49th Wing (SNAKEBITE), 55th Wing (BIGHOUSE), 304th Wing (CONVERTIBLE), 15th Pr FC (DOGFACE).

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. All A/C will load chaff and dispense in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. Standard Bombs Away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced. Fights will dispense chaff bombs ahead of 5th Wing and 47th Wing.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy ea CG XV AF, XV FC, 55th BW.
3 cys ea A-2 and A-3 55th BW.
1 cy A-2 DO XV AF.
4 cys ea 460, 465 Gps.
3 cys ea 464, 485 Gps.
1 cy Wx O 55th BW.