

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

15 November 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 251) : THIS IS PLAN ABLE

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex: for Blue Force.

See Intelligence Annex No. 249, 14 Nov 44 for Red Force

b.

RED FORCE

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack MUNICH WEST M/Y at 1130A. Key Point Time: 0959A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: INNSBRUCK, ROSENHEIM, SALZBURG M/Ys.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack MUNICH WEST M/Y at 1145A. Key Point Time: 1014A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack MUNICH WEST M/Y at 1155A. Key Point Time: 1023A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack MUNICH WEST M/Y at 1205A. Key Point Time: 1034A. ALTERNATE TARGETS Same as 5th Wing.

BLUE FORCE

28 A/C of 5th Wing attack NOVI PAZAR TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

28 A/C of 47th Wing attack: SJEMICA TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

28 A/C of 304th Wing attack VISEGRAD TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

x.

15th PFC dispense Chaff ahead of 5th Wing, provide close PTT for RED FORCE, strafe MT on roads from SARAJEVO to VISEGRAD to PRIJEPOLJE to SJEMICA to NOVI PAZAR.

154 Wx Sq Recon A/C precede RED AND BLUE FORCES

2.

RED and BLUE FORCES of 55th Wing attack targets in GERMANY and YUGOSLAVIA. on 16 November 1944. This is Plan Able.

3.

a.

RED FORCE (28 A/C and spares per Group) attack MUNICH WEST M/Y at 1213A.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: ROSENHEIM M/Y

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0908A.

485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 10000 and 11000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0913A.

Wing Rendezvous: 465 lead over SPIMAZZOLA at 0923A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPIMAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to Key Point ANCONA (4337N 1330E) to CAORLE (4536N 1253E) to S. GIORGIO (4602N 1252E) to MASSERIA (4656N 1116E) to IP to Target. Start climb to Bombing Altitude: 1100A. Key Point Time: 1042A at 18000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: UNT (4737N 1101E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 34 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1213A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 25000; 464 - 26000; 485 - 25500; 460 - 26500.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1722 feet.

RALLY: Right to SPEICHERSEE (4813H 1148E)

ROUTE BACK: SPEICHERSEE to UBERSEE (4749N 1229E) to S. GIORGIO (4602N 1252E) and reciprocal of route out.

Bomb Load: 6 - 500 # RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet if visual, 100 feet if PFF

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

Use 3 PFF A/C but bomb visually by waves if possible.

Start initial turn off target as soon as bombs are away. Complete rally in a series of right turns of not over 10 degree bank or of 20 seconds duration, at a constant altitude and not over IAS of 160 MPH.

b.

BLUE FORCE (14 A/C of 460, 7 A/C each of 464 and 465 plus spares) attack PRIJEPOLJE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS on 16 November 1944.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: All boxes depart from SPIMAZZOLA on course. 465 at 8000 feet; 464 at 8500 feet; 460 at 9000 feet.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 55th Wing (465-464-460).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4150N 1750E to IP to Target

INITIAL POINT: PLJEVLJA (4321N 1921E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 81 degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 20000; 464 - 20500; 460 - 21000 and 21500.

RALLY: Right to KISILICI (4300N 1944E)

ROUTE BACK: KISILICI to 4150N 1750E) to bases

Bomb Load: 20 - 100 # GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail with 2 bombs per A/C loaded 6 to 24 hour delay

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

Use MPI is shown on annotated photos.

Use PFF A/C if available for navigational aid only

Bomb by boxes

All times will be assigned after Wx Recon of target area has been procured.

All Groups should be prepared to take-off on one hour notice after 0800A, November 16th

All Units should bomb only on positive target identification because of the uncertainty of the tactical situation in the target area.

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ALTERNATE TARGETS FOR RED FORCE:

FIRST ALTERNATE: ROSENHEIM M/Y.

Initial Point: VALEPP (1737N 1153E)

Axis of Attack: 32 degrees

Rally: Right to SEEBRUCK (4756N 1229E)

Route Back: SEEBRUCK to SAN GIORGIO (4602N 1252E), then reverse route out.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: INNSBRUCK M/Y

Initial Point: PARTENKIRCHEN (4729N 1105E)

Axis of Attack: 139 degrees

Rally: Left to MAYRHOFEN (4710N 1102E)

Route Back: MAYRHOFEN to SAN GIORGIO (4602N 1252E), then reverse route out.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

4.

No Change.

5.

a.
Assigned Group Command Frequency and 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 Sign: 5th Wing - BARTEND; 47th Wing - CHANNEL; 49th Wing - MOSES; 55th RED - LACEWORK (465 - LACEWORK Leader; 464 - LACEWORK 2; 485 - LACEWORK 3; 460 - LACEWORK 4); 304th Wing - BURGLAR. 55th BLUE - SHIRTTAIL.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - MIXTUB; 47th Wing - FREEZOL; 49th Wing - AIRSLUG; 55th Wing - ROASTLAMB; 304th Wing - FRONTROOM; WX A/C - Route Out: PLAYFAIR 1; Route Back: PLAYFAIR 2.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - MOONGLOW; 47th Wing - RUMRUNNER; 49th Wing - BASEBALL; 55th Wing RED FORCE - MARSHLAND; 55th Wing BLUE FORCE - PICKPOCKET; 304th Wing - CALIFORNIA; 15th PFC - SNAKEBITE.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in all A/C in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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