

US ARMY

16 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 254) : THIS IS PLAN ABLE

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex

b. RED FORCE.

6 Groups of 36 a/c of 5th Wing attack BRUX O/R at 1200A. ALTERATE  
TARGETS: PILSEM/SKODA Depot, SALZBURG & ROSENHEIN M/Ys.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER South O/R at 1212A. K.P.  
Time: 0948A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: MORASKA-OSTRAVA O/R, DEUTSCH  
WAGRAM/STRASZHOFF M/Y, GYOR M/Y, GRAZ Main M/Y.

1 Groups of 304th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER South O/R at 1220A. K.P.  
Tire: 0956A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 49th Wing RED.

BLUE FORCE.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack VIENNA FLORISDORF and/or KORNEUBURG O/Rs at 1100A. I.P. Time: 0904A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: KAPFENBURG Tank Works, GRAZ Main M/Y, MARIBOR South M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack VIENNA/FLORISDORF O/R at 1118A. K.P.  
Time: 0922A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing BLUE.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack VIEINA/FLORISDORF O/R at 1126A. K.P.  
Tire: 0930A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing BLUE.

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15 PFC provide cover for RED and BLUE Force bombers.

154 Wx Recon Sq a/c precede bombers of Red Force.

2.

55th Wing attack Oil Targets in GERMANY and AUSTRIA 17 November 1944.  
This is Plan ABLE.

3.

a.

RED FORCE (all available a/c of 485 and 460) attack BLECHHAMMER South  
O/R at 1202A.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: DEUTCH WAGRAN/STRASZHOFF M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: GYOR M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 & 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 3000 and 9000 feet. 485th over ALTAMURA at 0817A and over SPINAZZOLA at 0828A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER FLIGHT: Two columns of Wings: Left column 5th Wing, Right Column: 447 Blue, 55 Blue (464-465), 49 Blue, 304 Blue, 55 Red (485-160), 449 Red, 304, Red.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to Keypoint VRGADA (4351N 1531E) to POLS (4713N 1435E) to NELTKIRCHEN (4814N 1533E) to IP to LEISMITZ (5016N 1753E) to Target

Start Climb to Bombing Altitude 1045A  
Key Point Time: 0938A at 15,000 feet,

INITIAL POINT: ZUCKMANTEL (5016N 1723E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 85 degrees from IP, 77 degrees from LEISMITZ.

TARGET TIME: 1202A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 21,000', 460 - 25,000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT to SKOCZOW (4948N 1818E).

ROUTE BACK: SKOCZOW to ZILINA (4913N 1845E) TO FELBAR (4757N 1728E) to CZELLDOMOLK (4716N 1709E) to ORAHOVO (4512N 1702E) TO VIS (4303N 1612E) to 4200N 1620E to Bases.

Use maximum PFF a/c, but bomb visually by waves, if possible. Use Turnpoint LEISMITZ only if run is visual.  
Start initial turn off target as soon as bombs are away. Completing rally in a series of RIGHT turns of not over 10 degrees bank or 20 second duration maintaining constant altitude and an IAS of not over 160.

FIRST ALTERNATE: DEUTCH WAGRAM/STRASZHOFF M/Y.

Initial Point: MISTELBACH: (183LN 163LE).

Axis of Attack: 170 degrees.

Rally: Left to MOCHSTETNO (4820N 1654E).

Route Back: MOCHSTETNO to TRNAVA (4822N 1735E), then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GYOR M/Y.

Initial Point: FELBAR (4757N 1728E).  
Axis of Attack; 155 degrees.  
Rally: Right to CZELLDOMOLK (4716N 1709E).  
Route Back: CZELLDOMOLK then same as for primary.  
Use MPI as shown on target Chart.  
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

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b.

BLUE FORCE (All available a/c of 464 and 465) attack VIENNA FLORISDORF  
O/R at 1110A.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from  
ANDRIA to CANOSA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0749A and  
over SPINAZZOLA at 0804A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to K.P. VRGADA (4351N 1531E) to  
PODS (4713N 1435E) to NEUKIRCHEN (4831N 1533E) to IP to Bridges at  
4826N 1610E to Target.

Start Climb to Bombing altitude: 0945A.  
Key Point Time: 0914A at 15,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: AUGMIENTHAL (4842N 1604E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: From IP - 153 degrees, from Bridges - 137 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1110A.

BOUING ALTITUDE: 464 - 24,000', 465 - 25,000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 575 feet.

RALLY: Sharp LEFT to BOCKFLUSZ (4822N 1626E).

ROUTE BACK: BOCKFLUSZ to TRMAVA (4822N 1735E) to CZELLDOMOLK (4716N  
1709E) to ORAMOVO (4512N 1702E) to VIS (4303N 1612E) to 4200N 1620E to  
Bases.

Use maximum PFF a/c, but bomb visually by waves if possible.  
Use Turnpoint of Bridges (4826N 1610E) only if bomb run is visual.  
Maintain constant altitude on rally until clear of flak.

FIRST ALTERNATE: GRAZ MAIN N/Y.

Initial Point: ST. LORENZEN (44715N 1454E).

Axis of Attack: 117 degrees.

Rally: Left to GLZISDORF (4706N 1542E).

Route Back: GLEISDORF to MEZOJEMEC (4609N 1621E) to VIS (4303N 1612E) then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y.

Initial Point: DITTMANSDORF (4645N 1519E).

Axis of Attack: 135 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to DOBOVEC (4613N 1545E).

Route Back: DOBOVEC to MEZDJENEC (4609N 1621E) to VIS (4303) 1612E) then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

BOTH FORCES.

Bomb Load: Load 8 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail

with 2 bombs per a/c fused 6 to 72 hour long delay.

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

Use MPI as shown on enclosed target charts.

Make every effort to conserve fuel. Fly tight formation enroute out and back to insure maximum protection against enemy fighters.

4.

No Change.

5.

a.

Assigned Group Command Frequency and VHF Channel "B" for communication within the Group. VIF 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: BLUE FORCE: 47th Wing - RINGWAY, 49th Wing - SADLER, 55th Wing - FRUITTART (464 - FRUITTART Leader, 465 - FRUITTART 2), 304th Wing - SCANTY.

RED FORCE: 5th Wing - AIRSLUG, 49th Wing - FRONTROOM, 55th Wing - THICKRUG (485 - THICKRUG Leader, 460 THICKRUG 2), 304th Wing - LARGE CUP.

d. BLUE FORCE

Fighter Call Sign: SHAPELY with suffix numbers in order of contact.

RED FORCE: 5th Wing - SANDSAIL, BLECHHAMMER Bombers: SHOCKPROOF with suffix numbers in order of contact.

Wx a/c for 5th Wing: GOTAY, For BLECHHAMMER Bombers: RINGWAY.

e. BLUE FORCE:

Recall Signs: 47th Wing - BARFLY, 49th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 55th Wing - POWER, 304th Wing - CATWALK, 15th PFC ROTATION.

RED FORCE:

5th Wing - BIGHOUSE, 49th Wing - SCARFACE, 55th Wing - SAILFISH, 304<sup>th</sup> Wing - MOONGLOW, 15th PFC - ROTATION.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed 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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A-3.

DISTRIBUTION: "C"