

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

17 November 1244

OPERATIONS ORDER)

:
NUMBER 255)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex

b.

2 Groups each of 47th Wing frag parked A/C and destroy installations on AVIANO A/D at 1100A.

2 Groups each of 304th Wing frag A/C on VICENZA A/D, destroy installations & posthole runway on VICENZA A/D at 1100A. Key Point Time 1002A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing frag A/C on VILLAFRANCA A/D at 1100A. Key Point Time 1012A.

154th Wx Recon Sq provide Wx A/C for lead of 47 & 304 Wings.

Fighters of 15th FC provide top Target Cover for all Wings, conduct medium and altitude sweep to hold fighters on the ground at AVIANO, UDINE, & VILLAFRANCA Airdromes.

2.

Maximum effort (all available A/C) of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack UDINE A/D at 1128A 18 November 19Lh. This is plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 9000 and 10000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0829A.

465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 1100A and 12000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0827A.

Wing Rendezvous: 460th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0840A.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to (4200N 1620E) to Keypoint S. DONA (4538N 1234E) to FARRA (4607N 1221E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1105A at 20000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: MEDUNO (4613N 1248E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 125 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1128A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460-21000, 485-22000, 465-21500, 464-22500.

TARGET ELEVATION: 275 feet.

RALLY: Sharp right to (4440N 1330E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to (4200N 1620E) to Bases.

3.

BOMB LOAD: 460 load 40 clustered 100 lb GP bombs fused .1 Nose and ND tail.

464-465-485 Groups load 36 clustered frags.

Use MPI as shown on Target Chart.

Intervalometer Setting: GPs - 25 feet, Frags - 150 feet.

Fly close Wing formation on route out and back.

PFF lead for navigational Aid only.

Weather forecast indicates towering cumulus over middle of ADRIATIC to 15000-16000 feet. Climb to KP altitude will be judged accordingly.

Route back will be flown exactly as scheduled.

Attention is directed to 55BW Opns Memo 5-8, dated 24 August 1944.

FIRST ALTERMATE: VILLACH SOUTH M/Y

Initial Point: MOLZBIEHL (4647N 1533E)

Axis of Attack: 130 degrees.

Rally: Sharp Right to GRACOVA (4609N 1342E)

Route Back: GRACOVA to SAN SAGO (4430N 1419E) to (4200N 1620E) to Base.

Use MPI as shown on Target Chart.

Intervalometer Settings: Frags - 150 feet, GPs - 50 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. VHF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

b.

Bomber Call Sign: 47th Wing SHORTBREAD, 49th Wing BUTLER, 55th Wing PIXIE (460 PIXIE Leader, 485 PIXIE 2, 465 PIXIE 3, 464 PIXIE 4), 304th Wing BETTY.

c.

Fighter Call Sign: SADLER. x Recon A/C for: 47th Wing MIXTUB 1, 304th Wing MIXTUB 2.

d.

Recall Signs: 47th Wing FLATBUSH, 49th Wing PINGPONG, 55th Wing FRONTIER, 304th Wing POORBRED, 15th Pr FC CONVERTIBLE.

x.

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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