

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

18 November 1944.

OPERATIONS OPDER)

NUMBER 250)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing RED FORCE attack VIENNA/WINTERHAFIM O/S at 1200A. Key Point Time: 0950A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SZOMBATHELY MAIN N/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack VIENNA/VOSENDORG O/R at 1200A. Key Point Time: 1016A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SOPRON EASY M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack VIENNA/SCHMECHAT O/R at 1215A. Key Point Time: 1006A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: GYOR M/Y.

4 Groups of 304th Wing RED FORCE attack VIENNA/LOBAU O/S at 1225A. Key Point Time: 1016A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: HEGESHALOM M/Y.

6 Groups of 5th Wing BLUE FORCE attack FERRARA RR BRIDGE. Target Time: Optional.

4 Groups of 304th Wing BLUE FORCE attack VERONA LOCO REPAIR. Target Time: Optional.

Fighters of 15FC provide: Target area cover for 5, 47, 49 and 304th Wings. Target area cover for 55th Wing over LINZ. Strafe, parked a/c on SEREGEYES and VESZPREM NORTH A/Ds, strafe M/T and Rail traffic on the main roads and railroads from BUDAPEST to VIENNA. Force of 8 P-38s Droop-Snoots stand by for bombing target in the BALKANS.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack Oil and Counter Air Targets in AUSTRIA at 1200A, 19 November 1944. This is Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6000 and 7000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0835A.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRIVINA at 8000 and 9000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA at 08xxA.

Wing Rendezvous: 464th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 08xxA.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 2 Columns to VIENNA, 49th Wing in left column, 5th 47th and 304th in right column. 1 column of 55th Wing (464-465-460-485) to LINZ.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to Key Point SANSEGO (4430N 1418E) to IDRIA (4600N 1402E) to PONTEBBA (1630N 1318E) to Lake at (4749N 1323E) to River (4817N 1315E) to IPs to Targets.

Start Climb to Bombing altitude at Key Point.

Key Point Time: 10xxA at 18000 feet.

TARGET TIME: 1200A

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 - 23000'; 465 - 24000'; 460 - 23500'; 485 - 24500'.

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a.

464 and 465 Groups destroy LINZ BENZOL PLANT.

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

Intervalometer Setting: 25 feet if visual; 100 feet if PFF.

IP: River Bend. (4824N 1356E). Axis of Attack: 117°.

Target Elevation: 849 feet. Rally: Left to KREUZEN (4816N 1449E).

Route Back: KREUZEN to AMSTTEN (4807N 1453E) to PONTEBBA, then reverse route out.

b.

460 and 485 Groups frag a/c parked on HORSCHING A/D.

Load 36 frags clustered. Intervalometer Setting: 150 feet.

IP: PEUERBACH (4821N 1346E). Axis of Attack: 112°.

Target Elevation: 970 feet. Rally: Sharp right to KIRCHDORF (4754N 1408E). Route Back: KIRCHDORF to PONTEBBA, then reverse route out.

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All Groups use MPI as shown on target chart. Employ 3 PFF a/c but bomb visually by waves if possible. Conservation of gas is essential.

Initial turn off target will be made as soon as bombs are away.

Maintain constant altitude and an IAS of not over 160. Maintain close formation for protection against fighters.

FIRST ALTERNATE: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

Initial Point: ST. LORENZEN (4715N 1454E).

Axis of attack: 116°.

Rally: Right to STAINZ (4654N 1516E).

Route Back: STAINZ to IDRIA (4600N 1402E), then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 500# - 25 feet; Frags - 100 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y.

Initial Point: DITTMANNSDORF (4645N 1419E).

Axis of Attack: 134°.

Rally: Right to LUSECKA VAS (4519N 1534E).

Route Back: LUSECKA VAS to (4500N 1533E), then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart,

Intervalometer Settings: 500# - 25 feet; Frags - 100 feet.

4.

No Change.

5.

a. Assigned Group Command Frequency and VHF Channel B for communications 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: 5th Wing - SOMEGIRL 1; 47th Wing - SOMEGIRL 2; 49th Wing - SEEDCAKE; 55th Wing - ADMIN (464 - ADMIN Leader; 4465 - ADMIN 2; 460 - ADMIN 3; 485 - ADMIN 4); 304th Wing - SOMEGIRL 5.

c.

Fighter Call Sign: For 55th Wing - CLEARSOUP; for VIENNA Bombers - ROOSEVELT with suffixes.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - ABBOTT; 47th Wing - BOOTLEGGER; 49th Wing - MANHATTAN; 55th Wing: SWEATSHIRT; 304th Wing - BASEBAIL; 15th Pr FC - DARKHORSE.

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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.

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