

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

2 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 233)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

36 PFF A/C of 5th Wing attack FLORISDORF O/R. Line of departure time: 0810A to 0850A.

12 PFF A/C of 47th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R. Line of departure time: 0910A to 0925A.

12 PFF A/C of 304th Wing attack LINZ BENZOL PLANT. Line of departure time: 0925A to 0940A.

12 PFF A/C of 49th Wing attack LINZ BENZOL PLANT. Line of departure time: 1005A to 1020A.

154 Wx recon A/C - To be signalled later.

15 PFC STAND DOWN.

2.

3 PFF A/C each of 4 groups of 55th Wing attack and destroy MUNICH WEST M/Y bombing by individual A/C from 1123A to 12138A, 3 November 1944. This is plan ABLE.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 464 and 465 A/C leave line of departure from 0845A to 0852A at one minute intervals. All A/C at 7500 feet or between cloud decks.

LINE OF DEPARTURE: MANEREDOMIA to BARI.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 464th, 465th, 460th, 485th.

ROUTE OUT: Line of Departure to (4200N - 1620E) to (4400N - 1350E) to CAORLE (4536N - 1253E) to SEESPITZ (4725N - 1144E) to IP to TARGET.

Minimum altitude at CAORLE: 18000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: Southern Tip of Lake WURM (4749N - 1118E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 23 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1123A to 1138A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Lead A//C 460 and 464 - 25000, 2nd A/C 460 and 464 - 24500, 3rd A/C 460 and 464 - 24000. 1st A/C 485 and 465 - 23500, 2nd A/C 485 and 465 - 23000, 3rd A/C 485 and 465 - 22500 - or at least 1000 feet above the overcast.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1722 feet.

RALLY: Right to East Tip of SPEICHERSEE (4814N - 1140E).

ROUTE BACK: SPEICHERSEE to ENDORF (4754N - 1219E) to CAORLE and reverse route out.

3.

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Bomb Load: 12 -250# G.P. fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer Setting: 75 feet.

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

All A/C will fly route and bomb individually.

A/C will not attack target if visual bombing conditions prevail.

A/C forced to return early will fly at minimum safe altitude to keep clear of A/C on route out.

Route and timing must be flown as briefed.

A comprehensive and detailed report must be made by each crew at the completion of this mission. Navigators will keep detailed logs and record all observations of military importance.

4.

No Change.

5.

a.

Assigned Group Command Frequency and VHF Channel "B" for communication within the Group. VHF Channel "C" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b.

VHF Channel "A" for Wing to Wing.

c.

Bomber Call Signs: 5th Wing (BOULDER), 47th Wing (SADLER), 49th Wing (BARTEND), 55th Wing (PUMPUP) (464 - PUMPUP 1, 465 - PUMPUP 2, 460 - PUMPUP 3, 485 - PUMPUP 4), 304th Wing (NIDDIES).

e.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing (SKIPPER), 47th Wing (DUCKSOUP), 49th Wing (TRUMPET), 55th Wing (POORBRED), 304th Wing (MANHATTAN).

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Each A/C will load 3 - 72 bundle cartons of Chaff, dispensing according to Signals Procedure 32-2.

One A/C from each group will be designated to send bombs away signals for group effort giving number of ships bombing and standard signals.

VHF only will be used for communication among group ships. Radio silence will be observed except in case of emergency.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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