

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

12 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
212)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b. RED FORCE:

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH O/R at 1110A. Key Point Time: 0859A. Alternate Targets: PFF on primary, PRIVCE O/R, BOMHUMIN O/R, VITKOVICE Steel Wks, KORCVSKA CSTRAVA M/Y, ERSEKSUVAR M/Y, KOMARCM M/Y.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH O/R at 1130A. Key Point Time: 0919A, Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

BLUE FORCE:

6 Groups of 5th Wing attach: FLORISDORF O/R at 1146A. Key Point Time: 0938A. Alternate Targets: GRAZ and MARIBOR M/Y.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack: MAIN M/Y and CSTERREICHISCHE MOTOR WKS at 1156A. Key Point Time: Q948A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack SZEKESFENERVAR M/Y at 1123A. Key Point Time: 0958A. Alternate Targets: Same as 55th Wing.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack VIENNA NORTH & BANHIDA NORTH M/Ys at 1148A and 1156A. Key Point Times: 0948A and 1015A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th and 55th Wings.

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15 PFC provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for RED FORCE, 1 Group penetration, target, and withdrawal for BLUE FORCE in VIENNA.

154 Wx Rec A/C precede RED and BLUE FORCES.

2.

RED and BLUE FORCES attack targets in the BLECHHAMMER and KOMARCM Areas 13 October 1944. THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

RED FORCE is 2 Groups each (24 a/c per Group) of 464 and 465 Groups.

BLUE FORCE is 485 and 460 Groups (36 A/C plus spares each).

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a.

RED FORCE attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH Oil Refinery at 1120A.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: ERSEKUJVAR M/Y (NOVE ZAMKY).

LAST RESORT TARGET: KOWARCM N/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 (2 Gps) and 465 (2 Gps) line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA. 464 at 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 465 at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 464 "A" over ANDRIA at 0746A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464 "A" lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0801A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Close column of Wings: 5th Wing, 55th Wing (464 "A", 464 "B", 465 "A", 465 "B"), 304th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to KP TIJESTO 4348M - 1539E to BOSAN PETROVAC 4433N - 1622E to CSURGE 4616N - 1706E to BALATON BOGLAR 4647N - 1740E to GUTA 4755N - 1800E to OLCMOUC 4936N - 1716E to IP to Target.

Start climb to Bombing altitude: at 1000h. Key Point Time: 0909A at 14,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: JAGERNDORF 5006N - 1742E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 58 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1120A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 "A" - 23,000 feet, 464 "B" - 24,000 feet, 465 "A" - 22,500 feet, 465 "B" - 23,500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 606 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT TO RYEMIK 5006N - 1835E.

ROUTE BACK: RYEMIK to GUTA and reciprocal of route out.

Bomb Load: 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and nixed .01 and .025 tail.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.
Make every effort to conserve gas. Top off tanks after pre-flight.
Brief crews on available alternate fields along route.

FIRST ALTERNATE: Primary by FFF.
Intervalometer Setting: 150 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: NOVE ZAMKY 4759N - 1810E.
Initial Point: LEVA x813N - 1836E.

Axis of Attack: 233 degrees.
Rally: LEFT to HEZCORS and reverse Route Out.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

THIRD ALTERNATE: KOMARCM 4746N - 1808E.
Initial Point: TALIOS.
Axis of Attack: 138 degrees.
Rally: RIGHT to HEZCORS, then reverse route out.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

b.
BLUE FORCE destroy MANHIDA SOUTH M/Y at 1134A.

FIRST ALTERNATE: OSIJEK M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE: MAGYIWIZSA M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 485 and 460 line rendezvous from to GRAVINA at 6,000 and 7,000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0840A, and over SPINAZZOLA at 0900A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: to be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 5th, 49th, 47th, 304th 55th (485 and 460) Wings.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to KP TIJESNO 4348N - 1539E to BOSAM PETROVAC 4433N - 16225 to CSURGE 4616N - 1706E to CZELIDONOLK 2716N - 1709E to IP to Target.

Key Point Time: 1008A at 15,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: NEZOCRS 4735H - 1753E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 90 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1134A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 - 17,000 feet, 460 - 16000 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: Approximately 650 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT to DUNADONY 4709N - 1845E.

ROUTE BACK: DUNADONY to CSURGE and reciprocal of route out.

Bomb Load: lead 18 of 460 and lead 24 of 485 load 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail. All other ships load 10 - M-17 incendiaries.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

FIRST ALTERNATE: MAGYMANIESA 4627N - 1700E.
Initial Point: NESATEGNYO 4630N - 1725E,
Axis of attack: 260 degrees.
Rally: LEFT to CSURGO and reverse route out.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

LAST RESORT: OSIJEK 4533N - 1812E,
Initial Point: BELL xxxxxSTIR 4547N - 1637E.
Axis of Attack: 162 degrees.
Rally: RIGHT to BOSSINC 4504N - 1828E to PETROVAC and reverse route out.
Method of attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

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All Groups use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.
Do Not return bombs per 55BW Memo dated 4 Oct 44.

4.

No Change.

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Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Wing. VHF Ving Channel "B" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b.

VHF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

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RED FORCE: Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - FRONTROOM 1, 55th Wing - FRONTROOM 2 (464 "A" - FRONTROOM 2 Leader, 464 "B" FRONTROOM 22, 465 "A" FRONTROOM 23, 465 "B" FRONTROOM 24), 304th Wing - FRONTROOM 3.

Fighter Call Sign For: DAYLONG with Suffixes in order of contact. Wx Recon route Out: RETAIN 1, Route Back: RETAIN 2.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - SWEATSHIRT, 55th Wing - SNAKEBITE, 304th Wing - BLACKJACK, 15th Pr FC - ABBOTT.

BLUE FORCE: Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - LARGE CUP 1, 47th Wing - LARGE CUP 3 & 6, 49th Wing - LARGE CUP 2, 55th Wing - LARGE CUP 5 (485 - LARGE CUP 5 Leader, 460 - LARGE CUP 52), 304th Wing - LARGE CUP 4.

Fighter Call Signs For: CARTLOAD with suffixes in order of contact. Wx Recon route out: RETAIN 3, route back: RETAIN 4.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - FLATBUSH, 47th Wing - ROTATION, 49th Wing - SKIPPER, 55th Wing - DCGFACE, 304th Wing - POKER, 15th Fr FC - MOONGLOW.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2 except all a/c 464 "A" Group load Chaff. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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Ass't A-3.

DISTRIBUTICN:

1 cy ea CG 15AF, 15FC, 55BW,
2 cys ea A-3, A-2, 55BW,
1 cy Wx 55BW.
4 cys ea 460, 465 Gps 55BW,
3 cys ea 464, 485 Gps 55BW.