

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

15 October 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 216)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BRUX O/R. Key Point Time: 1013A.
ALTERNATE TARGETS: PILZEN SKODA WKS; REGENSBURG O/S; HOHENKRAUZ
Ordnance Depot; WELS and SALZBURG Depots and M/Ys.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack HERMANN GOERING Buildings and
Ordnance Depot at 1107A, Key Point Time: 1003A. ALTERNATE
TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack STEYER WALZLAGERWERKE Engine Works
and STEYER DAIMLER PUCH Assembly Plant at 1107A. Key Point Time:
0937A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack ST. VALENTIN TANK WKS at 1117A. Key
Point Time: 0947A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: GRAZ M/Y, NEUDORF Factory,
PUNTIGAN Factory, MARIBOR A/C Factory, KLAGENFURT A/C Factory.

15th PFC provide escort for all bombers, Special escort for 5th
Wing.

154 Wx Recon precede Bomber formations.

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Maximum (all available A/C) of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack ST.
VALENTIN TANK WORKS at 1127A, 16 October 1944. This is Plan Able.
Group formations will be composed of stepped down waves of two
boxes each.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Primary by FFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ NEUDORF A/C Engine Factory.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 660 and 485 line rendezvous
from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 5000 and 6000 feet.
460 over ALTAMURA at 0807A.

465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA
at 7000 and 8000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0804A.

Wing Rendezvous: 460 lead over SPINAZZOLA at
0812A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to Key Point SNSEGO (4430N
1418E) to HOSCHIENA (4513N 1416E) to TARVISIO (4630N
1335E) to RADENTHEIN (4648N 1348E) to MARIAZELL (4747N
1519E) to FRATERFELS (4759N 1519E) to IP to Target.
Last Point to Start Climb to Bombing Altitude:
MOSCHIAZA. Key Point Time: 0957A at 16000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: YHES (4811N 1505E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 266 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1127A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 460 - 22500; 485 - 23500; 465 - 22000; 464 -
23000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 885 feet.

RALLY: Left to VORCHDORF (4800N 1355E).

ROUTE BACK: VORCHDORF to RADENTHEIN and reverse of Route Out.

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Bomb Load: 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 Nose and .01 Tail.

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

Intervalometer Setting: 25 feet if visual; 150 feet if PFF.

Maximum: PFF will be used.

If PFF is used on Primary, fly attack waves close. If visual,
each attack wave will make rate and course corrections.

Make rally as briefed to minimize flak opposition.

Gunners must maintain close watch for fighters, particularly on
return route due to minimum escort.

Return no bombs per SCP.

FIRST ALTERNATE: Primary by PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GRAZ NEUDORF A/C Engine Factory.

Initial Point: D. LAMDSBORG (4649N 1512E).

Axis of attack: 42 degrees.

Rally: Sharp right to FELDBACH (4657N 1553E). Elevation: 1120
feet.

Route Back: FELDBACH to VIPACCO (4551N xxxxE), then reverse route out for Primary.

Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 35 feet.

4.
No Change.

5.
a.
Command Radio: Assigned Group Frequency for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "B" for Group to Group Within the Wing.

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

c.
Bomber Call Sign: 5th: Wing - BOOKCLUB 1; 47th Wing - MIXTUB 2; 49th Wing - BOOKCLUB 2; 55th Wing - MIXTUB 3 (460-MIXTUB Leader, 485 - MIXTUB 32; 465 - MIXTUB 33; 464 - MIXTUB 34), 304th Wing - MIXTUB 1.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing and 49th Wing - SCANTY; for 304th Wing, 47th Wing, 55th Wing: RADCLIFF with suffixes in order of contact. Wx Route Out: PULPWOOD 1; Route Back - PULPWOOD 2.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - PANHANDLE; 47th Wing - ICKP CKT; 49th Wing - BARFLY; 55th Wing - SCARFACE; 304th Wing - PINGPONG; 15th Pr 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 that all a/c of 460 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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DISTRIBUTICN:

1 cy ea CG 15AF 15FC, 55BW.

3 cys ea A-2, A-3 55BW.

1 cy Wx 55BW.

4 cys ea 460, 465 Gps 55BW.

3 cys ea 464, 485 Gps 55BW.