

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

16 October 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)
:
NUMBER 217)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack BLECHHAMMER South O/R at 1200A. Key Point Time: 0959A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Primary by PFF, PRIVOZ O/R, BOHUMIN O/R, VITKOVICE Steel Works, VILLACH M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack VIENNA SAURWERKE Bldgs at 1220A. Key Point Time: 1042A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: SE Industrial Section of VIENNA by PFF, KLAGENFURT AC Factory, GRAZ M/Y, Depots, factories, VILLACH M/Y, MARIBOR RR Bridge and South M/Y.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack VIENNA South M/Y at 1240A. Key Point Time: 1102A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack VOSENDORF O/R at 1300A. Key Point Time: 1122A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

15PFC escort all bomb formations.

154 Wx Recon aircraft precede bombers.

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Normal effort (28 A/C plus spares) of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack VIENNA South Ordnance Depot at 1200A, 17 Oct 44. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: SE Industrial Section of VIENNA by FFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: MARIBOR RR BRIDGE and South M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 464 and 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CONOSA at 5000 and 6000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0901A.

485 and 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7000 and 8000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0906A.

Wing Rendezvous; 464th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0916A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Loose column of Wings: 5th Wing, 55th Wing (464-465-485-460), 47th Wing, 304th Wing, 49th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4800N 10 0E to KP VRGADA (4351 1531E) to BOSAN PETROVAC (4434 1622E) to DURDEVAC (9603N 1703E) to GALENICK: (4632N 1708E) to WEIN (4713N 15375) to TURMITZ (4756N 1530E) to IP to Target. Last Point to start Climb to Bombing Altitude: BOSAN P.T.V.C. Key Point Time: 1022A at 16,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: MICHLECH (4806N 1546E).

AXIS OF ATTACH: 79 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1200 Able.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 - 23,000', 465 - 24,000', 485 - 22,500', (60 - 23,500'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 575 feet.

RALLY: LEFT to GANZERDORF (4821N 1643E).

ROUTE BACK: GANZERDORF to SARFIA (4816N 1785E) to CSARMA (4737) 1714E) and reverse 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.

Use Maximum PFF aircraft.

Fly close left echelon on route and close column over the target.

Return no bombs per S.C.P.

Do not take off until notified by this Headquarters.

FIRST ALTERNATE: SE VIENNA Industrial Area by PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

Initial Point: BIRKFELD (4722N 1542E).

Axis of Attack: 215 degrees.

Rally: RIG T to KOFLACH (4704N 1505E)

Route Back: KOFLACH (4704N 1505E) to MAIFSDARY (4651 N 1451E) to BOSAN PETROVAC and reverse route out.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet.

THIRD ALTERNATE: MARIBOR South M/Y.

Initial Point: DITTINSDORF (4645N 1519E)

Axis of Attack: 135 degrees.

Rally: Sharp left to MURSKA SOBOTA (4639N 1610E).

Route Back: N. SOBOTA to POPOVAC (4539N 1625E) and reverse route out.
Intervalometer Settings: 5 feet.

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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 Wing.

c.
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - PUSHUP, 47th Wing - PUSSCAT 2, 49th Wing - PUSSCAT 4, 55th Wing - PUSSCAT 1 (464-PUSSCAT 1 Leader, 465-PUSSCAT 12, 485-PUSSCAT 13, 460-PUSSCAT 14), 304th Wing = PUSSCAT 3.

d.
Fighter Cell Sign For: 5th Wing - ROOSEVELT; for 49th, 55th, 47th, and 304th Wings - TANKSTOP with suffixes in order of contact. Wx route out - PLAYFAIR 1; Route back - PLAYFAIR 2.

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - POORBRED, 47th Wing - CALIFORNIA, 49th Wing - BOOTLEGGER, 55th Wing - DARKHORSE, 304th Wing - SKIPPER, 15th Pr FC - FRONTIER.

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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 of 464th load Chaff. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

DALE S. SEEDS.
Major, Air Corps,
Asst. A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

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