

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

19 October 1914.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 220)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

3 Groups each of 5th Wing attack BRUX O/R and REGENSBURG O/S. Key Point Time: 1029A and 1014A. Alternate Targets: SKODA WKS: REGENSBURG O/S by PFF, ORDNANCE DEPOT, WELS MAIN M/Y, ORDNANCE DEPOT, BAD AIBLING A/D INSTALLATIONS, SALZBURG M/Y, INNSBRUCK M/Y, ROSENHEIM M/Y, KEMATEN A/C Factory.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack MUNCIH REIM A/D Installations and A/C at 1150A. Key Point Time: 1052A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 47th Wing interdict the BRENNER ROUTE. Key Point Time: 0944A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack MILAN Industrial Targets.

15th PFC provide special penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 5th Wing.

154 Wx Recon precede Bomber formation.

2.

4 Groups (42 A/C per group) of 55th Wing attack MUNICH/ERDING O/D installations and Storage Areas at 1142A, 20 October 1944. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: ROSSNHEIM M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous: 465 and 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 6,000 and 7,000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0816A.

460 and 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 8,000 and 9,000 feet. 460 over ALTAMURA at 0821A.

Wing Rendezvous: 465 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0831A. Rendezvous altitudes subject to change.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF ELIGHT: Left Column: 5th Wing attacking REGENSBURG. Right Column: 5th Wing attacking BRUX, 55th Wing (465-464-460-485), and 304th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N, 1620E to KP CASBLE 4536N, 1252E to PORDENONE 4557N, 1240E to NIEDERNDORF 4739N, 1213E to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1042A at 20,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: INN RIVER 4008N, 1215E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 302 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1142A.

BOMBING ALITUDE: 465 - 21,500 feet, 48: - 22,500 feet, 460 - 21,000 feet, 465 - 22,000 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1492 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT to GEISENHAUSEN 4829N, 1215E.

ROUTE BACK: GEISENHAUSEN to REISCHACH 4818N, 1243E to TRAUNSTEIN 4752N, 1239E to PORDENONE and reciprocal 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 chart.

Intervalometer Setting: 25 feet.

Use PFF for Navigational Aid only.

Maintain close formation en route out and back to discourage possible fighter attacks.

VIS and FALCONARA Airfields will be used only in case of emergency.

FIRST ALTERNATE: ROSENHEIN M/Y.

Initial Point: ALTENARKT 4901N, 1232E.

Axis of Attack: 242 degrees.

Rally: Left to BAYRICHZEL 4741N, 1201E.

Route Back: BAYRICHZEL to NEUKIRCHEN 4726N, 1258E then reverse route out.

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

Intervalometer Setting: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

Initial Point: JENBAGH 4723N, 1146E.

Axis of Attack: 242 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to MITTENWALD 4727N, 1116E.

Route Back: MITTENWALD to NEUKIRCHEN 4726N, 1258E then reverse route out.

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

Intervalometer Setting: 25 feet.

Do not take off until notified by this Headquarters.

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 Wing.

c.  
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing (REGENSBURG) - BETTY, 5th Wing (BRUX) - TANKSTOP, 55th Wing - FOOTHOLD (465 - FOOTHOLD Leader, 464 - FOOTHOLD 2, 460 - FOOTHOLD 3, 485 - FOOTHOLD 4), 304th Wing - KEYWORD, WX Route Out: BUTLER 1, Route Back: BUTLER 2.

d.  
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing attacking REGENSBURG - GREENHERD, 5th Wing attacking BRUX: LACEWORK.

e.  
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - QUAKER, 47th Wing - TRUMPET, 49th Wing - DOGFACE, 55th Wing - PANHANDLE, 304th Wing - PICKPOCKET, 15th Pr FC - BARFLY.

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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.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

DALE S. SEEDS,  
Major, AC,  
Ass't A-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

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.