

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

22 October 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 224)

1. THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

RED FORCE

6 Groups of 5th Wing employing maximum A/C attack PILSEN/SKODA WKS at 1300A. Key Point Time: 1111A. Alternate Targets: PFF on primary, SALZBURG M/Y, ROSENHEIM M/Y, KUFSTEIN M/Y, INNSBRUCK M/Y.

4 Groups of 47th Wing employing maximum A/C attack BRENNER ROUTE Targets. Key Point Time: 1125A. Alternate Targets: LATISANA, CASARSA, PINZANO RR BRIDGES.

3 Groups of 49th Wing employing maximum A/C attack MUNICH/ALLACH BMW at 1155A. Key Point Time: 1053A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack REGENSBURG/WINTERHAFEN O/S at 1222A. Key Point Time: 1103A. Alternate Targets: Same as 5th Wing.

BLUE FORCE

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack OSSOPO MT. PARK. Key Point Time: 1014A. Alternate Target: VILLACH SOUTH M/Y.

15PFC provide cover for Bombers, dispense Chaff ahead of 49th Wing. A/C in RED FORCE will proceed no further North than REGENSBURG.

154 Wx Recon A/C precede Bomber Formations.

2.

RED and BLUE FORCES of 55th Wing attack Targets in GERMANY and NORTHERN ITALY, 23 October 1944. This is Plan ABLE. RED FORCE is all available A/C of 460 and 485 Groups. BLUE FORCE is 36 A/C plus spares of 464 and 465 Gps.

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a.

RED FORCE attack AUGSBURG M.A.N. WKS at 1151A.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on primary.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: ROSENHEIM M/Y.

LAST RESORT TARGET: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 2 Groups 485 and 2 Groups of 460 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA at 7,000 and 8,000 feet and 9,000 and 10,000 feet. 485 "A" over ALTAMURA at 0833A.

Wing Rendezvous: 485 "A" lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0844A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

RED FORCE:

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 55th Wing (485 "A" and "B", 460 "A" and "B"), 49th Wing, 304th Wing, 5th Wing and 47th Wing.

ROUTE CUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to 4400N - 1400E to KP CAORLE 4536N - 1253E to PORDENCNE 4557N - 1239E to UBERSEE 4749N - 1229E to VELDEN 4823N - 1215E to IP to Target.

Key Point Time: 1043A at 20,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: HOHENMART 4835N - 1122E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 238 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1151A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 485 "A" - 21,000 feet, 485 "B" - 22,000 feet, 460 "A" - 23,000 feet, 460 "B" - 24,000 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1604 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT DINKELSCHERBEN 4821N - 1035E.

ROUTE BACK: DINKELSCHERBEN to WEISZENBACH 4727N - 1039E to PORDENONE, then reverse Route Out.

Use Maximum PFF A/C

FIRST ALTERNATE: PFF on Primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 485th - 200 feet. 460th - 50 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: ROSENHEIM M/Y.

Initial Point: ROTTACH 4742N - 1146E.

Axis of Attack: 56 degrees.

Rally: RIGHT to REIT 4741N - 1228E.

Route Back: REIT then reverse Route Out.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 485 - 50 feet. 460th - 25 feet.

LAST RESORT: INNSBRUCK M/Y.

Initial Point: JENBACH 4583N - 1145E

Axis of Attack: 242 degrees,
Rally: RIGHT to MITTENWALD 4726N - 1116E
Route Back: MITTENWALD to 4710N - 1100E then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 485 - 50 feet, 460 - 25 feet.

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BLUE FORCE: BLUE FORCE attack VERCNA ARSENAL at 1057A. **1317**

ALTERNATE TARGETS: NONE. *RR between Bologna & Verona*

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Group Rendezvous. 21 Groups of 464 and 21 Groups of 465 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA at 7,000 - 8,000 and 9,000 - 10,000 feet. 464 "A" over ANDRIA at 0744A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464 "A" lead over SPINLZZOLA at 0759A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

BLUE FORCE: ORDER OF FLIGHT: 55th Wing (464 "A", 464 "B", 465 "A", 465 "B"), 304th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1620E to 4400N - 1400E to KP CAORLE 4536N - 1253E to PORDENONE 4557N - 1239E to FIERA DI PRIM 4610N - 1150E to BORGO 4604N - 1127E to IP to Target.

Key Point Time: 0958A at 20,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: VALDAGNO 4538N - 1118E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 228 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1037A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 "A" - 21,000 feet, 464 "B" - 22,000 foot, 465 "A" - 23,000 feet, 465 "B" - 24,000 foot.

TARGET ELEVATION: 215 feet.

RALLY: Sharp RIGHT to GARDA 4535N - 1042E then wide sweeping turn to FIERA DI PRIN and reverse route out.

Use PFF A/C for Navigational Aid only.

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Bomb Load: 485 load 5 - 1000# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail. 460 load 40 M-47 incendiaries clustered. 464 and 465 load 10 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 485 - 50 feet (PFF 200 feet).

460 - 25 feet (PFF 50 feet).
464 and 465 - 25 feet.

All Groups use MPI as shown on Inclosed Target Charts.
Maintain constant altitude on rally until clear of Flak.

DO NOT TAKE OFF UNTIL NOTIFIED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

4.
No Change.

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

b.
VHF Chennel "A." for Bonbors to Fighters end Wing to Wing.

c.
Bomber Call Signs: RED FORCE: 5th Wing - RUBBISH, 47th Wing - CRAWFORD, 49th Wing - EXCEED 2, 55th Wing - EXCEED 1 (485 "A" - EXCEED 1 Leader, 485 "B" EXCEED 12, 460 "A" - EXCEED 13, 460 "B" - EXCEED 14), 304th Wing - EXCEED 3.

d.
Fighter Call Sign For: 5th Wing - BOULDER, for 55th, 304th; KIDDIES, with suffixes in order of contact

e.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - CATWALK, 47th Wing - POOLTABLE, 49th Wing - ASHTRY, 55th Wing - MOONGLOW, 304th Wing PING PONG, 15th Pr FC - DOGFACE.

BLUE FORCE:

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Bomber Call Sien: 304th - AIRSLUG 3, 55th Wing - AIRSLUG 1 (464 "A" - AIRSLUG 1 Leader, 464 "B" - AIRSLUG 12, 465 "A" - AIRSLUG 13, 465 "B" - AIRSLUG 14).

d.
Weather Call Sign: ITALY Wx - Route Out - PUMPUT 1, Route Back - FUJUT 2. GERMANY Wx - Route Out - PUMPUP 3, Route Back - PUMPUP 4.

e.
Recall Signs: 55th Wing - BARFLY, 304th - PICKPOCKET.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. All A/C will carry Chaff. Fighters will dispense Chaff bombs ahead of lead Group of 49th Wing attacking MUNICH. Standard bombs away signals will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced. It is essential that this be stress

in relation to RED FORCE as GMTOWN A/C Controller may believe target is further North.

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