

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

3 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 195)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex; Operations Order No. 194, and No. 190.

b.

4 Groups of 304 Wing Able force attack MUNICH Main M/Y at 1220A. KEY POINT Time: 1124A.

4 Groups of 304 Wing Able force attack same Targets as 55 Wing Baker Force. Key Point Time: 1250A.

2 Groups of 49 Wing Able force attack MUNICH Main M/Y at 1200a. Key Point Time: 1104A.

2 Groups of 49 Wing Baker Force attack same targets as 5th Wing Baker Force. Key Point Time: 1220A.

6 Groups of 5 Wing Able Force attack MUNICH Main M/Y at 1230A. Key Point Time: 1134A.

6 Groups of 5 Wing Baker force attack CASARSA, PINZANO, LATISANA, RR Bridges. Key Point Time: 1300A.

4 Groups of 47 Wing Baker Force only interdict vulnerable points along the BRENNER PASS. Target Time: 1015 to 1130A.

15 Provisional Fighter Command provide maximum Penetration, Target and Withdrawal cover for able forces. Strafe GREECE A/Ds.

154 WX Recon: A/C precede Bomb Force Able on route out & back, Bomb Force Baker on Route Out.

2.

Normal effort of 4 Groups of 55 Wing attack MUNICH Main M/Y and North ITALY Bridges by PF Methods 3 October 1944. This is Plan Able. 2 Groups of 465 & 464 comprise force Able. 2 Groups each of 460 & 485 comprise Force Baker.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Able Force 2 Groups of 465 and 2 Groups of 464 line rendezvous from ANDRIA to CANOSA, "A" Groups at 7,000 and "B" Groups at 8,000 feet. 465 "A" Group over ANDRIA at 0842A and over SPINAZZOLA at 0857A.

Baker Force: 2 Groups 460 and 2 Groups 485 line rendezvous from ALTAMURA to GRAVINA. "A" Groups at 7,000 and "B" Groups at 8,000 feet. 460 "A" Group over ALTAMURA at 0953A over SPINAZZOLA at 1004A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be Signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Able Force: Close Column of Wings - 49th, 55th (465"A", 465"B", 464"A", 464"B"), 304th, 5th. Baker Force: Close Column of Wings - 49th, 55th (460"A", 460"B", 485"A", 485"B"), 304th, 5th.

3.

a.

Able Force attack MUNICH Main M/Ys by PF Methods at 1210A.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA TO (4200N 1620E) to BIAEVO (4259N 1600E) to Turn Point (4400N 1340E) to CACRLE (4536N 1253E) to PORDENONE (4557N 1239E) to IP to Target. Last Point to Start Climb to bombing altitude: 4630N 1216E Key Point Time: 1114a at 20,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: FANSBERG (4746N 1123E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 18 Degrees

TARGET TIME: 1240A

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 "A" 22,400, 465 "B" 23,200, 464 "A" 24,000, 464 "B" 23,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1725 feet plus

RALLY: Right to UBERSEE (4749N 1229E)

ROUTE BACK: UBERSEE to IDRIA (4600N 1402E) to Turn Point (4430N 1410E) to (4200N 1620E) to Base.

BOMB LOAD: 10 - 500 # RDX fused .1 Nose & .01 Tail.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 150 Feet.

ALTERNATE TARGET: TRIESTE Harbor Installations

Initial Point: ALDUSSINA (4553N 1354E)

Axis of Attack: 203 Degrees

Rally: Left to ATTERIA (4534N 1400E)

Route Back: ATTERIA to (4430N 1410L) then same as Primary.

Method of attack: Column of 6 Gps using MPI as shown on Target Chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 Feet.

b.

460 Groups attack AVISIO Viaduct at 1313a.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA TO (4200N 1620E) to BISEVO (4300N 1600E) to Turn Point (4440N 1340E) to Key Point (4520N 1300E) to PORDENONE (4557N 1239E) to MOSA (4649N 1110E) to TORRES (4637N 1053E) to IP to Target. Key Point Time: 1210A at 16,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ST GERTRUDE (4628N 1052E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 150 Degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: "A" Group - 17,500, "B" Group - 18,500

TARGET ELEVATION: 672 feet.

RALLY: Sharp left to CACRIA (4612N 1152E)

ROUTE BACK: Rally Point to PORDENONE

BOMB LOAD: 5 1,000 # RDX fused .1 Nose & .01 Tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 Feet.

FIRST ALTERNATE: LATISANO RR Bridge
Initial Point: PORDENONE (4558N 1240E)
Axis of attack: 130 Degrees
Rally: Right to CACRIE (4537N 1254E)
Route Back: CACRIE then same as Primary.
Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on Target Chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 Feet.

c.

"A" Group of 485 attack ADIGE/MEZZOCORONA RR Bridge at 1311A

ROUTE OUT: Same as 460 Groups.

INITIAL POINT: Same as 460 Groups.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 150 Degrees.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 16,000 Feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 689 Feet.

RALLY: left to CACRIA.

ROUTE BACK: Same as 460

BOMB LOAD: 5 - 1,000 # RDX fused .1 Nose & Non-delay Tail.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 50 Feet.

"A" Group of 485 Attack ADIGE/ORA RR Bridge at 1310A.

ROUTE OUT: Same as 460 to MOSA then to IP to Target.

INITIAL POINT: YORRES(4637N 1053E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 132 Degrees

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 16,500 feet

TARGET ELEVATION: 783 Feet.

RALLY: Left to CACRIA

ROUTE BACK: Same as 460

BOMB LOAD: 5 - 1,000 # RDX fused .1 Nose & Non-delay Tail.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 Feet.

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All Groups use MPI as indicated on Target Charts. PFF lead Able Forces for Bombing, Baker Forces for Navigational aid. Alternate Targets for Able Forces are Any Baker Force Primary Targets.

ALTERNATE TARGET: For 485th. CASARSA RR Bridge.

Initial Point AVIANO(4640N 1235E)

Axis of Attack; 117 Degrees.

Rally: Right to CACRLE(4537N 1254E)

Route Back: CACRLE then same as for Primary

Method of Attack: Column of Groups using MPI as shown on Target Chart.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 Feet.

Plan CHARLIE: Stand Down for Able Forces. Execute Plan Baker for Baker Forces.

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 Ctrl Signs: 5th Wing Able Force - RETAIN 4; Baker Force - CLEARGUM 5; 47th Wing Baker Force - CLEARGUM 1; 49th Wing Able Force - RETAIN 1; Baker Force CLEARGUM 3; 55th Wing - ABLE FORCE - RETAIN 2 (465 Able - RETAIN 2 Leader; 465 Baker - RETAIN 22; 464 Able - RETAIN 23; 464 Baker - RETAIN 24); Baker Force - CLEARGUM 4 (460 Able - CLEARGUM 4 Leader; 460 Baker - CLEARGUM 42; 485 Able - CLEARGUM 43;

485 Bakor - CLEARGUM 44); 304th Wing RETAIN 3 for Able Force; Baker Force - CLEARGUM.

d.

Fighter Call Sign: Able Force: BOOKCLUB with suffixed numbers in order of contact.

e.

Recall Signs: Force Able Wx Recon Route Out - DAYLONG; Force Baker Route Out - PULPWOOD; 5th Wing - BASEBALL; 47th Wing - SWEATSHIRT; 49th Wing - BOOTLEGGER; 55th Wing - MANHATTAN; 304th Wing - CONVERTIBLE; 15th Pr FC - TEARCOM. Force Baker - 5th - CALIFORNIA; 47th - RUMRUNNER; 49th - POORBRED; 55th - FRONTIER; 304th - SAILFISH.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2, by both forces with the exception that 465 and 464 "A" Groups will load Chaff in all a/c.

Standard bombs away signal will be observed. Radio discipline must be enforced.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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