

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
APO 520 U S ARMY

19 January 1945

OPERATIONS ORDER )  
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NUMBER 20 )

1. a. See latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".
  - b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps, 5<sup>th</sup> Wg, will destroy REGENSBURG OIL STORAGE FACILITIES (49-01, 12-08); KP time 1103A; target time 1255A. Four Gps, 47<sup>th</sup> Wg, will destroy VERONA/PARONA RR BRIDGE (45-29, 10-56); KP time 1040A to 1100A, target time 1115A to 1135A. Four Gps, 55<sup>th</sup> Wg, will destroy LINZ MAIN STATION SIDINGS and four Gps, 304<sup>th</sup> Wg, will destroy LINZ SOUTH MAIN M/Y. 55<sup>th</sup> Wg KP time 1142A, target time 1253A. 304<sup>th</sup> Wg KP time 1122A; target time 1233A.  
  
(2) Escort: 15<sup>th</sup> Ftr Cmd will provide strong close escort for 5<sup>th</sup> Wg on PTW; and close escort for all other Wgs except 47<sup>th</sup> Wg on PTW.
2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG, 484th BG will destroy LINZ NORTH MAIN M/Y (48-17, 14-18) on 20 January 1945. This is Plan "B".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0937A until 1001A. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461<sup>st</sup> BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around 1½ times and depart from BOVINO enroute to KP via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000; 6,000' 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para. 1. B. (2) To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs in order: 47th-5th, 304th, 49th and 55th Wgs.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461<sup>st</sup> BG lead- 484<sup>th</sup> BG- 451<sup>st</sup> BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: COAST (45-38, 13-00) Base altitude 19,000 ft at 1132A.

TURN POINT #1: PRATA (45-55, 12-36)

TURN POINT #2: UBERSEE (47-49, 12-29)

TURN POINT #3: REISCHACH (48-18, 12-43)

TURN POINT #4: WORSCHACH (47-33, 14-09)

TURN POINT #5: TREBNJE (45-55, 15-01)

TURN POINT #6: TURANJ (43-59, 15-24)

INITIAL POINT: SCHARDING (48-28, 13-27)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 107°

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: If visual all Gps MPI H. 8-10; if PFF All Gps MPI F. 8-12.6, both on BCS 14-104. Use Approach Chart 14-104.

TARGET TIME: 1243A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 461- 24,000; 484-25,000; 451-26,000 ft.

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 ft.

RALLY: Left then right around STEYR.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #6 to Bases.

Alternate #2: SALZBURG M/Y (47-49, 13-03) IP: ALTENMARKT (48-00, 12-32) Axis of attack: 118. Rally: Left. Bombing altitude: 23,000; 24,000; 25,000 ft. MPI: 461- U-22/23. 484- S/T-23. 451- S-19. Target Chart 13-13-NA. Target elevation: 1415 ft.

Alternate #3: ROSENHEIM M/Y (47-51, 12-07) IP: GRABENSTAFT (47-51, 12-32) Axis of attack: 272°. Rally: Left. Bombing altitude: 21,000; 22,000; 23,000. MPI: 461- J-14/15. 484- J/K-13/14. 451- K-12/13. Target Chart 13-112-NA. Target elevation: 1469 ft.

Alternate #4: KLAGENFURT M/Y (46-37, 14-19) IP: GNESAU (46-47, 13-57) Axis of attack: 125°. Rally: Slight right. Bombing altitude: 21,000; 22,000; 23,000. MPI: 484 & 461- I/J-5/6, 451- L-8. Target Chart 14-4-NA. Target elevation: 1475 ft.

Alternate #5: UDINE MOCO DEPOT (46-03, 13-15) IP: CAPORETTO (46-15, 13-35) Axis of attack: 230°. Rally: Left. Bombing altitude: 22,000; 23,000; 24,000. MPI: All Gps J/K-13. Target Chart: 4-137-NA. Target elevation: 343 ft.

Alternate #6: VICENZA LOCO DEPOT (45-32, 11-33) IP: CASTELFRANCO (45-40, 11-55) Axis of attack: 243°. Rally: Left. Bombing altitude: 21,000; 22,000; 23,000. Area to be bombed: Between M-7 and M-7/8. Target Chart 4-94-NA. Target elevation: 118 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 100# GP/clustered fused .1 nose and .025 tail.

(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into left echelon at TP #3.

(3) Maximum PFF A/C will lead all units for navigation and bombing. This is a planned PFF mission.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Greenherd"), (47th Wg, "Freezol"), (451st BG, "Pulpwood 3"), (461st BG, "Pulpwood 1"), (484th BG, "Pulpwood 2"), (55th Wg, "Thickrug"), (304th Wg, "Bookclub")

(3) Fighter Call Signs: 49th Wg escort "Ripple". WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Radcliff 1"), (Route Back, "Radcliff 2")

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Rotation") (47th Wg, "Snakebite"), 49th Wg, "Flatbush"), (55th Wg, "Marshland"), (304th Wg, "Darkhorse"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Baseball")

(5) Bomber-Fighter and WX Recon VHF Channel: "A".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 461st BG, 484th BG, and 451st BG load 2 cartons Window. Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 3 bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Roberts.

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