

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

6 December 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 279)

1. a. See latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: 18 PFF A/C, 5th Wg, will destroy LINZ INDL AREA; target time 0500A to 0510A. 12 PFF A/C, 47th Wg will destroy INNSBRUCK M/Y (47-16N, 11-24E); target time 0535A to 0542A. 8 PFF A/C, 55th Wg, will destroy SALZBURG M/Y (47-49N, 13-03E); target time 0525A to 0530A. 8 PFF A/C, 304th Wg, will destroy SALZBURG M/Y; target time 0515A to 0520A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will stand down.

2. Reduced effort B-24s, 3 PFF A/C of 451st BG, 3 PFF A/C of 461st BG, and 2 PFF A/C of 484th BG will destroy LINZ INDL AREA (48-18N, 14-18E) by individual aircraft on 7 December 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None. 1st A/C of 451st BG will leave Departure Point (West Corner of LAKE LESINA at 0246A. 1st A/C of 461st BG will leave Departure Point at 0248A. 1st A/C of 484th BG will leave Departure Point at 0249A. Individual A/C should depart at 30 second intervals. Departure Point altitude 8,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

WING FORMATION: None.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Loose column of Wings in order: Rt Col- 5th- 49th- 304th- 55th Wgs. Left Col- 47th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead- 461st BG- 484th BG-.

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

KEY POINT: None.

TURN POINT #1: SANSEGO (44-30N, 14-19E).

TURN POINT #2: ZOLLA (45-53N, 14-00E).

TURN POINT #3: WEISZEN LAKE (46-42N, 13-20E).

INITIAL POINT: ENGELHARTZELL (48-30N, 13-43E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 120°.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: ALL A/C MPI G/H-15/16 on BrCh 14-50A-NA.

TARGET TIME: 3 A/C of 451st- 0515A to 0517A; 3 A/C of 461st BG- 0517A to 0518A; 2 A/C of 484th- 0518A to 0519A. All A/C to bomb between 0515A to 0519A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 3 A/C of 451st- 27,500, 27,000, 26,500 ft; 3 A/C of 461st- 26,000, 25,500, 25,000 ft; 2 A/C of 484th- 24,500, 24,000 ft.

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 ft.

RALLY: Left then right around STEYR.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #3 to TP #2 to TP #1 to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT M/Y (46-37N, 14-18E). Axis of attack: 114°. Rally right. IP: RADENTHEIN (46-48N, 13-42E). Bombing altitude: Optional below 24,000 ft. MPI: I/J-5/6 for all A/C. Target Chart: 14-4-NA. Target elevation: 1460 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
(2) A/C will be at bombing altitude five (5) minutes before IP.
(3) PFF A/C will bomb individually.
(4) In event enemy fighter A/C are encountered immediate warning will be radioed to following A/C employing A/C formation: Call Sign and Codeword "BOOTLEGGERS" on VHF Channel "Able". Approximate position and no of e/a encountered will be given.
4. No Change.
5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Senile"), (47th Wg, "Boulder"), (451st BG, "Frontroom 1"), (461st BG, "Frontroom 2"), (484th BG, "Frontroom 3"), (55th WG, "Tankstop"), (304th Wg, "Gway").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: None.
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Skipper"), (47th Wg, "Blackjack"), (49th Wg, "Quaker"), (55th Wg, "Pickpocket"), (304th Wg, "Convertible").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

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

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