

4 February 1945

OPERATIONS ORDER)
:
NUMBER 50)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps 5th Wg will destroy REGEBSBURG RHENANI and DANUBIA OIL STORAGE; KP time 1145A; Target time 1313A. Four Gps 47th Wg will destroy SALZBURG MAIN STATION M/Y (47-48, 13-03); KP time 1200A; Target time 1307A. Four Gps 55th Wg will destroy same target as 49th Wg; KP time 1126A; Target time 1250A. Four Gps 304th Wg will destroy same target as 5th Wg; KP time 1116A; Target time 1240A. All Wgs except 47th Wg will use same Route Out, IP and Rally as the 49th Wg.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide close escort on PTW for all Wgs.

2. Maximum effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy REGENSBURG WINTER HARBOR OIL STORAGE (49-01, 12-07) on 5 February 1945. This is Plan "Able".

WING RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG and 451st BG will line rendezvous behind the 461st BG when the 461st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 332° at 0938A enroute to KP vis CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 8,000, 9,000 and 10,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Par.1 b.(2). To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

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

KEY POINT: COAST (45-38, 12-59). Base altitude: 20,000 ft at 1136A.

TURN POINT #1: Sacile (45-57, 12-30).

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

TURN POINT #3: EGGENFELDEN (48-24, 12-46).

TURN POINT #4: STEINHORING (48-05, 12-02).

TURN POINT #5: GMUND (47-45, 11-44).

INITIAL POINT: STRAUBING (48-53, 12-36).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 295° TC.

AIMING POINT AND INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: If visual: All Gps MPI: L/M-19/20. If PFF: All Gps MPI: L-22, both on TGTCH 13-42-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1300A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft in order.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1069 ft.

RALLY: Right then left to TP #4.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #1 to Bases.

ALTERNATE #1: SALZBURG EAST M/Y (47-49, 13-03). Axis of attack: 118°.

Rally: Slight left. IP: ALTENMARKT (48-01, 12-32). Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. MPI 461- P.4-11.2; 484- P.7-10.5; 451- Q.o-9.8. TCS: 14-111. Target elevation: 1400 ft.

ALTERNATE #2: ROSENHEIM WEST M/Y (47-51, 12-05). Axis of attack: 325°. Rally: Sharp left. IP: ST. JOHANN (47-31, 12-26). Bombing altitude: 21,000, 22,000, 23,000 ft. MPI: All Gps J/K-5 on Target chart 13-112-NA. Target elevation: 1468 ft.

ALTERNATE #3: WORGL M/Y (47-29, 12-04). Axis of attack: 140°. Rally: Slight right. IP: GMUND AM TEGERNSEE (47-45, 11-44). Bombing altitude: 21,000, 22,000, 23,000 ft. MPI: All Gps- Vertical 7.1 and Horizontal 4.2 on MBC 14-9 on Approach Chart 14-9. Target elevation 1656 ft.

ALTERNATE #4: HALL M/Y (47-17, 11-30). Axis of attack: 296°. Rally: Sharp right. IP: MAYRHOFEN (47-10, 11-52). Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. MPI: 461 & 484- Horizontal 4.3 and

Vertical 5.5 on MBCH 14-107. Area to be bombed for 451- West M/Y on MP 14-107. Target elevation: 461 & 484- 1882 ft; for 451- 1863 ft.

ALTERNATE #6: TARVISIO M/Y (46-31, 13-37). Axis of attack 129° TC.
Rally: Right. IP: GREIFENBURG (46-45, 13-11). Bombing altitude: 21,000, 22,000, 23,000 ft. MPI: All Gps between L-12 and L-12/13 on Target Chart 4-143-NA. Target elevation: 2295 ft.

ALTERNATE #7: PADUA LOCO DEPOT (45-25, 11-52). Axis of attack: 86°.
Rally: Right. IP: SAMBONIFACIO (45-24, 11-17). Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. MPI: All Gps between L-13/14 and L-14 on Target Chart 4-67-NA. Target elevation: 42 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load Clustered 250# GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail A/C now loaded with fused long delay bombs may be used on this mission.

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

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

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Pixie"), (47th Wg, "Radcliff"), (451st BG, "EXCEED 3"), (461st BG, "EXCEED 1"), (484th BG, "EXCEED 2"), (55th Wg, "Impish"), (304th Wg, "Fruittart").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: 49th Wg escort "HOUSETOP".

WX Recon A/C: (Route Out: "MAYFLOWER 1"), (Route Back, "MAYFLOWER 2").

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Carson"), (47th Wg, "Quaker"), (49th Wg, "TRUMPET"), (55th Wg, "Dogface"), (304th Wg, "Panhandle"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Pickpocket").

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

(6) Visual Lamp: SOP.

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(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG load two (2) cartons of window. 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.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Colonel Lawhon.

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