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

31 January 1945.

OPERATIONS ORDER
NUMBER 41 THIS IS PLAN ABLE

1.
a.
See Intelligence Annexes Nos. 16 & 30, dated 17 & 25 Jan 45 respectively.

b.
Max Effort of Air Force attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R

6 Groups of 5th Wing; Keypoint Time: 1006A; Target Time: 1230A

4 Groups of 47th Wing; Keypoint Time: 1025A; Target Time: 1245A.

3 Groups of 49th Wing; Keypoint Time: 1045A; Target Time: 1305A

4 Groups of 304th Wing; Keypoint Time: 1055A; Target Time : 1315A.

15PFC provide close PTW escort for all bombers; dispense chaff ahead of 5th Wg.

154 Wx Sq A/C precede bombers out and back.

Air Force Alternate Targets: No. 1 - POLA NAVY YARD
No. 2 - GRAZ M/Ys
No. 3 - WEINER NEUSTADT M`/Y

2.
Maximum effort (3 attack units each) of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R on 1 February 1945.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: Air Force No. 1 (Highest Priority) POLA NAVY YARD

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: Air Force No. 2 - GRAZ M/Ys

PROFITABLE TARGETS OF OPFORTUNITY: Air Force No. 3 - WEINER NEUSTADT M/Y, KLAGENFURT M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465 and 464 rendezvous in normal areas at 7000 and 8000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0913A

485 and 460 rendezvous in normal areas at 9000 and 10000 feet. 485 over ALTAMURA at 0918A.

Wing Rendezvous: 465 lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0928A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signaled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 5th, 47th, 55th (465-464-485-460), 49th, 304th.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to BISCEGLIE to Keypoint SPLIT (4331N 1628E) to KUTINA (4529N 1647E) to SOMOGYSZOB (4618N 1719E) to CSORNA (4737N 1714E) to CIFER (4819N 1730E) to IP to Target. Route out, IP , rally same for all wings. Start gradual climb to bombing altitude at: BISCEGLIE. Keypoint Time: 1035A at 15000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: GNADENDORF (4837N 1623E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 226 degrees

TARGET TIME: 1255A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 23000; 464 - 24000; 485 - 25000; 460 - 26000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 600 feet.

RALLY: LEFT TO ALTENMARKT (4801N 1559E)

ROUTE BACK: ALTENMARKT TO LANGENWANG (4733N 1536E) to CRKVENA (4556N 1640E) to bases.

3.
x.
Bomb Load: 8 - 500# GP (if unavailable use RDX) fused .1 nose and mixed
.01 & .025 tail.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual; 75 feet PFF
MPI: See charts
Employ PFF A/C in lead and deputy lead of each attack unit. This is a planned PFF mission. Bombing will be accomplished visual or PFF by attack unit. Attack units will use individual evasive action on rally. Wing leader will maintain 150 MPH after rally until Wing is reformed.

FIRST ALTERNATE: Air Force No. 1 - POLA NAVY YARD.
IP: S. LORENZO DEL PASENATICO (4511N 1345E)
Axis of Attack: 168 degrees
Rally: Right to (4440N 1330E)
Route Back: (4440N 1330E) to base.
Uso MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual only.

SECOND ALTERNATE: Air Force No. 2 - GRAZ M/Y.
IP: ST. LORENZEN (4715N 1454E)
Axis of Attack: 117 degrees

Rally: Left to WEIZ (4713N 1537E)
Route Back: WEIZ to KLIBING (4712N 1551E), then same as for primary. Use MPI as shown on target chart. Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual; 75 feet PFF.

4.
No Change.

5.
a.
Assigned Group Command Frequency and VHF Channel "B" for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "C" for Groups within the Wing. VHF Channel "A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

b.
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - DAYLONG; 47th Wing - BURGLAR; 49th Wing - SENILE; 304th Wing - ROOSEVELT; 55th Wing - PULPWOOD (65 – PULPWOOD Loader; 464 - PULPWOOD 2; 485 - PULPWO0D 3; 460 - PULPWOOD 4).

c.
Fighter Call Sign: 5th Wing - RECKLESS; 47th Wing - DOLCIS; 49th Wing - MOSES; 55th Wing - JETBLACK; 304th Wing - HEADTOP; Wx A/C: Route Out - BOOKCLUB 1; Route Back - BOOKCLUB 2.

d.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - QUAKER; 47th Wing - TRUMPET; 49th Wing - DOGFACE; 55th Wing - PANHANDLE; 304th Wing - PICKPOCKET; 15th Pr FC - BARFLY.

x.
Carpet will be employed by all units equipped. Employ chaff per SOI 21-1. Fighters will dispense chaff ahead of 5th Wing. Radio discipline must be enforced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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