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

4 February 1945.

OPERATIONS ORDER
NUMBER 49 THIS IS PLAN ABLE

1.
a.
See Intelligence Annex No. 47, dated 3 February 1945.

b.
Maximum effort of 4 groups of 304th Wing attack REGENSBURG RHENANI and DANUBIA OIL STORAGE at 1240A. Keypoint Time: 1116A.

Maximum effort of 3 groups of 49th Wing attack REGENSBURG WINTER HARBOR OIL STORAGE at 1300A. Keypoint Time: 1136A.

Maximum effort of 4 groups of 47th Wing attack SALZBURG M/Ys at 1307A. Keypoint Time: 1200A.

Maximum effort of 6 groups of 5th Wing attack REGENSBURG RHENANI and DANUBIA OIL STORAGE at 1313A. Keypoint Time: 1145A.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: No. 1 - SALZBURG M/Y; No. 2- ROSENHEIM M/Y; No. 3 - WORGL M/Y; No. 4 - HALL M/Ys; No. 5 - INNSBRUCK M/Ys; No. 6 - TARVISIO M/Y; No. 7 - PADUA LOCO DEPOT.

154 Wx Recon Sq A/C precede Air Force out and back, provide route and target weather recon at first light.

Fighters of 15FC provide: Close PTW cover for all wings, conduct Photo Recon at REGENSBURG.

2.
Maximum effort of 4 groups of 55th Wing attack REGENSBURG WINTER HARBOR OIL STORAGE at 1250A, 5 February 1945. This is Plan Able.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF#1, AF#3, AF#7.

PROFITABLE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: AF#2, AF#4, AF#5 and AF#6.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: Line rendezvous from CANOSA to VIESTE. 485 and 464 at 9000 feet. 460 and 465 at 10000 feet. 485 lead over CANOSA at 0918A and over VIESTE at 0934A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Close column of wings: 304th, 55th (485-460-464-465), 49th, 5th and 47th Wings.

ROUTE OUT: VIESTE to 4440N 1340E to Keypoint COAST (4538N 1259E) to SACILE (4557N 1230E) to UBERSEE (4749N 1229E) to EGENFELDEN (4824N 1246E) to IP to PFATTER (4858N 1223E) to Target. Start gradual climb to bombing altitude at Rendezvous. Keypoint Time: 1126A at 20000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: STRAUBING (4853N 1236E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 295 degrees from IP; 287 degrees from PFATTER.

TARGET TIME: 1250A.

BOMBING ALITUDE: 485 - 23000 feet; 460 - 24000 feet; 464 - 25000 feet; 465 - 23500 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1069 feet.

RALLY: Right to FISCHBACH (4914N 1212E).

ROUTE BACK: FISCHBACH to PARSBERG (4910N 1114E) to STEINHORING (4805N 1202E) to GMUND (4745N 1144E) to SACILE to KP to bases.

3.
x.
Load 16 - 250# GPs clustered fused .1 nose and .01 tail
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual; 75 feet PFF.
MPI: See Charts.
Deploy PFF a/c in lead and deputy lead of each attack unit.
Conservation of fuel is essential. Top off tanks after preflight.

FIRST ALTERNATE: AF#1 - SALZBURG M/Y.
IP: ALTENMARKT (4801N 1232E).
Axis of Attack: 118 degrees
Rally: Left to LAKE EBENAU (4748N 1317E)
Route Buck : . LAKE EBENAU to WBISCHIS (4610N 1329E) to S. PIETRO (4541N 1412E)
to SANSEGO (4430N 1417E) to base.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual; 75 feet BFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE: AF#3 - WORGL M/Y.
IP: JACHBERG (4722N 1225E)
Axis of Attack: 296 degrees
Rally: Left to RATTENBERG (4726N 1152E)
Route Back: RATTENBERG to SACILE (4557N 1230E) then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual; 75 feet PFF.

THIRD ALTERNATE: AF#7 - PADUA LOCO DEPOT
IP: BRENDOLA (4528N 1128E).

Axis of Attack: 100 degrees,
Rally: Right to BOVOLENTA (4516N 1157E)
Route Back: BOVOLENTA to 4450N 1300E io bases,
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual only.

5.
a
Assigned Group Command Frequency and VHF Channel "B" for communication in the Group, VHF Wing Channel "C" for Group to Group within the wing and VHF Channel "A" for bombers to fighters and wing to wing.

b.
Bomber Call Signs: 5th Wing - PIXIE; 47th Wing - RADCLIFF: 49th Wing - EXCEED; 304th Wing - FRUITTART; 55th Wing - IMPISH (485 – 1MPISH Leader; 460 - IMPISH 2; 464 - IMPISH 3; 465 - IMPISH 4).

c.
Fighter Call Sign: 5th Wing - GREATJOY; 47th Wing - PLAYWHEEL; 49th Wing - HOUSETOP; 55th Wing - GREENGATE: 304th Wing - RINGWAY. Wx A/c - Route out – MAYFLOWER 1; Route back - MAYFLOWER 2.

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

x.
Carpet will be employed by all units equipped. Employ Chaff per SOI 21-1. Radio discipline must be enforced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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