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

6 February 1945

OPERATIONS ORDER
NUMBER 55 THIS IS PLAN ABLE

1.
a.
See Intelligence Annex.

b.
5th Wing attack VIENNA SCHWECHAT and LOBAU O/Rs. Red Force Target Time: 1255A. Blue Force Target Time: 1355A.

47th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R. Red Force Target Time: 1228A. Blue Force Target Time: 1409A.

49th Wing attack VIENNA KORNEUBERG and FLORISDORF O/Rs. Red Force Target Time: 1255A. Blue Force Target Time: 1355A.

304th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R. Red Force Target Time: 1220A. Blue Force Target Time : 1417A.

AIR FORCE ALTERNATE TARGETS: #1 - POLA OIL STORES ON TGTCH 4 51-NA.
#2 - POLA MILITARY STORES ON TGTCH 4-51-NA.
#3 - POLA INSTALLATIONS AT VERGAROLA BAY ON TGTCH 4-51-NA.
#4 - POLA SS BASE on TGTCH 4-51-NA.
#5 - TRIESTE AREAS ON TGTCH 4-116-NA.
#6 - FIUME QUANARO SHIPYARD ON TGTCH 4-29-NA.

154 Wx Recon Sq. A/C lead RED and BLUE Forces in route out.

Fighters of 15FC provide: Target cover for both forces; conduct medium altitude fighter sweep ahead of bombers; strafe A/C on SEYRING and ZELTWEG A/Ds; dispense chaff ahead of 49th Wing RED and BLUE Forces.

2.
a.
RED FORCE (460 & 485) and BLUE FORCE (465 and 464) of the 55th Wing attack VIENNA FLORISDORF and KAGRAN 0/Rs, 7 February 1945. Each Group employ 2 Groups of 18 A/C plus spares. This is Plan ABLE.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #3 - POLA INSTALLAMONS
AF #4 - POLA SS BASE
AF #6 - FIUME SHIPYARD

PROFITABLE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: AF #1, AF #2, AF #5.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: RED FORCE: 304th, 47th, 5th, 49th, 55th (460 & 485).
BLUE FORCE: 5th, 49th, 55th (465 & 464), 47th, 304th.

ROUTE OUT: Base to 4200N - 1620E to KP LITIJA (4603N - 1449E) to JUDENBURG (4710N - 1440E) to MARBACH (4833N - 1521E) to IP to target. This Route Out, IP, Rally, same as 49th Wing.

Both forces start gradual climb to Bombing Altitude at rendezvous.

INITIAL POINT: HOLLABRUNN (4834N - 1605E).

TARGET ELEVATIONS: 514 feet.

RALLY: Left to MATZEN (4825N - 1642E).

ROUTE BACK: MATZEN to CIFER (4818N - 1729E) to KRIZEVCI (4602N - 1632E) to bases.

b.
460th and 485th Groups comprise RED FORCE

RENDEZVOUS: 460th & 485th rendezvous over bases, lead Groups at 8000 feet; second Groups at 9000 feet. 460th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0929A.

ALTERNATE RENDEZVOUS: Use AREA IV, same altitudes. 460th lead Group leaving LAGOSTA ISLAND at 1016A.

KEYPOINT TIME: 1149A at 18000 feet.

TARGET TIME: 1303A.

BOMBING ALTITUDES: 460th - 24500 feet and 25500 feet;
485th - 25000 feet and 26000 feet.

c.
465th and 464th Groups comprise BLUE FORCE.

RENDEZVOUS: 465 and 464 rendezvous in normal areas, load Groups at 8000 feet; second Groups at 9000 feet. 465th lead over CANOSA on course at 1036A.

ALTERNATE RENDEZVOUS: Use AREA IV, same altitudes, 465th lead Group leaving LAGOSTA ISLAND at 1116A.

KEYPOINT TIME - 1249A at 18000 feet.

TARGET TIME: 1403A.

BOMBING ALTITUDES: 465th - 24500 feet and 25500 feet;
464th - 25000 feet and 26000 feet.

3.
a.
460th and 465th attack KAGRAN O/R.
VISUAL MPI: O/P - 12/13 on TGTCH 14-40-NA.
PFF MPI: R/S - 16 on TGTCH 14-22-NA.
AXIS OF ATTACK: 140 degrees.

b.
485th and 464th attack FLORISDORF O/R
VISUAL and PFF MPI: R/S - 16 on TGICH 14-22-NA.
AXIS OF ATTACK - 144 degrees.

x.
Bomb Load: 8 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet if visual; 75 feet if PFF.
Use PFF A/C in lead and deputy lead of ABLE Boxes, lead of CHARLIE boxes, optional in BAKER Boxes; but bomb visually by attack units if possible.

*NOTE: Carefully adhere to specified route and axes of attack due to other Wings using different routes and rallies.

If alternate rendezvous Area IV is used, avoid proximity of new enemy lines near MOSTAR.

FIRST ALTERNATE (For 460th and 465th) : AF #3 - POLA INSTALLATIONS.
INITIAL POINT: S. LORENZO DEL PASENATICO (4511N - 1345E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 172 degrees.
RALLY: Right to (4430N - 1340E).
ROUTE BACK: (4430N - 1340E) to bases.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALONETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual only.

FIRST ALTERNATE (For 464th and 485th) : AF #4 - POLA SS BASE.
INITIAL POINT: S. LORENZO DEL PASENATICO (4511N - 1345E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 172 degrees.
RALLY: Right to (4430N - 1340E).
ROUTE BACK: (4430N - 1340E) to bases.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual only.

SECOND ALTERNATE (FOR ALL GROUPS) : AF #6 - FIUME QUANARO S/Y.
INITIAL POINT: FONTANA D. CONTE (4537N - 1415E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 161 degrees.
RALLY: Left to SENJ (4459N - 1455E).
ROUTE BACK: SENJ to bases.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOIETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual only.

4.
No Change.

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

b.
Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - AIRSLUG; 47th Wing - PULPWOOD; 49th Wing - SHAPELY; 304th Wing - FIRTREE; 55th Wing – FLYWHEEL (460 - FLYWHEEL RED ONE; 485th - FLYWHEEL RED 2; 465th - FLYWHEEL BLUE 1; 464th - FLYWHEEL BLUE 2).

c.
Fighter Call Sign: Target cover - FLATBUSH RED and BLUE; Fighter Sweep - CARSON. Wx A/C: FOUNDWELL RED and FOUNDWELL BLUE.

d.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - POORBRED; 47th Wing - CALIFORNIA; 49th Wing - BOOTLEGGER; 55th Wing - MOONGLOW RED and BLUE; 304th Wing - SAILFISH.

x.
Carpet will be employed by all units equipped. Employ Chaff per SOI 21-1. Fighters dispense chaff ahead of 49th Wing RED and BLUE Forces. Radio discipline must be enforced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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