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

OPERATIONS ORDER )
:
NUMBER 20)

1.
a.
See Intelligence Annex.

b.
4 Groups of 47th Wing attack TEROMA/PAROMA RR Bridge fron 1115A to 1135A. K.P. TIME: 1040A to 1100A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #5 and #6.

6 Groups of 5th Wing attack RAGENSBURG O/S Facilities at 1255A. K.P. Time: 1103A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #2-3-5-6.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack LINZ Communications Installations at 1233A. K.P. Time: 1122A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #2-3-4-5-6.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack LINZ Communications Installations at 1243A. K.P. Time: 1132A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #2-3-4-5-6.

AIR FORCE ALTERNATE TARGETS: #2 - SALZBURG M/Ys, #3 - ROSENHEIM M/Ys, #5 - UDINE LOCO DEPOT, #6 - VICENZA Loco Depot.

154 Tx Recon Sq. A/C precede 5th Wing on route out and back, precede LINZ Bombers out and back.

Fighters of 15FC provide: Strong close escort for 5th Wing on PTW, Close escort for 49th, 55th, and 304th Wings, no escort for 47th Wing.

2.
Normal effort of 44 Groups of the 55th Wing attack LINZ Communications Installations at 1253A, 20 January 1945. THIS IS PLAN BAKER.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #2 and #5.

PROFITADLE TARGETS OF OPPORTURNITY: AF #3-4-6.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 460 and 485 rendezvous in normal areas at 5000 and 6000 feet. 460th over ALTERMURA at 0945A.

465 and h6h rendezvous in normal areas at 7000 and 8000 feet. 465th over ANDRIA at 0943A.

Wing Rendezvous; 460th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0956A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled Inter.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N 1620E to Keypoint Coast (4530N 1300E) to
PRATA (4555N 1236E) to UBENSIE (4749N 1229E) to REISCHACH
(4818N 1243E) to IP to xxxxxxx xxxxxxx (4819N 1354E) to target.
Routes, IP and rally same for 304, 49, 55th Wings.

Start Climb to Bombing altitude at: PRATA.
Key Point Tine: 1142A at 19000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: SCMANDING (4828N 1327E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 110 degrees from IP; 99 degrees from XXXXXXXXX.

TARGET TIME: 1253A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE. 46O - 24500, 485 - 25500, 465 - 25000, 464: - 26000 feet.

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 feet.

RALLY: Left to FREISTADT (1831N 1430E).

ROUTE BACK: Rally point to A STETTEN (4807N 1452E) to WORSCHACH (4733H 4409E) to TREAMAIE (4555N 1501E) to TURAMJ (4359N 1524E) to bases.

3.
x.
Load 36 – 100# GP bombs clustered fused .1 nose and .025 tail.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual; 50 feet PFF.
MPI: see charts.
Employ a PFF a/c for navigation and bombing. This is a planned PFF mission, but bomb visually by attack units if possible.
Use evasion action point XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX only if bomb run is visual.
Start initial turn off target as soon as bombs are away completing rally inn a series of LETT turns of not over 15 degree bank or 20 second duration maintaining constant altitude and an IAS of not over 165.

FIRST ALTERNATE: ROSENHEIM M/Y.
INITIAL POINT: ALBACHING (4807N 1207E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 181 degrees.
RALLY: Left to UBERSNE (4749N 1228E).
ROUTE BACK: UDERSNE then reverse route out.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual; 50 feet PTF.

FIRST ALTERNATE: AF #2 SALZBURG M/Ys.
INITIAL POINT: ALTENEA0T (4801N 1232E)
AXIS OF ATTACK: 118 degrees.

RALLY: Right to AETENAU (4734N 1321E).
ROUTE BACK: AETENAU to TREAMAIE (4555n 1501E), then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual; 50 feet PFF.

LAST RESORT: AF #6 - VICENZA Loco Depot.
INITIAL POINT: ASLACO (4553N 1131E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 175 degrees.
RALLY: Left to MESTRINO (4527 1146E).
ROUTE BACK: MESTRINO to S. PIETRO IMAVOLTA (4520N 1220E) to (4510N 1240E) to 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 within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "C" f or Group to Group within the Wing. VHF Channel “A” for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - GREENHERD, 47th Wing - FREEZOL, 49th Wing - PULPWOOD, 304th Wing - BOOKCLUB, 55th Wing – THICKRUG (460-THICKRUG Leader, 485-THICKRUG 2, 465-THICKRUG 3, 464-THICKRUG 4).

Fighter Call Sign: 5th Wing - PUSSCAT, 49th Wing - RIPPLE, 55th Wing - PINKPIG, 304th Wing: - BELLBUOY,
Wx A/C Route Out – RADCLIFF 1; Route Back - RADCLIFF 2.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - ROTATION, 47th Wing - SNAKEBITE, 49th Wing - FLATBUSH, 55th Wing - MARSHLAND, 304th Wing - DARKHORSE, 15 FC - BASEBALL.

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

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