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

30 January 1945

OPERATIONS ORDER
NUMBER 39 THIS IS PLAN ABLE

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

b.
AIR FORCE employing RED and BLUE Forces attack MOOSBIERBAUN O/R.

RED FORCE:
5th Wing. Key point Time: 1129A. Target Time: 1250A.

47th Wing. Key point Time: 1142A. Target Time: 1301A.

49th Wing. Key point Time: 1158A. Target Time: 1317A.

304th Wing. Key point Time: 1206A. Target Time: 1325A.

BLUE FORCE:
5th Wing. Key point Time: 1229A. Target Time: 1350A.

47th Wing. Key point Time: 1242A. Target Time: 1401A.

49th Wing. Key point Time: 1258A. Target Time: 1417A.

304th Wing. Key point Time:

154 Wx Recon precede both forces out and back.

15PFC provide route and target cover for all units of both forces.
Dispense Chaff in lead of both forces of 5th Wing.

2.
a.
RED FORCE composed of 18 A/C plus spares of each Group of 55th Wing attack MOOSBIERBAUM O/R at 1309A, 31 January 1945. This is Plan ABLE.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: AF #3 - BRUCK M/Y; AF #1 - GRAZ M/Y.

PROFITABLE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: AF #2 - WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y; AF #4 - VILLACH M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 464 and 465 rendezvous in normal areas at 9000 and 10000 feet. 464 over ANDRIA at 0911A.

460 and 485 rendezvous in normal areas at 9000 and 10000 feet. 460 over ALTANURA at 0917A.

Wing Rendezvous: 464th lead over SPINAZZOLA at 0926A.

ALTERNATE RENDEZVOUS: In Area IV. 464 and 460 at 11000 feet. 465 and 485 at 12000 feet. 464th leaving LAGCSTA at 1011A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

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

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to BISCEGLIE to HVAR (4311N - 1627E) to Key point SQOGYSZOB (4618N - 1719E) to CSORNA (4737N - 1714E) to CIFER (4819N - 1730E) to IP to WEIRBURG (4834N - 1611E) to target. Routes, IP and rally same for both forces all wings but 47th which is proceeding direct from base to KP. Start Gradual Climb to Bombing Altitude at rendezvous, Key point Timo: 1150A at 20000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: GNADENDORF (4837N - 1623E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 227 degrees from IP; 215 degrees from WEIRBURG.

TARGET TIME: 1309A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 464 - 24500; 465 - 25500; 460 - 25000; 485 - 26000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 600 feet.

RALLY: Left to ALTENMARKT (4801N - 1559E).

ROUTE BACK: ALTEBMARKT to LANGENWANG (4733N – 1536E) to CRKVENA (4556N - 1604E) to bases.

b.
BLUE FORCE will duplicate RED FORCE attack adding 1 hour to all times.

3.
x.
Lond 8 - 500# GP bombs fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail plus any long delays presently loaded.
Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet visual; 75 feet PFF.
MPI: See charts.
PFF A/C will be employed in lead and deputy lead of ABLE BOX, lead of BAKER and CHARLIE BOXES; visual bombing will be conducted if possible.
Primary and alternate targets will be bombed by boxes using CHARLIE method.
Start initial turn off target as soon as bombs are away maintaining constant altitude with individual boxes taking evasive action until clear of flak.
Wing and Group Leaders will maintain 150 IAS after rally until Wing and Groups are reformed.
Groups will echelon upwind if vapor trails l mit visibility.
DO NOT TAKE OFF UNTIL NOTIFIED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

BOTH FORCES:

FIRST ALTERNATE: AF #3 - BRUCK M/Y.
INITIAL POINT: MOOS (4741N - 1456E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 138 degrees. Rally right to FROHNLEITEN (4716N - 1519E).
ROUTE BACK: FROHNLEITEN to KAIBING (4712N - 1551E) then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet visual; 75 feet PFF.

SECOND ALTERNATE: AF #1 - GRAZ M/Y.
INITIAL POINT: ST. LORENZEN (4715N - 1454E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 116 degrees.
RALLY: Left to WEIZ (4713N - 1537E).
ROUTE BACK: WEIZ to CRKVENA to base.
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 Group to Group within the Wing. VHF Channel #A" for Bombers to Fighters and Wing to Wing.

b.
Bomber Call Sigh: Red & Blue Forces - 5th Wing - HEADTOP 1 & 2; 47th Wing - GREATJOY 1 & 2; 49th Wing - SENILE 1 & 2; 304th Wing - FREEZOL 1 & 2; 55th Wing - CHANNEL 1 & 2 (464 – CHANNEL 1 Leader; 465 - CHANNEL 12; 460 - CHANNEL 13; 485 – CHANNEL 14. 464 - CHANNEL 2 Leader; 465 - CHANNEL 2; 460 - CHANNEL 23; 485 - CHANNEL 24).

c.
Fighter Call Sign: RED FORCE - HOUSETOP with suffixes; BLUE FORCE – GREENHERD with suffixes. Wx A/C - RED FORCE: MENTOR. BLUE FORCE: BOULDER.

d.
Recall Signs: BOTH FORCES: 5th Wing - CATALK; 47th Wing - BIGHOUSE; 49th Wing - SAILFISH; 55th Wing - FRONTIER; 304th Wing - POORBRED; 15th Pr FC - RUMRUNNER.

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

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