

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

26 December 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 306) : THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

1 Group each of 5th Wing attack LOBAU, SCH YG.AT, FLORISDORF, KORNEUBURG, KAGRAN and VOSENDORF C/Rs Time at POPOVACA 1100A. Alternate Targets: WIENER NEUSTADT SIDINGS, SLAJENFURT and VILLACH M/Ys.

2 Groups each of 304th Wing attack GRAZ MAIN and BRUCK M/Ys. Time at POPOVACA 1120A. Alternate Targets: KLAGENFURT and VILLACH M/Ys.

4 Groups of 47th Wing destroy VIPITER BRIDGE. Time at 4532N - 1244E 1015A. Alternate Targets: KLAGENFURT and VILLACH M/Ys.

3 Groups of 49th Wing destroy VENSONE VIADUCT. Time at 4532N - 1244E 1100A. Alternate Targets: KLAGENFURT and VILLACH M/Ys.

154 Wx Recon Sq A/C precede 5th Wing.

Fighters of 15FC provide: Close escort for 5th, 47th, 49th, 55th and 304th Wings. Strafe RR Traffic from VIENNA to LINZ, Droopsnoots attack LATISANA RR BRIDGE.

2.

Maximum effort of 4 Groups of the 55th Wing attack and destroy ROLLING STOCK in MARIBOR MAIN M/Y, 27 December 19h4. THIS IS PLAN ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465th and 464th rendezvous in normal area at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 465th over ANDRIA at 0945A, and over SPINAZZOLA at 1000A. 485th and 460th rendezvous in normal areas at 7,000 and 8,000 feet. 485th over ALTAMURA at 1019A and over SPINAZZOLA at 1030A.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Loose double column of Wings: Left Column 47th and 49th Wings. Right column 5th, 304th and 55th Wings (465-464-485-460).

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA to 4200N - 1630E to Control Point POPOVACA 4534N  
- 1638E to IP to Target.

Start climb to Bombing Altitude at: Rendezvous.

Control Point Time: 465 and 461 - 1135A. 485 and 460 - 1205A, at  
21,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: ORMOZ 462LN - 1608E.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 290 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 465 and 464 - 1158A. 485 and 460 - 1228A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 22,000', 464 - 23,000', 485 - 22,500', 460 -  
23,500'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 883 feet.

RALLY: RIGHT to DILLIMANNSDORF 4645N - 1519E.

ROUTE BACK: Rally Point to DRAVOGRAD 4635N - 1502E to Bases.

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465 and 464 and 485 load 10 500# GP fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and  
non  
delay tail. 460th load 10 M-17 Incendiaries. Intervalometer Settings:  
All Groups 25 feet.  
Use MPIs as indicated on photos.  
Employ 4 PFF A/C for navigational aid only.  
All Groups will bomb by boxes. 465 and 464 use ABLE Method. 485 and  
460 use BAKER method.  
Combat Waves will fly close formation to and from target.  
Lead Boxes will delay Rally until Wing Boxes have dropped. Combat  
Waves will reform after rally. Wave Leader maintaining 155 IAS until  
wave is reformed.  
Do not Bomb primary target by PFF Methods. No unassigned targets in  
YUGOSLAVIA will be bombed.

FIRST ALTERNATE: KLAGENFURT M/Y.

Initial Point: GRIFFEN 4643N - 1443E.

Axis of Attack: 252 degrees.

Rally: LEFT to TRZIK 4622N - 1416E.

Route Back: TRZIK to LICKIOSIK 4437N - 1525E then to Bases.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: VILLACH M/Ys.

Initial Point: TAUCHERDORF 4644N - 1413E.

Axis of Attack: 248 degrees.

Rally: LEFT to NALOGU 4623N - 1345E.

Route Back: NALOGU to VINICA 4528N - 1515E then to Bases.  
Use IPI as shown on target chart.  
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

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 - SOMEGIRL, 47th Wing - BOOKCLUB, 49th Wing - SCANTY, 304th Wing - SADLER, 55th Wing - DOLCIS (465 - DOLCIS Leader, 464 DOLCIS 2, 485 - DOLCIS 3, 460 - DOLCIS 4).

c.  
Fighter Call Sign: 5th Wing - PLATOON, 47th Wing - HEADTOP, 49th Wing - BOULDER, 55th Wing - SAXHORN, 304th Wing - CLEARSOUP. Wx A/C - GREENGATE.

d.  
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - CALIFORNIA, 47th Wing - TEAROOM, 49th Wing - SCARFACE, 55th Wing - POOLTABLE, 304th Wing - SWEATSHIRT, 15th Pr FC - ROTATION.

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Carpet will be employed by all units equipped. Employ Chaff per S.O.P. 32-2. Radio discipline must be enforced. Standard bombs away signals will be observed.

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DISTRIBUTION: "C".