

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

6 December 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 274)

1.

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See Intelligence Annex.

b.

18 PFF A/C of 5th Wing attack LINZ INDL AREA from 0500A to 0510A.  
ALTERNATE TARGETS: KLAGENFURT M/Y.

8 PFF A/C of 49th Wing attack LINZ INDL AREA from 0515A to 0519A.  
ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 5th Wing.

8 PFF A/C of 304th Wing attack SALZBURG WEST M/Y from 0515A to 0520A.  
ALTERNATE TARGETS: Same as 47th Wing.

12 PFF A/C of 47th Wing attack INNSBRUCK MAIN STATION from 0535A to 0542A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: Any target of opportunity in AUSTRIA along planned route.

2.

2 PFF A/C of each Group of 55th Wing attack SALZBURG WEST M/Y from 0525A to 0530A, 7 December 1944. This is Plan Able.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: KLAGENFURT M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465 depart from LAKE LESIMA at 10,000 ft at 0310A.  
46h depart from LAKE LESIMA at 9500 ft at 0311A.  
485 depart from LAKE LESINA at 9000 ft at 0313A.  
460 depart from LAKE LESINA at 8500 ft at 0314A.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: Right column: 5th Wing, 49th Wing, 304th Wing, 55th Wing (465-464-485-460). Left column - 47th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: Bases to LAKE LESINA (4154N 1533E) to SATSEGO (4430N 1419E) to ZOLLA (4553N 1400E) to WEISZEN LAKE (4642N 1320E) to KITZBVHEL (4726N 1224E) to IP to Target.

INITIAL POINT: CHIEMING (4754N 1232E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 102°.

TARGET TIME: 0525A to 0530A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 and 485 - 1st A/c - 24000; 2nd A/c - 23500; 464  
and 460 - 1st A/C - 23000; 2nd A/c - 22500.

TARGET ELEVATION: 1400 feet.

RALLY: Right to ANNABERG (4731N 1325E)

ROUTE BACK: ANNABERG to WEISZEN LAKE and reverse route out.

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Bomb Load: 10 - 500 # RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

Intervalometer Setting: 100 feet.

MPI: 4/5 - 5/5 on KBC 13-71

Fly route and bomb individually, attacking target only if overcast.

Keep navigation and passing lights on South of 4300N.

Icing levels are expected from 7000 to 16000 feet. Make ascent and descent through icing levels at maximum rate of climb or descent and normal IAS.

Each crew must submit comprehensive report at the completion of the mission.

FIRST ALTERNATE: VILLACH M/Y.

Initial Point: SPITTAL (4648N 1330E)

Axis of Attack: 130 degrees

Rally: Right to EACCIA (4609N 1346E)

Route Back: EACCIA then same as for primary.

MPI: K-18 on target chart 14-44NA

Intervalometer Settings: 100 feet

SECOND ALTERNATE: KLAGENFURT M/Y.

Initial Point: PATERGASSEN (4649N 1352E)

Axis of Attack: 123 degrees

Rally: Right to ZOLLA (4553N 1400E)

Route Back: ZOLLA then same as for primary.

MPI: I/J - 5/6 on Target Chart 14-4-WA.

Intervalometer Settings: 100 feet.

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No Change.

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a.

VHF Channel A for all communications.

b.

Bomber Call Signs: 5th Wing - SENILE; 47th Wing - BOULDER; 49th Wing - FRONTROOM; 55th Wing - TANKSTOP (465 - TANESTOP 1 and 2; 464 - TANKSTOP 3 and 4; 485 - TANKSTOP 5 and 6; 460 - TANKSTOP 7 and 8); 304th Wing - GOWAY.

C.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - SKIPPER; 47th Wing - BLACKJACK; 49th Wing - QUAKER; 55th Wing - PICKPOCKET; 304th Wing - CONVERTIBLE.

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Employ carpet if available. Chaff will be dispensed in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. Observe standard bombs away signals. In the event enemy fighter A/C are encountered, immediate warning will be radioed to following A/C, employing A/C formation call sign and codeword BOOTLEGGER on VHF Channel A. Approximate position and number of e/a encountered will be given.

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