

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

14 November 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 250) : THIS IS PLAN CHARLIE

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

12 A/C of 49th Wing attack INNSBRUCK M/Y from 0930A to 0915A.

16 A/C of 47th Wing attack INNSDRUCK M/Y from 1000A to 1015A

36 A/C of 5th Wing attack LINZ BENZOL O/R Buildings from 1110A to 1125A.

20 A/C of 304th Wing attack LINZ BENZOL O/R buildings from 1150A to 1205A.

15PFC Stand Down.

154 Wx Sq A/C precede bombers.

2.

5 PFF A/C each of 4 Groups of 55th Wing attack LINZ BENZOL O/R Buildings from 1130A to 1145A, 15 November 1944. This is Plan Charlie.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: All Groups leave scheduled points of departure at approximately 8000 feet at 0847A.

POINTS OF DEPARTURE: 464 - MARGHERITA	465 - BARLETTA
460 - BISCEGLIE	485 - GIOVINAZZO

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 464-465-460-485.

ROUTE OUT: Point of departure to 4200N 1620E to 4430N 1419E to Key Point Coast (4507N 1417E) to WEISZEN LAKE (4641N 1324E) to OBERNBERG (4820N 1320E) to IP to target. Key Point Altitude: 20000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ENGELHARTSZELL (4830N 1344E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 120 degrees.

TARGET TIME: 1130A to 1145A

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 26000, 25600, 25200, 24800, 24400 in that order for each Group or above the top overcast.

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 feet.

RALLY: Left to KREUZEN (4816N 1449E)

ROUDE TACK: KREUZEN to ST. GEORGEN (4712N 1430E) to BROD (4528N 1451E) to VAGADA (4351N 1531E) to 4200N 1620E to bases.

3.

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Bomb Load: 8 - 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail with 2 bombs per A/C loaded 6 to 72 hour long delay.

Intervalometer Settings: 75 feet.

Use MPI as shown on inclosed target charts.

All A/C will fly route and bomb individually. A/C will not attack target if visual bombing conditions prevail.

A/C forced to return early will fly at minimum safe altitude to keep clear of A/C on route out.

Route and timing must be flown as briefed.

PPF Navigators must carefully study target charts in order to correctly identify actual assumed target instead of general target area.

A comprehensive and detailed report must be made by each crew at the conclusion of the mission. Navigators will keep detailed logs and record all observations of military importance.

4.

No Change.

5.

a.

Command VHF Channel "B" for communication within the Group. VHF Wing Channel "C" for Group to Group within the Wing.

b.

VHF Channel "A" for Wing to Wing.

c.

Bomber Call Sign: 5th Wing - KIDDIES; 47th Wing - CARTLOAD; 49th Wing - COALMAN; 55th Wing - GOWAY (464 - GOWAY 2, 2, 3, 4, 5; 465 - GOWAY 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; 460 - GOWAY 11, 12, 13, 14, 15; 485 - GOWAY 16, 17, 18, 19, 20); 304th Wing - SCANTY.

d.

Recall Signs: 5th Wing - CARSON; 47th Wing - TRUMPET, 49th Wing - PANHANDLE; 55th Wing - PICKPOCKET; 304th Wing- QUAKER.

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Carpet will be employed by all units so equipped. Chaff will be employed in each A/C in accordance with Signals Procedure 32-2. One A/G from each Group will be designated to send bombs away signals and

group effort giving number of ships bombing and standard signals. VHF only will be used for communication, among Group ships. Radio silence will be observed except in case of emergency.

By command of Brigadier General ACHESON:

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