

HEADQUARTERS 55TH BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)
APO 520 US ARMY

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX No. 6)

TO OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 6)

This is plan Able

Maps and Target Materials: list cited in Intelligence Annex
No. 309, 30 December 1944, of which delete references to SALZBURG.
Add Target and Briefing Chart No. 14-41-NA (GRAZ) minimum
briefing and Photocharts Nos. 14-55, 14-57 (GRAZ)
Illustration No. 3 (f) 47/1, 2, 3: No. 4 (a) 13/1 (GRAZ)
Report No. DR 289 (GRAZ)

1. This plan directs the effort of 5 Bombardment Wings against the LINZ, Austria, communications and industrial areas. LINZ retains high priority in the communications and industrial categories. It has special value as a communications bottleneck of traffic between VIENNA, REGENSBURG, SALZBURG, and MUNICH. The area attacked lends itself well to Pathfinder Bombing.

2. ENEMY SITUATION

a. FLAK

(1) LINZ: See E Map No. 4E 152, 30 November as amended by written E reports 45, 301, 309, 333 and 370. When last attacked, 27 December 1944, formation encountered IAH flak. Axis as planned utilizes favorable winds. briefing officer will instruct crews on flak area at MULDORE (4315-1243).

(2) GRAZ: See E Map No. 4E 153, 30 November as amended by written E reports 45 353 and 408. When last attacked, 27 December 1944, formation encountered S/MIH flak.

(3) VILLACH: See E Map No. 4E 81, 14 November 1944 as amended by written E reports 43 109 and 241. On attacks of 25 and 27 December 1944, no flak encountered.

(4) TRAVISO: E written report No. 2626, 24 September 1944, states no heavy flak batteries at this target. When last attacked on 10 October 1944, no flak was encountered.

b. ENEMY AIRCRAFT: The enemy capability of opposing bomber formations in the LINE area remains at 60-70 SEF based in the VIENNA-LAKE BALATON area. There are several reasons why this capability may not be exercised: requirements of the enemy to use these fighters in conjunction with ground forces in the current operations in HUNGARY, the strength of the Air Force formation, and expected weather. In view of the fact that recent operations against LINZ have not been opposed

in strength bears out the likelihood that nil or negligible e/a opposition is to be expected.

c. SIGNIFICANCE OF TARGETS

(1) LINZ Main M/Y: See Intelligence Annex No. 309,, 30 Dec 44, paragraph 2,c,(1). Photo cover of 4 January showed total car content to be 2060 units, including 80 oil tank cars and 30 locomotives.

(2) GRAZ: See Intelligence Annex No. 2, 3 Jan 45, paragraph 2,c,(3). Latest car content, 1050 mixed units, is result of 50% turnover and indicates resumption of traffic as through lines are reopened.

(3) VILIACH: See Intelligence Annex No. 244, 10 Nov 44, for description of target. Through tracks are now open, and rapid turn over has occurred.

(4) TREVISO M/Y (Weather Alternate: see Intelligence Annex No. 309, 30 Dec 44, paragraph 2,c,(4)).

d. Besides Alternate Targets and Weather Alternate listed, KLAGENFURT M/Y, UDINE M/Y, VICENZA M/Y, and PADUA Station Yard and West Yard are listed as Profitable Targets of Opportunity.

3. FRIENDLY SITUATION

a. Coordination of Attack:

- (1) 5th Wing attacks LINZ Main Station Yard.
- (2) 47th Wing attacks LINZ North Main M/Y.
- (3) 49th Wing attacks LINZ South Main M/Y.
- (4) 304th Wing attacks LINZ Goods Depot.

b. XV Fighter Command will provide escort for all Bombardment Wings on penetration, at target, and on withdrawal, and will provide chaff dispensing a/c for the lead of the 5th Bombardment Wing.

c. POW Camps: attention is called to POW Camps Nos. 124, 125, and 173 in the LINZ area, No. 126 at 481909N-135908E, and camps near WOLFSBERG, TITTMONING and LIENZ.

d. Escape Intelligence: current bulletins.

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