

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

7 January 1915

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER :
6)

1.

a.

See Intelligence Annex.

b.

7 Groups of 5th Wing attack LINZ South Main M/Y at 1240A. K.P. Time:
1123A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AIR FOFCE Nos. 1,2,3,5,8.

3 Groups of 49th Wing attack LINZ South Main M/Y at 1305h. K.P. Time:
1148A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AIR FORCE Nos. 1,2,3,5,8.

4 Groups of 304th Wing attack LINZ Goods Depot at 1315A. K.P. Time:
1158A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AIR FORCE Nos. 1,2,3,4,7.

4 Groups of 47th Wing attack LINZ North Main M/Y at 1325A. K.P. Time:
1208A. ALTERNATE TARGETS: AIR FORCE Nos. 1,2,3,6,8.

1544 Wx Recon Sq. A/C lead bombers out and back.

Fighters of 15FC provide PTW cover for all Wings, dispense Chaff ahead
of 5th Wing.

2. Normal effort of 464-465-485 Groups attack LINZ South Main M/Y at
1255A, 8 January 1945. 460th Group Stand Down. This is Plan ABLE.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: (AIR FORCE #1). GRAZ Main M/Y.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: (AIR FORCE #3). VILLACH M/Y.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: (AIR FORCE #6). TREVISO STATION M/Y.

PROFITABLE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY: (AIR FORCE #2), KLAGENFURT M/Y,
(AIR FORCE #4), UDINE M/Y. (AIR FORCE #5), VICENZA N/Y. (AIR FORCE
#7), TREVISO N.E. M/Y. (AIR FORCE #8, PADUA STATION M/Y.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 465 and 464 rendezvous in normal areas at 7000 and
8000 feet. 465 over ANDRIA at 0919A and over
SPINAZZOLA at 0934A.
485 follow 465 and 464 over SPINAZZOLA at 9000 feet at
0936A.

ALTERNATE RENDEZVOUS: Use Area 1V: 465 leave LAGOSTA ISLAND at 1001A,
465 at 7000 ft, 464 at 8000 ft, 485 at 9000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMDER RENDEZVOUS: To be signalled later.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 5th Wing, 55th Wing (465-464-185), 49th Wing, 304th Wing, 47th Wing.

ROUTE OUT: SPINAZZOLA. to 4200N 1620E to K.P. CAORLE (4536N 1253E) to AVIANO (4604N 1236E) to xxxSCHACH (4818N 1243E) to BIRMBACH (4826N 1306E) to IP to ST. MARLEMKIRCHEN (4816N 1356E) to target.

NOTE: Route from K.P., I.P., RALLY, ROUTE Back same for all Wings.

Start Climb to Bombing Altitude at: AVIANO.

Key Point Time: 1138A at 18,000 feet.

INITIAL POINT: ZARL (4819N 1339E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 95 degrees from IP, 89 degrees from ST. MARLEMKIRCHEN.

TARGET TIME: 1255A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 465 - 23,000', 464 - 21,000', 485 - 25,000'.

TARGET ELEVATION: 850 feet.

RALLY: Left to FRIESTADT (4831N 1430E).

ROUTE BACK: FRIESTADT to AMSTATTEN (4807N 1452E) to ZELTMEG (4712N 1445E) to ZARA (4407N 1515E) to bases.

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Bomb Load: 8 - 500 # RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.

Intervalometer Settings: 25 feet if visual, 75 feet if PFF.

Visual or PFF MPI: See Charts.

Use 4 PFF aircraft, but bomb visually by attack units if possible.

Wing leader will make Keypoint time good and then fly out the briefed route at 160 MSN without attempting to adjust timing.

Use Turnpoint ST. MARLEMKIRCHEN only if bomb run is visual.

Make turn off target as soon as bombs are away, completing rally in a series of left turns of not over 15 degrees bank and not over 20 seconds duration at a constant altitude and not over an IAS of 165 MPH.

Listed alternates in ITALY will not be bombed unless positively identified.

FIRST ALTERNATE: GRAZ MAIN M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: ST. LORENZEN (4715N 1454E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 115 degrees.

RALLY: Right to DITMANSDORF (4646N 1519E).

ROUTE BACK: DITMANSDORF to ST. GOTARA (4611N 1454E) then same as for primary.

Use MPI as shown on target chart.

INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

SECOND ALTERNATE: VILLACH M/Y.

INITIAL POINT: SPITTAL (4648N 1330E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 128 degrees.
RALLY: Right to MALOSU (4623N 1345E).
ROUTE BACK: MALOSU to KMEZJA YAMI (4533N 1501E) then same as for primary.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

LAST RESORT: TREVISO STATION M/Y.
INITIAL POINT: xxxxxxxx (4553N 1157E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 137 degrees.
RALLY: Left to S. STIMO DILAVANZA (4544N 1241E).
ROUTE BACK: S. STIMO DILAVANZA to CAORLE (4536N 1253E) then reverse route out.
Use MPI as shown on target chart.
INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: 25 feet.

4.
No Change.

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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 - FIRTREEE, 47th Wing - BELLBUOY, 49th Wing - ROASTLAMB, 304th Wing - EXCEED, 55th Wing - SCENTSPRAY (465 - SCENTSPRAY Leader, 464 - SCENTSPRAY 2, 485 - SCENTSPRAY 3).

c.
Fighter Call Sign: 5th Wing - CARTAB, 47th Wing - THICKRUG, 49th Wing - SURETHING, 55th Wing - GOWAY, 304th Wing - FLYWHEEL.

Wx A/C - POULTRY.

d.
Recall Signs: 5th Wing - DUCKSOUP, 47th Wing - POKER, 49th Wing - TRUMPET, 55th Wing - BARFLY, 304th Wing - TEAROOM, 15PFC - ASHTRAY.

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

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