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HQ 301ST BOMB GP (H) AAF

A.P.O. 520, U. S. ARMY 31.

0845A, 20 February 1945.

FIELD ORDER 1)

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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4072, 1:500,000 scale of Napoli, Chieti, Fiume, Graz, Wien, Bolzano, Tatra & Budapest; G.S.G.S. 4080, 1:1,000,000 scale Plotting Sheets of Adriatic & Central Germany; Target Charts of Vienna No. 14-110 & 14-109, Wiener Neustadt No. 14-119, Bruck No. 14-122 & Graz No. 14-414-NA.

1. See Annex No. 2.

2. Twenty-eight (28) B-17's of this Group will attack and destroy VIENNA LOBAU O/R, AUSTRIA on 20 February 1945 at 1304A.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: (1) WIENER NEUSTADT N/Y, (2) BRUCK N/Y, (3) GRAZ MAIN & SOUTHEAST N/Y.

WING FORMATION: Two (2) Waves each of three (3) Groups at four (4) minute interval. 2nd Wave: 301st High Right.

2ND WAVE RENDEZVOUS: WEST TIP LAKE LESINA at 0934A, 9,500 feet.

ROUTE OUT: Rendezvous to Keypoint to VRBOVEC to FEL BAR to TENAVA to JABLONICA to I.P. to Target.

KEYPOINT: SIBENIK, 14,000 feet at 1031A.

INITIAL POINT: RAPEESBURG (48/39N, 16/54E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 216°.

INTERVALOMETER: Visual - Minimum, PTF - 150 feet.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 27,500 feet.

CRUISING FORMATION: Group Stagger.

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BOMBING FORMATION: Two Attack Waves. 1st Wave - 353rd & 419th Bomb Sqs.  
2nd Wave - 32nd & 352nd Bomb Sqs.

BOMBING SPEED: 145.

BOMB LOAD: 12 x 500-lb. G.P. per aircraft fused .1 nose & .01 & .025 tail.

RECEIVED: RALLY: Left to KIRCHSCHLAG (47/30N, 16/18E).

ROUTE BACK: Rally Point to VRBOVEC to Base.

3. a. The 353rd Bomb Sq will form the first box of two elements and position No.

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b. The 419th Bomb Sq will form the second box of two elements and position No. 31.

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- c. The 32nd Bomb Sq will form the third box of two elements and position No. 31.
- d. The 352nd Bomb Sq will form the fourth box of two elements and position No. 31.
- x. (1) Each Squadron will furnish one aircraft as reserve.
- (2) For positions in formation & A/C carrying cameras see Annex No. 1.

4. No change.

5. a. (1) Signals for period concerned are: 0700 - 1300 RR - HW  
1300 - 1900 RG - IM

- (2) Call Signs: 32nd Bomb Sq - "Foxtail".
- 352nd Bomb Sq - "Smuggler".
- 353rd Bomb Sq - "Timid".
- 419th Bomb Sq - "Wildlife".

(3) Frequencies: Inter-Wing VHF "C", Inter-Group VHF "B".

b. Command Posts:

(1) Ground: LUCERA A/D #8, ITALY.

(2) Air:

(a) Group Flight Commander, Colonel HOLMES.

(b) Group Deputy Flight Commander, Lt. WEITSTEIN, No. 12 position of first box.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL HOLMES:

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Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
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ANNEXES:

- 1. Battle Order.
- 2. Intelligence.

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