Plan Able – BLUE FORCE

15 February 1945

BRIEF: 0730A

TARGET: PENZINGER M/Y (48-11, 16-19).

ALTERNATE #4: Klagenfurt M/Y (46-37, 14-19).

ALTERNATE #5: (Visual only) Pola targets (44-52, 13-51).

ALTERNATE #7: (Visual only) Trieste shipyards (45-37, 13-47).

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: BG #3 will be in rendezvous rectangle from 1035A until 1059A. BG #1 and BG #2 will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Group. BG #3 will enter rectangle at Candela, go around 1½ times and depart at Bovino enroute to KP vis Casalnuovo. Rendezvous altitudes: 7,000, 8,000, 9,000 ft.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: No 3 BG lead, No. 1 BG, No. 2 BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: Sibenik (43-43, 15-53) Base altitude 15,000 ft at 1200A.

ENGINEERING POINT: Wilhelmsburg (48-06, 15-36).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 81 degrees TC. INT SETTING: Vis – 50’; PFF – 100’.

TARGET TIME: 1355A

TARGET ELEVATION: 575 ft.

BOMBING ALTITUDES: BG #3, 24,000; BG #1, 25,000; BG No 2, 26,000 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #3 to TP #4 to TP #5 to Base.

BOMB LOAD: 500 lb RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail. All A/C load three cartons window, dispensing to begin three minutes before IP and continuing at the rate of three bundles every twenty seconds until clear of flak.

NOTE: Groups will be at bombing altitude and go into left echelon five minutes before IP.

RADIO RANGE: Lake Lesina, Callsign “LA”, frequency 263 Kcs.


BOMBER CALL SIGNS: (All call signs will be suffixed with Red or Blue force according to the force assignments).

BG No. 3 “Piedish 1”, BG No. 1 “Piedish 2”, BG No. 2, “Piedish 3”.

FIGHTER CALL SIGNS: “Foothold” – with numbered suffixes.

WX RECON: Route out “Saxhorn 1”, Route back “Saxhorn 2”.

RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: “Convertible”.

SQUADRON CALL SIGNS: Sq 1 “Wellfed”; Sq 2, “Thankless”;

Sq 3 “Raceclub” Sq 4, “Steadful”.

VISUAL SIGNALS: See reverse side. ALDIS LAMP: Red “W”.

ESTIMATED TIME OF RETURN: 1610A.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 30 P-51s taking off at 1130A to intercept Wing at Judenburg at 1320 and provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.