Plan Able – RED FORCE

15 February 1945

CHARLIE FLIGHT

11. Williams * 30-A
12. Denny 46-Q
13. Hangey 81-L
21. Behre 87-R
22. Johnson * 32-C

ABLE FLIGHT

11. Hewett 700-Y
12. Pollard 702-X
13. Welmer * 88-S
21. Sprinkle 33-D
22. Helms * 35-F

BAKER FLIGHT

11. Bolton 74-E
12. Black * 79-J
13. Halveg 73-D
21. Owsley * 77-H
22. Kanar 86-Q

Spare IFF – 701-Z

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 0959A. 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 1100A.
INITIAL POINT: Wilhelmsburg (48-06, 15-36).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 81 degrees TC. INT SETTING: Vis – 50'; PFF – 100'.
TARGET TIME: 1255A

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.

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

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: 1510A.

FIGHTER ESCORT: 30 P-51s taking off at 1030A to intercept Wing at Judenburg at 1220 and provide close escort on penetration, target and withdrawal.