

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

2 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 125)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack OBER RADERACH CHEMICAL PLANT (47° 42'N, 09° 26'E); time at KP 0927B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack AVISIO R.R. BRIDGES (46° 08'N, 11° 05'E), ORA R.R. BRIDGE (46° 23'N, 11° 18'E) and ST. MICHELE R.R. BRIDGE (46° 13'N, 11° 08'E); time at KP 0855B. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack FRIEDRICHSHAFEN/MANZELL A/C FACTORY (47° 40'N, 09° 27'E); time at KP 0925B. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack LOWENTHAL A/C FACTORY (47° 40'N, 09° 30'E); time at KP 0915B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide Window Dispensing A/C for head of column and penetration cover, individual Wg target covers and withdrawal cover. Remainder of fighters will provide offensive high cover for bombers.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 484th BG will attack OBER RADERACH CHEMICAL WORKS (47° 42'N, 09° 26'E) on 3 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st and 484th BGs will line rendezvous behind 461st over BOVINO when 461st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 331° at 0759B. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000, 6,000, and 7,000 feet.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs. 47th Wg lead - 49th Wg - 304th Wg - 55th Wg - 5th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead, 451st BG, 484th BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: (43° 40'N, 13° 50'E) Bombing Alt: 12,000 at 0905B.

TURN POINT #1: S. DONA (45° 38'N, 12° 34'E).

TURN POINT #2: BRESSANONE (46° 43'N, 11° 39'E).

TURN POINT #3: OBERSTDORF (47° 25'N, 10° 17'E).

INITIAL POINT: BREGENZ (47° 30'N, 09° 44'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 313° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 13-60-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 461 - Bldg between J/K-15/16 and 16; 451 - Bldg between J/K and K-14/15 and 15; 484 - Between J/K and K-14.

TARGET TIME: 1100B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 461 - 22,000 ft; 451 23,000 ft; 484 - 24,000 .

TARGET ELEVATION: 1535 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #1 to bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: FRIEDRICHSHAFEN/ZAHNRADFABRIK WORKS (47° 39'N, 09° 29'E). Axis of attack: 313° TC. Rally: right. IP: VZES (44° 01'N, 04° 25'E). Bombing altitude: Same as primary. Area to be bombed: Center of impact for all Gps at G-22/23. Target chart 13-30-NA. Target elevation: 1520 ft.

LAST RESORT TARGET: Any Point on the INNSBRUCK/VERONA RR which may be bombed visually, preferably a bridge.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
(2) Lead attack units of Gps load three (3) cartons Window. Dispensing will begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six units every 20 seconds until clear of flak.
(3) Gps will be at bombing altitude midway between TP #2 and TP #3.
(4) Fighters will drop Chaff bombs ahead of the lead Gp of the 49th Wg. (See Annex "B" - "Chaff Dispensing by Fighter A/C").
(5) PFF A/C will lead all Gps.
(6) Lead crews will receive special briefing as every effort will be made to destroy the targets.
(7) Every effort will be made by Gps to fly a very close Wg formation.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Seedcake 4"), (47th Wg, "Betty"), (304th Wg, "Seedcake 2"), (55th Wg, "Seedcake 3"), (451st BG, "Seedcake 12"), (461st BG, "Seedcake 11"), (484th BG, "Seedcake 13").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: (Escort for main bomber formation "Burglar"), with suffixed numbers in order of contact with formation. 47th Wg escort "Thickrug".
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Whistle"), (47th Wg, "Portrait"), (304th Wg, "Shampoo"), (55th Wg, "Snob"), 49th Wg, "Thrill"), (306th Wg, "Lockjaw").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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