

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

9 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 131)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Five Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack ROMANO AMERICANO OIL REFINERY (44° 56'N, 26° 02'E); time at KP 0748B. Three Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack UNTHEA SPERANZA and STANDARD OIL REFINERIES (44° 55'N, 26° 02'E); time at KP 0847B. Three Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack ASTRA-ROMANO OIL REFINERY (44° 56'N, 26° 02'E); time at KP 0857B. Three Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack CAMPINA STEVEA ROMANO OIL REFINERY (45° 08'N, 25° 45'E); time at KP 0907B.

(2) Escort: Will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for each bomber Wg. Offensive cover 5th Wg and 49th Wg. Will provide chaff dispensing A/C for 47th Wg

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack PLOESTI XENIA OIL REFINERY (44° 58'N, 26° 00'E) on 10 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG and 451st BG will line rendezvous behind the 484th BG over BOVINO on a TC of 52° at 0716B, and go between 5th Wg and 304th Wg areas avoiding MANFREDONIA. Rendezvous altitudes: SOP.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later by telephone.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Two columns of Wgs. 1st column, 5th Wg lead - 49th Wg; 2nd column, 47th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 304th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point to Turn Point #1 to Turn Point #2 to Turn Point #3 to Turn Point #4 to Turn Point #5 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: SIPAN ISLAND (42° 43'N, 17° 52'E) Base altitude: 12,000 ft. at 0806B.

TURN POINT #1: UZICE (43° 51'N, 19° 51'E).

TURN POINT #2: ORSOVA (44° 42'N, 22° 24'E).

TURN POINT #3: RAUNICUL VALCEA (45° 07'N, 24° 22'E).

TURN POINT #4: BRON (45° 31'N, 25° 22'E).

TURN POINT #5: TELEAJENUL (45° 28'N, 25° 56'E).

TURN POINT #6: BOROVAN (43° 25'N, 23° 43'E).

TURN POINT #7: ULCINU (41° 55'N, 19° 12'E).

INITIAL POINT: RANCEZI (45° 18'N, 26° 07'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 195° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on Target Chart 11-100B-NA.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Target #3.

TARGET TIME: 1013B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 22,000), (461st BG - 23,000), (451st BG - 24,000 ft).

TARGET ELEVATION: 565 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #6 to Turn Point #7 to base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: GIURGIU OIL STORAGE (43° 53'N, 25° 58'E). Axis of attack: 15° TC. Rally: left. IP: DVE-MOGILI (43° 36'N, 25° 51'E). Bombing altitude: (484th BG - 20,000), (461st BG - 21,000), 451st BG - 22,000). Area to be bombed: 484th BG-P/Q-25; 451st BG and 461st BG - R-17/18 on target chart 10-6-NA. Target elevation: 65 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: IRON GATES CANAL (44° 41'N, 22° 31'E). Axis of attack: 45° TC. Rally: left. IP: MOSNA (44° 27'N, 22° 11'E). Bombing altitude: (484th BG - 19,000), (461st BG - 20,000), 451st BG - 21,000) on target chart 8-46-NA. Area to be bombed: Target #1 Target elevation: 164 ft.

3. x. (1) Three Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .025 tail.
- (2) PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment SOP.
- (3) Gps will go into left echelon at Turn Point #5 and be at bombing altitude at Turn Point #5.
- (4) Lead attack units will load four (4) cartons of window. Dispensing to begin two (2) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak at the rate of 6 units every twenty (20) seconds.
- (5) Leaders will be prepared to make visual, offset or synchronous PF bomb runs. See annotated photo showing offset check points.
- (6) Gps will use best PF teams which will be specially briefed.
- (7) A P-38 with callsign TAILPIECE48 will call the Wg leaders on Channel "A", when Wg is 20 miles away from target, giving leader weather at target, direction of ground wind and effectiveness of smoke screen. With this information the Wg leaders will have a better idea of how they will attack and what bombing method they will use.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Greenherd 1"), (47th Wg, "Pixie 2"), (304th Wg, "Pixie 3"), (55th Wg, "Pixie 2"), (451st BG, "Greenherd 23"), (461st BG, "Greenherd 22"), (484th BG, "Greenherd 21").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: 5th Wg and 49th Wg escort is "Pusscat"; 47th Wg, 55th Wg and 304th Wg escort is "Cartload".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Banker"), (47th Wg, "Yodel"), (304th Wg, "Proudfoot"), (55th Wg, "Crime"), 49th Wg, "Painter"), (306th Wg, "Diamond").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Maj. Lyle.
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