

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

17 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 139)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack OIL TARGET IN PLOESTO AREA; time at KP 1030B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack OIL TARGETS IN PLOESTI AREA; time at KP 0930B. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack OIL TARGETS IN PLOESTI AREA; time at KP 1000B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack CAMPINA STEUEA ROMANA OIL REFINERY (45° 08'N, 25° 45'E); time at KP 1100B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will conduct medium altitude fighter sweep in vicinity of ALIBUNAR A/D from 40 minutes before attack of 49th Wg until completion of attack. Fighters will then provide escort on withdrawal.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will frag PARKED A/C ON ALIBUNAR AIRDROME (45° 05'N, 20° 58'E on 18 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0648B until 0708B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 484th BG will enter rendezvous rectangle at CANDELA and depart from CANDELA going out between 304th Wg and 55th Wg

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Wgs attacking at 30 minute intervals.

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

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

KEY POINT: None.

TURN POINT #1: RAGUSA (42° 31'N, 18° 23'E).

TURN POINT #2: UZICE (43° 52'N, 19° 52'E).

TURN POINT #3: RASANAC (44° 28'N, 21° 21'E).

INITIAL POINT: VRACEV GAJ (44° 54'N, 21° 21'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 305° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional on annotated photo.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 225°.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 484th BG - South side of field. 451st BG - Dispersal areas southeast of field. 461st BG - 1st Unit, middle of east end of field. 2nd Unit, Dispersal area due east of field.

TARGET TIME: 0910B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (484th BG - 17,000), (451st BG - 18,000), (461st BG - 19,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 260 ft.

RALLY: Left off target.

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

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) All Gps will load clustered frags.
- (2) PF A/C lead Gps for navigational purposes only.
- (3) Gps will go into right echelon at Turn Point #3.
- (4) Altitude at Adriatic Yugoslavia Coast 12,000 ft.
- (5) Gps will be at bombing altitude at Turn Point #3.
- (6) Recommend formation 49th Wg frag formation "A", or a formation at discretion of Gp Commander to adequately cover the target.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Shapely"), (47th Wg, "Cantab"), (304th Wg, "Somegirl"), (55th Wg, "Admin"), (451st BG, "Trueman 2"), (461st BG, "Trueman 3"), (484th BG, "Trueman 1").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: 49th Wg escort will be "Flatbush".
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Abbott"), (47th Wg, "Panhandle"), (304th Wg, "Moonglow"), (55th Wg, "Barfly"), (49th Wg, "Pickpocket"), (306th Wg, "Ping Pong").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

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- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Keese.
- (2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Lyle.

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