

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

21 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 141)

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

b. (1) Bombers: 6 Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy OBERTAL SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT (50° 25'N, 18° 08'E); time at KP 0843B. 4 Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy LOBAU UNDERGROUND OIL STORAGE (48° 10'N, 16° 30'E); time at KP 0815B. 4 Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy KORNEUBURG OIL STORAGE (48° 20'N, 16° 20'E); time at KP 0805B. 4 Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT (50° 18'N, 18° 16'E); time at KP 0901B.

(2) Escort: Three Gps Fighters will provide close escort for 49th, 55th, and 47th Wgs on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack BAU UNDERGROUND OIL STORAGE (48° 10'N, 16° 30'E) on 22 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 451st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0712B until 0732B. 461st BG and 484th BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 451st BG will enter rectangle at BOVINO and depart from BOVINO going out via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 7,000 ft, 8,000 ft, 9,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: See Para, 1. B. (2) To be furnished later by telephone.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: SCEDRO ISLAND (43° 05'N, 16° 42'E). Base altitude 14,000 ft at 0825B.

TURN POINT #1: KERESZTUR (46° 41'N, 17° 22'E).

TURN POINT #2: CSORNA (47° 37'N, 17° 14'E).

TURN POINT #3: FEL BAR (47° 57'N, 17° 28'E).

TURN POINT #4: PEZINOK (48° 17'N, 17° 16'E).

TURN POINT #5: PAMHAGEN (47° 42'N, 16° 54'E).

TURN POINT #6: PITOMACA (45° 57'N, 17° 14'E).

INITIAL POINT: HOCHSTETNO (48° 20'N, 16° 54'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 240° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps center at T/U-14 to V/W-12/13 on Target Chart 14-20-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1008B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 505 ft.

RALLY: Sharp left off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #5 to TP #6 to KP to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: INDUSTRIAL AREA OF VIENNA BY PFF. Bombing Altitude: 451st BG - 22,000 ft, 461st - 23,000 ft, 484th BG - 24,000 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ-NEUDORF A/C FACTORY (46° 47'N, 15° 32'E). Axis of attack: 350° TC. Rally: Right. Initial Point: LEIBNITZ (46° 47'N, 15° 32'E). Bombing Altitude: 451st BG - 21,000 ft, 461st - 22,000 ft, 484th BG - 23,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps on Target #1 on Briefing Chart 14-16-NA. Target elevation: 1120 ft. Intervalometer Setting: Optional.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: MARIBOR A/C ENGINE WORKS (46° 04'N, 15° 42'E). Axis of attack: 356° TC. Rally: Left. Initial Point: ROGATEC (46° 04'N, 15° 42'E). Bombing Altitude: 451st BG - 20,000 ft, 461st - 21,000 ft, 484th BG - 22,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps on N-13/14 on Target Chart 8-107-NA. Target elevation: 885 ft. Intervalometer Setting: Optional.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: KRANJ A/C COMPONENTS FACTORY (46° 32'N, 14° 18'E). Axis of attack: 174° TC. Rally: Left. Initial Point: FERLACT (46° 32'N, 14° 18'E). Bombing Altitude: 451st BG - 17,000 ft, 461st - 18,000 ft, 484th BG - 19,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps on Target #1 and 1A on Briefing Chart 8-17-NA. Target elevation: 1250 ft.

3. a. All A/C in 451st BG will load three (3) cartons of Window, dispensing to begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak at the rate of four (4) units every twenty (20) seconds.
 - x. (1) All Gps load 1000# GP bombs with .1 nose and .1 tail fusing.
 - (2) PF A/C will lead all Gps, employment SOP.
 - (3) Gps will go into right echelon at TP #4 and be at bombing altitude at TP #4.
 - (4) Lead attack units of 461st BG and 484th BG will load three (3) cartons Window, dispensing to begin three (3) minutes before IP at the rate of four (4) units every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.
 - (5) A request has been made to the 8th Air Force for a coordinated attack within operational range of the same general area.
 - (6) Wings must follow routes as given.
4. No Change.
5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Exceed 1"), (47th Wg, "Keyword 2"), (304th Wg, "Exceed 2"), (55th Wg, "Keyword 1"), (451st BG, "Keyword 31"), (461st BG, "Keyword 32"), (484th BG, "Keyword 33").

- (3) Fighter Call Signs: 47th Wg, 49th Wg and 55th Wg escort use "Bookclub" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bombers.
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "California"), (47th Wg, "Convertible"), (304th Wg, "Sweatshirt"), (55th Wg, "Manhattan"), (49th Wg, "Bootlegger"), (306th Wg, "Darkhorse").
- (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
- (6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Younkin.
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