

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

22 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 142)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack WEINER NEUDORF ENGINE FACTORY (48° 04'N, 16° 18'E); time at KP 1108B. Three Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will attack VOSENDORF OIL REFINERY (48° 08'N, 16° 18'E); time at KP 1123B. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack MARKERDORF A/D INSTALLATIONS (48° 12'N, 15° 30'E); time at KP 1037B. Three Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack FERRARA RR BRIDGE (44° 53'N, 11° 37'E); time at KP 1040B.

(2) Escort: Will provide escort on penetration, cover target and on withdrawal for 49th Wg, 55th Wg, 5th Wg and 47th Wg. Will provide top offensive target cover for 49th Wg, 55th Wg, 5th Wg and 47th Wg. Will provide target cover for 304th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack MARKERDORF A/D (48° 12'N, 15° 30'E) on 23 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0847B until 0912B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 484th BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA and depart from BOVINO going out via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 5,000, 6,000, 7,000 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: Columns of Wgs in two waves. First Wave - 49th Wg lead - 55th Wg. Second Wave - 5th Wg lead - 47th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: (44° 10'N, 14° 10'E). Base altitude 12,000 ft at 1027B.

TURN POINT #1: GALIOLA ISLAND (44° 44'N, 14° 11'E).

TURN POINT #2: ORMOZ (46° 25'N, 16° 09'E).

TURN POINT #3: FRIEDBERG (47° 27'N, 16° 03'E).

TURN POINT #4: PAKRAC (45° 26'N, 17° 12'E).

TURN POINT #5: SCEDRO ISLAND (43° 05'N, 16° 42'E).

INITIAL POINT: HOHENBERG (47° 55'N, 15° 37'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 345° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional (minimum of 175 ft.).

AREA TO BE BOMBED: See annotated photos.

TARGET TIME: 1200B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 484th BG - 18,000; 451 - 19,000; 461 - 20,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 902 ft.

RALLY: left off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to Base.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) Gps will load fragmentation clusters.
(2) PF A/C will be used for navigational purposes only.
(3) Gps will go into right echelon at TP #3 and be at bombing altitude at TP #3.
(4) If primary cannot be bombed, bombs will be brought back to the base. This type of bomb is a critical item.
4. No Change.
5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Bellbouy 3"), (47th Wg, "Bellbouy 4"), (304th Wg, "Cartload"), (55th Wg, "Bellbouy 2"), (451st BG, "Bellbouy 12"), (461st BG, "Bellbouy 13"), (484th BG, "Bellbouy 11").
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort for main bomber force will use "Coalman" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bombers. 304th Wg escort will use "Mixtub".
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Marshland"), (47th Wg, "Flatbush"), (304th Wg, "Skipper"), (55th Wg, "Ratation"), (49th Wg, "Snakebite"), (306th Wg, "Ducksoup").
(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
(6) Visual Signals: SOP for 49th Wg.

Aldis Lamp: SOP for 49th Wg.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Col. Keese.
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