

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

23 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 143)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy PARDUBICE AIRDROME INSTALLATIONS AND A/C (50° 01'N, 15° 44'E); time at KP 1001B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy SZEGED R.R. BRIDGE (46° 14'N, 20° 09'E) and VINKOVCI M/Y (45° 18'N, 18° 48'E); time at KP 0840B. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy PARDUBICE OIL REFINERY (50° 01'N, 15° 44'E); time at KP 0958B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy KOLIN OIL REFINERY (50° 03'N, 15° 03'E); time at KP 0948B.

(2) Escort: No escort for 47th Wg and 49th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy FERRARA R.R. BRIDGE (44° 53'N, 11° 36'E) on 24 August 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: None.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Right echelon of Wgs. 304th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 5th Wg.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 461st BG lead - 484th BG - 451st 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: (44° 40'N, 13° 10'E). Base altitude 18,000 ft. 461st BG - 1050B; 484th BG - 1100B; 451st BG - 1110B.

TURN POINT #1: CHIOGGIA (45° 13'N, 12° 17'E).

TURN POINT #2: NOVENTA (45° 17'N, 11° 33'E).

TURN POINT #3: LEGNAGO (45° 12'N, 11° 18'E).

TURN POINT #4: (44° 20'N, 12° 50'E).

INITIAL POINT: CASTELMASSA (45° 02'N, 11° 18'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 120° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Target #1 on Briefing Chart 4-78-NA.

TARGET TIME: 461st BG - 1130B. 484th BG - 1140B. 451st BG - 1150B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: Optional.

TARGET ELEVATION: 28 ft.

RALLY: (461st BG - Left); (484th BG - Straight ahead); (451st BG - Right).

ROUTE BACK: Target to Turn Point #4 to Base.

ALTERNATE TARGETS: None.

3. x. (1) PF A/C will be used for navigational purposes only.

(2) Three Gps will load 1000# RDX or GP with .1 sec nose and non delay tail fusing.

(3) Target to be attacked in three (3) waves ten (10) minutes apart. This bridge must be destroyed and every effort will be made to make the attack successful. On return route formation must stay together as much as possible.

(4) Lead attack units will load two (2) cartons Window dispensing to begin at IP at the rate of four (4) small bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Pusscat 3"), (47th Wg, "Saxhorn"), (304th Wg, "Pusscat 1"), (55th Wg, "Pusscat 2"), (451st BG, "Goway 3"), (461st BG, "Goway 1"), (484th BG, "Goway 2").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: None.

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Rum Runner"), (47th Wg, "Tearoom"), (304th Wg, "Ping Pong"), (55th Wg, "Flatbush"), (49th Wg, "Baseball"), (306th Wg, "Poker").

(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 Word.

(2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Capt. Franklin.

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