

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

25 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 144)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy AVISIO VIADUCT (46° 08'N, 11° 05'E), VENZONI VIADUCT (46° 18'N, 13° 07'E) and BOROVNICA BRIDGE (45° 55'N, 14° 22'E); time at KP 0915B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy RUSCHUK FERRY BOAT ON DANUBE and OTOPENI A/D (44° 34'N, 26° 04'E); time at KP 0818B. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy FERRARA RR BRIDGE (44° 53'N, 11° 37'E); time at KP 0925B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy GERMAN ARMY BARRACKS near BANEASA A/D (44° 31'N, 26° 04'E); time at KP 0753B.

(2) Escort: Fighters will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover and will provide freelance force to cover OTOPENI-BANEASA area.

2. Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will posthole OTOPENI A/D (44° 34'N, 26° 04'E) on 26 August 1944. This is Plan "B".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG and 484th BG will line rendezvous behind the 451st BG when the 451st BG flies over CANDELA at 0704B on a TC of 53° going out between 55th Wg and 304th Wg areas.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Column of Wgs. 304th Wg lead - 49th Wg - 47th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: RAGUSA (42° 31'N, 18° 23'E). Base altitude 12,000 ft. at 0808B.

TURN POINT #1: BELA PALANKA (43° 13'N, 22° 19'E).

TURN POINT #2: CASCIOARELE (44° 08'N, 26° 28'E).

TURN POINT #3: LUPTATORI (44° 18'N, 26° 49'E).

TURN POINT #4: AXINTELE (44° 37'N, 26° 47'E).

CONTROL POINT: ROSIORII DE VEDE (44° 07'N, 24° 59'E).

INITIAL POINT: URZICENI (44° 43'N, 26° 38'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 250° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: Sections of Target #1 on Briefing Chart 11-46-NA as indicated on Target overlays.

TARGET TIME: 1050B.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 340 ft.

RALLY: Slight right then left off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to Control Point to TP #1 to KP to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Y (43° 18'N, 21° 53'E). Axis of attack: 225° TC. Rally: Right. Initial Point: RGOSTE (43° 33'N, 22° 12'E). Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 20,000 ft), (461st BG - 21,000 ft), (484th BG - 22,000 ft). Target Chart: 8-102-NA. Target elevation: 610 ft. Area to be bombed: Target #2. Intervalometer setting: Optional.

3. x. (1) Three Gps will load 500# GP with .1 sec nose fuse and .025 tail fuse.

(2) Gps go into right echelon at TP #3 and will be at bombing altitudes at TP #3.

(3) Lead attack units will load three (3) cartons of Window.

Dispensing to begin two (2) minutes before IP at the rate of four (4) units every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

(4) PF A/C will be used for Navigational purposes only.

(5) Absolutely no unassigned targets will be bombed or strafed in Rumania, Yugoslavia, or Bulgaria.

(6) No targets will be bombed by PF methods.

(7) No bombs will be jettisoned over Rumania, Bulgaria, or Yugoslavia, and be especially careful that no bombs are dropped on the city of BUCHAREST.

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Seedcake 1"), (47th Wg, "Admin"), (304th Wg, "Cartload"), (55th Wg, "Seedcake 2"), (451st BG, "Retain 1"), (461st BG, "Retain 2"), (484th BG, "Retain 3").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: 47th Wg escort will use "Schoolfriend". 49th Wg escort will use "Shockproof". 304th Wg escort will use "Burglar". 5th Wg escort will use "Sandsail 1". 55th Wg escort will use "Sandsail 2".

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Panhandle"), (47th Wg, "Pickpocket"), (304th Wg, "Scarface"), (55th Wg, "Flatbush"), (49th Wg, "Barfly"), (306th Wg, "Dogface").

(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.

(2) Deputy Combat Wing Commander: Major Young.

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