

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

26 August 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 146)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will attack BLECHHAMMER NORTH OIL REFINERY (50° 22'N, 18° 18'E); time at KP 0910B. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50° 18'N, 18° 15'E); time at KP 0924B. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will attack BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50° 18'N, 18° 15'E); time at KP 0931B. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy AVISO VIADUCT (44° 13'N, 11° 07'E) and FERRARA RR BRIDGE (44° 53'N, 11° 37'E); time at KP 0915B.

(2) Escort: Six Gps will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 5th, 55th and 304th Wgs. One Gp will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 47th and 49th Wgs.

2. Normal effort B-24s 484th BG will attack BOROVNICA BRIDGE (45° 55'N, 14° 22'E). Normal effort B-24s each 451st BG and 461st BG will attack VENZONE VIADUCT (46° 18'N, 13° 07'E) on 27 August 1944. This is Plan "B".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0737B until 0802B. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. Rendezvous altitudes: 5,000; 6,000; 7,000 ft. 484th BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA make 1 ½ turns and leave rectangle at BOVINO enroute to KP vis CASALNUOVO.

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: Non for 49th Wg.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to IP (SACILE) to TARGET (VENZONE VIADUCT) to TP #1 to IP (KAMNIK) to TARGET (BOROVNICA BRIDGE).

KEY POINT: (44° 40'N, 13° 20'E). Base altitude 16,000 ft. at 0925B.

TURN POINT #1: MEDVODJE (46° 25'N, 14° 24'E).

INITIAL POINT: For VENZONE VIADUCT SACILE (45° 57'N, 12° 31'E). For BOROVNICA BRIDGE KAMNIK (46° 13'N, 14° 36'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 484 - 208° TC, 451 & 461 - 50° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: 484 - Center impact O-19 on Target Chart 8-106-NA. 451 & 461 - VIADUCT at 328468 Sheet 25 GSGS 4164 Map of Italy 1:100,000.

TARGET TIME: 451 & 461 - 1003B. 484 - 1033B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 484 - 18,000, 451 - 19,000, 461 - 20,000 all tgts.

TARGET ELEVATION: 484 - 950 ft. 451 & 461 - 750 ft.

RALLY: Slight ahead.

ROUTE BACK: Target (BOROVNICA BRIDGE) to KP to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE: LATISANA RR BRIDGE (45° 46'N, 13° 00'E). Axis of attack: 330° TC. Rally: Left. Initial Point: MOUTH OF RIVER (45° 38'N, 13° 07'E). Target Chart: 4-140-NA. Target elevation: 23 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE: CASARSA RR BRIDGE (45° 58'N, 12° 55'E). Axis of attack: 335° TC. Rally: Left. Initial Point: Same as for 1st Alt. Target Chart: None. Target elevation: 130 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE: PIMZANO RR BRIDGE (46° 11'N, 12° 57'E). Axis of attack: 28° TC. Rally: Left. Initial Point: CASARSA (45° 57'N, 12° 50'E). Target Chart: None. Target elevation: 415 ft.

3. x. (1) Three Gps will load 500# GP with .1 sec nose and .01 tail fusing.

(2) PF A/C will stand down.

(3) Gps will go into left echelon five (5) minutes before IP (SACILE) and be at bombing altitude at that time.

(4) In order to afford additional protection and make it easier for our own fighter escort, the Wg will operate together although only the 451st BG and 461st BG will attack the 1st Target (VENZONE VIADUCT), the 484th BG leading the formation. The entire formation will go on to the 2nd Target (BOROVNICE BRIDGE) which will be bombed by the 484th BG.

(5) The Key Point for the 5th, 55th, and 304th Wgs is SCEDRO (43° 05'N, 16° 43'E).

4. No Change.

5. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Greenherd 1"), (47th Wg, "Frontroom"), (304th Wg, "Greenherd 3"), (55th Wg, "Greenherd 2"), (451st BG, "Radcliff 2"), (461st BG, "Radcliff 3"), (484th BG, "Radcliff 1").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: 47th Wg escort will use "Butler". 49th Wg escort will use "Headtop". 5th, 55th, and 304th Wg escort will use "Encore".

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Moonglow"), (47th Wg, "Bighouse"), (304th Wg, "Catwalk"), (55th Wg, "Ashtray"), (49th Wg, "Pooltable"), (306th Wg, "Snakebite and Rotation").

(5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".

(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Gorton.

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