

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

4 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 236)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy VIENNA FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY; time at KP 0922A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy VIENNA FLORISDORF OIL RFY; time at KP 0938A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy VIENNA FLORISDORF OIL RFY; time at KP 0948A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy VIENNA FLORISDORF OIL RFY; time at KP 1008A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide close escort and target cover for all Wgs and chaff dropping A/C for lead of 5th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s (28 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack VIENNA FLORISDORF OIL REFINERY (48-15N, 16-24E) on 5 November 1944. This is Plan "B".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0847A until 0910A. 484th BG and 451st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 461st BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around 1½ times and depart from BOVINO vis CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 7,000, 8,000, and 9,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs in order. 5th, 47th, 55th, 49th and 304th Wgs.

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

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

KEY POINT: VIS (43-03N, 16-11E) Base altitude 13,000 ft at 0958A.

TURN POINT #1: BJELOVAR (45-54N, 16-51E).

TURN POINT #2: ANGER (47-17N, 15-41E).

TURN POINT #3: SPITZ (48-22N, 15-23E).

TURN POINT #4: HORN (48-40N, 15-40E).

TURN POINT #5: SZENC (48-13N, 17-23E).

TURN POINT #6: CZELLDOMOLK (46-17N, 17-09E).

TURN POINT #5: CSURGO (46-16N, 17-06E).

INITIAL POINT: AUGGENTHAL (48-42N, 16-04E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 156° TC.

AIMING POINT and INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps MPI, R/S-16/17 on Target Chart 14-22-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1220A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 461s-24,000. 484-25,000. 451-26,000.

TARGET ELEVATION: 500 ft.

RALLY: Sharp left then right to SZENC.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #5 to TP #6 to TP #7 to TP #1 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE: KAPFENBERG TANK WORKS (47-27N, 15-17E) Axis of attack: 118°. Rally: Slight right. IP: LAINBACH (47-38N, 14-46E) Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: Tgt#1 on B.C. 14-16. Target Chart 14-51-NA. (Listed as Bruck) Target elevation: 1597 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE: GRAZ WETZELDORF O/D (47-03N, 15-24E) Axis of attack: 119°. Rally: Left. IP: ST. LORENZEN (47-15N, 14-54E) Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: All Gps F/G-6/7. Target Chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE: GRAZ M/Y (47-05N, 15-24E) Axis of attack: 116°. Rally: Left. IP: ST. LORENZEN (47-15N, 14-54E) Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: 461- F-19. 484- F-18. 451- H-14/15. Target Chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE: MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y (46-31N, 15-40E) Axis of attack: 135°. Rally: Right. IP: DITTMANS DORF (46-45N, 15-20E) Bombing altitude: 22,000, 23,000, 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: 461- K-16/17. 484- K-15. 451- L-13/14. Target Chart 8-107-NA. Target elevation: 883 ft.

3. x. (1) ½ each Gp load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail with 2 bombs per A/C fused long delay from 24 to 72 hours. ½ each Gp load M-17 incendiaries.

(2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP#4 and go into left echelon at TP#4.

(3) Maximum PFF A/C will load all units. Employment SOP. This is a planned PFF mission but visual bombing will be done if possible.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.

(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Foathold 1"), (47th Wg, "Foathold 2"), (451st BG, "Foathold 43"), (461st BG, "Foathold 41"), (484th BG, "Foathold 42"), (55th Wg, "Foathold 3"), (304th Wg, "Foathold 5").

(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Sadler" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation.

(4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Catwalk"), 47th Wg, "Ashtray"), (49th Wg, "Bighouse"), (55th Wg, "Quaker"), (304th Wg, "Carson"), (15th Ftr. Cmd. "Barfly").

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

(6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and 461st BG load 4 cartons Windows (CHA-3. Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 6 bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak. 484th BG load 2 carton Window CHA-3-(3). Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of three 3 bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak. This

loading is based on 72 bundles per carton. If cartons containing more than 72 small bundles are used fewer cartons are necessary

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