

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

10 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 245)

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

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17, 5th Wg, will destroy BRUX OIL REFINERY (50-34N, 13-36E); Control Point time 1150A. Four Gps B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy LINZ GOODS DEPOT (48-18N, 14-16E); KP time 0952A. Four Gps B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy LINZ MAIN M/Y (48-17N, 14-18E); KP time 0934A. 47th Wg will employ no Red Force.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide target cover over LINZ for 49th, 55th and 304th Wgs and strong close escort for 5th Wg.

2. Normal effort (28 A/C per Gp) B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will attack LINZ BENZOL REFINERY (48-17N, 14-19E) on 11 November 1944. This is Plan Able "Red Force".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 461st BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0708A until 0731A. 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 via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 5,000, 6,000, and 7,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Parallel column of Wgs. Left column in order: 304th Wg- 49th Wg and 55th Wg. Right column: 5th Wg.

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

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

KEY POINT: GIORGIO (45-39N, 12-47E) Base altitude 18,000 ft at 0944A.

TURN POINT #1: MONTEREALE (46-10N, 12-40E).

TURN POINT #2: UBERSEE (47-49N, 12-29E).

TURN POINT #3: ZWIESEL (49-01N, 173-14E).

TURN POINT #4: WORSCHACH (47-33N, 14-09E).

TURN POINT #5: MOLZBIEHL (46-47N, 13-33E).

TURN POINT #6: COAST (45-07N, 14-17E).

TURN POINT #7: SANSEGO (44-31N, 14-18E).

INITIAL POINT: CHROBOLD (48-57N, 14-03E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 167°.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps MPI, M-12/13 on Target Chart 14-50A-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1132A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (461st BG- 24,000), (484th BG- 25,000), (451st BG- 26,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 849 ft.

RALLY: Sharp left then right around STEYR flak.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #5 to TP #6 to TP #7 to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ MAIN M/Y (47-05N, 15-24E). IP: BIRKFELD (47-21N, 15-41E). Axis of attack: 215°. Rally slight right. Bombing altitude: 461st- 22,000 ft.; 484th- 23,000 ft; 451st- 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: MPI 461st BG- F-19; 484th BG- F-18; 451st BG- H-14/15 on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: GRAZ WETZELDORF ORDNANCE DEPOT (47-03N, 15-24E). IP: BIRKFELD (47-21N, 15-41E). Axis of attack: 213°. Rally slight right off target. Bombing altitude: 461st- 22,000 ft.; 484th- 23,000 ft; 451st- 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: all Gps MPI F/G-7 on target chart 14-41-NA. Target elevation: 1180 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: VILLACH M/Y (46-38N, 13-51E). IP: TURRACH (46-58N, 13-53E). Axis of attack: 185°. Rally right off target. Bombing altitude: 461st- 22,000 ft.; 484th- 23,000 ft; 451st- 24,000 ft. Area to be bombed: MPI 451st BG- L/M- 18/19; 484th BG- K-18; 461st BG- H-13 on target chart 14-44-NA. Target elevation: 1692 ft.

3. x. (1) ½ Each Gp load 500# GP fused and mixed .01 nose and .025 tail.  
½ Each Gp load M-17 Incendiary Clusters.

- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into left Echelon five (5) minutes before IP.  
(3) Maximum PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment SOP.  
(4) Target time should be adhered to as closely as possible because of proximity of 5th Wg at that time.  
(5) Control Point for 5th Wg is WALLERN (48-55N, 13-53E).

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.  
(2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Shortbread"), (451st BG, "Rubbish 23"), (461st BG, "Rubbish 21"), (484th BG, "Rubbish 22).  
(3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort for 49th Wg, 55th Wg and 304th Wg will use "GREENHERD" with numbered suffixes in order of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Exceed 1", (Route Back, "Exceed 2"))..  
(4) Recall Identification Codeword: 5th Wg, "Skipper"), (49th Wg, "Carson"), (55th Wg, "Bighouse"), (304th Wg, "Frontier"), (15th Ftr Cmd "Manhattan").  
(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 four (4) cartons Windows (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin Three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of six (6) bundles every twenty seconds until clear of flak. All A/C of 484th BG load two (2) carton Window CHA-3-(3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of

three (3) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak. This loading is based on 72 bundles per carton. If cartons containing more small bundles are used fewer cartons are needed.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Word.
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