

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

15 November 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 253)

1. a. See latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg and four Gps B-24s each 47th, 55th and 304th Wgs will destroy MUNICH WEST M/Y; KP times are as follows: 5th Wg 0959A; 47th Wg 1023A; 55th Wg 1042A; 304th Wg 1014A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr. Cmd. will provide close escort for each Wg on penetration, over target and on withdrawal and chaff dispensing A/C for the lead of 5th Wg.

2. Normal effort B-24s (28 A/C per Gp) B-24s each 451st BG, 461st BG and 484th BG will destroy MUNICH WEST M/Y (48-09N, 11-32E) on 16 November 1944. This is Plan "A".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG will be in rendezvous rectangle from 0913A until 0736A. 451st BG and 461st BG will follow SOP to rendezvous with lead Gp. 484th BG will enter rectangle at CANDELA, go around 1½ times and depart from BOVINO via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes 10,000, 11,000, and 12,000 ft.

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

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

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

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

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

KEY POINT: ANCONA (43-37N, 13-30E) Base altitude 18,000 ft at 1034A.

TURN POINT #1: CAORLE (45-36N, 12-53E).

TURN POINT #2: S. GIORGIO (46-02N, 12-52E).

TURN POINT #3: MASSERIA (46-56N, 11-16E).

INITIAL POINT: UNT (47-37N, 11-01E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 32° TC.

AIMING POINT AND INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps MPI, I/H-21 on Target Chart 13-5-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1205A.

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

TARGET ELEVATION: 1725 ft.

RALLY: Right off target.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #4 to TP #2 to TP #1 to KP to Bases.

FIRST ALTERNATE: ROSENHEIM M/Y (47-52N, 12-07E). Axis of attack: 189.

Rally: LEFT. IP: EDLING (48-03N, 12-10E). Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. MPI 484- J-15. 451- J-14. 461- K-13. target chart 13-112-NA. Target elevation: 1469 ft.

SECOND ALTERNATE: SALZBURG M/Y (47-49N, 13-03E). Axis of attack: 323°. Rally Right. IP: ABTENAU (47-33N, 13-21E). Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. MPI: 484- S/T-19. 451-R-18/19. 461- T-23. target chart 13-13-NA. Target elevation: 1415 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE: INNSBRUCK M/Y (47-16N, 11-24E). Axis of attack: 15°. Rally Left. IP: MASSERIA (46-56N, 11-6E). Bombing altitude: 23,000, 24,000, 25,000 ft. MPI: All Gps K-10/11. Target chart 14-13-NA. Target elevation: 1885 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and .01 tail.
- (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude and go into left echelon 5 minutes before IP.
- (3) Maximum PFF A/C will lead all units. Employment SOP. This is a planned PFF mission but visual bombing will be conducted if possible.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
- (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Bartend"), (47th Wg, "Channel"), (451st BG, "Moses 2"), (461st BG, "Moses 3"), (484th BG, "Moses 1"), (55th Wg, "Lacework"), (304th Wg, "Burglar").
- (3) Fighter Call Signs: 49th Wg escort will use "Airslug. WX Recon A/C: (Route Out, "Playfair 1", (Route Back, "Playfair 2").
- (4) Recall Identification Codeword: 5th Wg, "Moonglow"), (47th Wg, "Rumrunner"), (49th Wg, "Baseball"), (55th Wg, "Marshland"), (304th Wg, "California"), (15th Ftr. Cmd, "Snakebite").
- (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 Window CHA-3. Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 6 bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak. All A/C of 484th BG load 2 carton Window CHA-3-(3). Dispensing will begin 3 minutes before IP and continue at the rate of 3 bundles every 20 seconds until clear of flak.

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